

# “Strength and Numbers – Attracting and Retaining Postgraduate Researchers in Irish Universities”

9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2004

Conrad Hotel, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2

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Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2004 - 2:00pm – 6:00pm

## ***Building the foundations in postgraduate research***

**Chair: Prof. Aine Hyland, Professor of Education and Vice-President, UCC**

2:00 Opening Address -Mary Hanafin, Minister for Education and Science

2:20 Address by Dr. Hugh Brady, President, UCD

2:35 **Implications of the OECD review for PhD and research careers**  
Dr. Karsten Brenner, OECD Review Team

3:00 **The European Context**  
Dr. Georges Bingen, DG Research, European Commission

3:30 *Coffee and Networking*

4:00 *Policy into Practice in PhD Training*

**The future for the IUQB Code of Practice** – Dr. Pdraig Walsh, IUQB

**NIRSA – a case-study in PhD training** – Dr. Rob Kitchin, NUIM

**UK developments in PhD Training**– Dr. Janet Metcalfe, Director, UK GRAD Programme

**PhD Research Supervision from the Front Line** - Prof. Chris Dainty,  
NUI-Galway

5:20 Panel Discussion

6:00 Close

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## **Tuesday evening, 9<sup>th</sup> November**

Host: Paddy Teahon, Chair, C.H.I.U. Council

6:45 Reception and Keynote Speech: Dr. Barry McSweeney, Chief Science Advisor

7:30 Conference Dinner

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Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November – 9:00am-2:00pm

***Double – vision: Expanding the numbers of PG researchers***  
***Chair: Prof. Jason Twamley, Dean of Research, NUIM***

**Session 1: The PG research Environment**

9:00 **Official Launch of the Irish Mobility Network** – Tony Killeen, Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment;

Address by Dr. Georges Bingen, DG Research, European Commission

9:30 **Can we achieve our Double Vision?**

Dr. Conor O’Carroll, Head of Research Office, C.H.I.U.

9:50 **Reality Check – can we support the expansion in PhD numbers?**

Prof. Marina Lynch, Dept. of Physiology, Trinity College Dublin

10:10 **Funding sustainable increases in PhD numbers**

Martin Hynes, Director, Irish Research Council for Science, Engineering and Technology

10:30 *Coffee*

**Session 2: The practicalities of international mobility and research**

11:00 **Down to brass tacks – living and working as a PG researcher in Ireland** Aoife Braiden, Union of Students of Ireland, Postgraduate Officer

11:20 **Recruiting, Training and Valuing the Next Generation of Social Scientist**

Prof. Colm Harmon, Inst. for the Study of Social Change, UCD

11:50 **Operating in an International Market – the industry perspective**

Dr. Ian Hayes, CEO EiRx Therapeutics

12:10 **Attracting international researchers**

Dr. David E. Schindel, Smithsonian Institute

12:30 Panel Discussion and closing comments

**Closing Address by Prof. Iognáid Ó Muirheartaigh, President, NUI-Galway**

13:30 Conference Lunch, with demonstrations of the [researchcareersireland.com](http://researchcareersireland.com) portal