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# **Winter Meeting**

# **2016**

**THE GRESHAM HOTEL,  
DUBLIN**

**Thursday December 1st, 2016**

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# PROGRAMME

**9.00am Welcome**

Mr William Power  
*President, Irish College of Ophthalmologists*

**9.05am Integrating Community and Hospital Care – Transforming Eye Care Services in Ireland**

*Chair: Mr William Power, Clinical Lead for Ophthalmology*

**Primary Eye Care Services Review**

Mr Brian Murphy, Head of Planning, Performance & Programme Management, HSE

**10.00am Good Practice Guidelines for Patient Consent in Ophthalmology**

Ms Patricia Quinlan, Chair ICO Ethics Committee  
Ms Patricia McGettrick, ICO Ethics Committee  
Mr Greg Price, Director of Advocacy, Assistant National Director,  
Quality Improvement Division, HSE

**10.30am Coffee**

**11.00am Bayer/ICO Clinical Research Fellowship**

*Presentation by Ms Yvonne Delaney, Dean of Post Graduate Education ICO to  
Dr Elizabeth McElnea, Specialist Registrar in Ophthalmic Surgery and  
Dr Andrea Ryan, Specialist Registrar in Ophthalmic Surgery*

**11.20am Integrating Community and Hospital Care – Models of Community Ophthalmology**

*Chair: Mr William Power, Clinical Lead for Ophthalmology*

**Update on International and UK Community Ophthalmology**

Mr Andy Cassels-Brown, Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon/Community Eye Health,  
Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust  
Ms Sophie Vickers, Orthoptist, Health Education England Clinical Leadership Fellow

**Discussion**

**1.45pm Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland Ophthalmic Section Winter Meeting**

**6.30pm Montgomery Lecture**

**“Accepting the Unacceptable: Prevention and Treatment of Rejection of Donor Cornea”**

Mr Frank Larkin, Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon, Moorfields Hospital, London  
Stanley Querk Lecture Theatre, Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute,  
152-160 Pearse Street.

**The lecture will be followed by a reception.**



*William Power*

### **William Power**

#### **Consultant Ophthalmologist**

Consultant Ophthalmologist at the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, St Vincent's University Hospital and The Blackrock Clinic, Mr William Power has been a Consultant Ophthalmologist practising laser eye surgery, cataract and corneal surgery for 20 years.

He was appointed assistant Professor of Ophthalmology, Harvard Medical School and consultant eye surgeon in the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary (MEEI) in 1995 and appointed Chief of Ophthalmology, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston in 1996. He returned to Dublin in 1998.

He is a Member Royal College of Physicians, Ireland (MRCPI) Fellow Royal College Surgeons, Glasgow (FRCSGlasg) Fellow Royal College of Ophthalmologists (FRCOphth) Masters in Surgery (TCD) Professional memberships include the American Academy of Ophthalmology, American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons, International Society of Refractive Surgeons, European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons and the Irish College of Ophthalmologists. William is the President of the Irish College of Ophthalmologists and the National Clinical Lead for Ophthalmology.



*Brian Murphy*

### **Brian Murphy**

#### **Head of Planning, Performance and Programme Management in the Primary Care Division, HSE**

Brian Murphy is currently Head of Planning, Performance and Programme Management in the Primary Care Division in the HSE. Brian has over twenty-five years management experience in the Irish health services, having worked in the Department of Health and Children, the Western Health Board and the HSE in a variety of managerial roles.

Prior to assuming his current role Brian held the role of National Primary Care and Social Inclusion Manager, leading on the reconfiguration of Primary Care services.

Brian is chairing the current review of primary eye care services.

## BIOGRAPHIES



Patricia Quinlan

### **Patricia Quinlan**

#### **Chair ICO Ethics Committee**

Patricia Quinlan is Honorary Secretary of the Irish College of Ophthalmologists and Chairperson of the ICO Ethics and Professional Standards Committee. Patricia is a Medical Ophthalmologist practicing in Blackrock Clinic Dublin, with a special interest in Retinal Vascular Disease.

She trained in Ophthalmology in the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital and completed a 2 year fellowship at the Wilmer Retinal Vascular Centre, Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland. She held the position of attending ophthalmologist at Wilmer Retinal Vascular Centre before returning to Ireland 1990. Patricia is married to David with 5 children.



Patricia McGettrick

### **Patricia McGettrick**

#### **ICO Ethics Committee**

Is a member of the Ethics and Professional Standards Committee of ICO and has a special interest in the clinical and legal aspects of Informed Consent and Open Disclosure, following on from her studies of Healthcare Ethics and Law at RCSI. She convened the first of the ICO seminars on legal aspects of healthcare held during the Annual Conference of ICO in 2015.

She is in clinical practice as a Consultant Ophthalmologist at HSE Midlands and as one of the Programme Ophthalmologists for National Diabetic Retinopathy Screening.



Greg Price

### **Greg Price**

#### **Assistant National Director, Quality Improvement Division, HSE**

Greg is Assistant National Director in the Quality Improvement Division of the HSE following an extensive career within health and social care services. In his current role, Greg leads a team who are committed to listening, understanding and responding to the voice of the public. This work is done both in a frontline capacity through direct engagement with people who use and provide health and

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social care services and also through the development of policy, resources and initiatives. Greg is committed to ensuring that patients, service users, families and carers are equal partners in the planning, design and delivery of services.

Greg has a BL from The Honorable Society of King's Inns, an LLB (Honours) Law from Griffith College Dublin and an MBA from the Open University. He is an accredited mediator and facilitator. Greg has a particular interest in legislation, policy development and mediation.



*Andy Cassels Brown*

### **Andy Cassels Brown**

#### **Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon**

Andy Cassels-Brown's early international experiences lead him to develop a career in Oculoplastics and Orbital surgery which included a Fellowship at the Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin. Andy then pursued his interest in Public Health and Community Ophthalmology with a Masters in 2000 and is now a Consultant with special interest in Community Eye Health. Working as Leeds PCT NHS Public Health commissioner he helped develop the VISION 2020 Leeds Community Eye Health programme focussing on targeting geographic and socio-economically deprived high risk community groups.

He has also supported the development of VISION 2020 UK and the overseas LINKS programme with linkages in East and West Africa. He has chaired the Royal College of Ophthalmic Public Health and Sustainability Working Groups and is actively involved in developing strategies to reduce cost and carbon but sustain community value

Andy is also a Hon Senior Clinical Lecturer, at the Nuffield Institute for International Health

At the Leeds Institute for Health Sciences in the University of Leeds.

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Frank Larkin

### **Frank Larkin**

#### **2016 Montgomery Lecturer**

Frank Larkin MD FRCPI FRCOphth is a consultant ophthalmologist in the Cornea & External Diseases service at Moorfields Eye Hospital, London. After graduating from Trinity College Dublin in 1982 he trained in ophthalmology in Dublin, subsequently Moorfields and as a research fellow with Doug Coster in Adelaide prior to appointment as a consultant in Moorfields in 1997. He undertakes or supervises over 150 transplants annually.

Mr Larkin's research has mainly concerned corneal transplantation, ranging from the pathways to immune rejection in experimental models and biology of the corneal endothelium to graft outcomes in patients. He has published over 100 papers in peer-reviewed journals, edited four books and written 12 book chapters.

More generally he is an advocate of research in cornea and external eye diseases, both by supporting trainee clinicians from numerous countries in full-time research and in his role in the UK's National Institute for Health Research Biomedical Research Centre for Ophthalmology, of which he has deputy director since 2007 and director of the NIHR Moorfields Clinical Research Facility since 2008. The BRC has become the major UK government resource for translational research and its corneal theme encompasses limbal stem cell therapy, imaging, pathogenesis studies in inflammatory disorders and transplantation. He was a board member of the British Journal of Ophthalmology (Laboratory research section editor) 2007-14, EuCornea 2009-13 and ARVO Annual Meeting Program Committee 2012-15.

Frank is the 2016 Montgomery Lecturer and will give a talk on 'Accepting the unacceptable: Prevention and treatment of rejection of donor cornea'. The lecture will illustrate the varied appearances of corneal transplant rejection, immune privilege of donor cornea and its erosion, pathways to rejection, and the management of high rejection risk patients in 2016.

## BAYER/ICO CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP

The Irish College of Ophthalmologists (ICO) is delighted to announce that senior trainees, Dr Elizabeth McElnea and Dr Andrea Ryan, have been awarded as joint recipients of the inaugural Bayer/ICO Clinical Fellowship in Ophthalmology 2016/2017.

The fellowship bursary was open to all senior ICO trainees nearing the end of their specialist training and aimed at facilitating an exceptional opportunity to avail of a fellowship programme in an overseas centre of excellence in the field of ophthalmology.

Dr Elizabeth McElnea will commence a fellowship at Macclesfield District General Hospital in Cheshire in 2017 to complete comprehensive training in ophthalmic plastic, lacrimal, orbital and reconstructive surgery in order to prepare for a future career in this subspecialty.

Dr Andrea Ryan has begun her fellowship in medical retina at Moorfields Hospital in London.

Speaking about the training she will receive during the Fellowship programme, Dr Ryan said, "I am extremely grateful to the Irish College of Ophthalmologists and Bayer for the funding provided which allows me to access this invaluable training opportunity in one of the world's leading eye hospitals. I hope to bring the expertise gained to the Irish healthcare system to benefit the large and growing population of Irish patients affected by these disorders."

Dr Ryan said, "The key objective of the fellowship is to move towards becoming competent to specialist level in the assessment, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up of patients with medical retina disease including retinal vascular, genetic and uveitic disorders.

The fellowship offers exposure to novel retinal imaging techniques, electrodiagnostics, research opportunities and extensive teaching sessions under the supervision of experts in the field."

Dr Elizabeth McElnea's chosen fellowship at Macclesfield District General Hospital in Cheshire commencing in July 2017 will offer an unrivalled exposure to the clinical and surgical management of ophthalmic plastic, lacrimal and orbital disease.

Commenting on the opportunity to undertake the fellowship programme, Dr McElnea said, "I am very grateful to both Bayer and the Irish College of Ophthalmologists for the generous funding provided and indeed am very excited about the invaluable training opportunity it will enable me access.

She added, "This Fellowship will also present the opportunity to attend multi-disciplinary meetings and teaching sessions in three further centres in the United Kingdom - the Royal Liverpool Hospitals NHS Trust, The Central Manchester Foundation NHS Trust and The Christie Hospital as well as the chance to produce a body of research work that is of high quality and adds to the evidence based practice of this ophthalmic surgery subspecialty. I am very much looking forward to taking up my fellowship post and using the skills and experience gained to the benefit of the Irish healthcare service thereafter." Dr McElnea will be supervised by Mr Dan Nolan during her fellowship training.



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