

Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine

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Medical Laboratory Scientists Association



Galway Radisson Blu Hotel
Friday 31st March and
Saturday 1st April 2017



Friday 31st March 2017: 8:30 – 13:00

Registration and coffee from 8:00

- 8:30 – 10:00** President's Prize
Chair: Irene Regan, President ACSLM
- 10:45 – 13:00** Plenary Session - "What a difference a test makes"
Chair: Dr. Michael Harty TD, Chair Oireachtas Joint Committee on Health.

SPEAKERS

- 10:55 - 11:30** "The Value of Laboratory Medicine - International Perspective"
Dr. Mike Hallworth, Chaired IFCC Task Force on the Impact of Laboratory Medicine on Clinical Management and Outcomes.
- 11:30 - 12:05** "Value and Cost in Pathology - National Perspective"
Dr. Mary Keogan, Consultant Immunologist, Beaumont Hospital, National Clinical Lead for Pathology, HSE.
- 12:05 - 12:45** "The Patient Experience as a Catalyst for Change"
Ms. Margaret Murphy, Patient Advocate, Ministerial Nominee on Medical Council.
- 12:45 - 13:00** Q&A
- 13:00 – 14:00** Lunch and Poster Viewing

Friday 31st March 2017: 14:00 - 17:45

Short Oral Presentations for all Sessions 16:00 – 17:45 approx

Cellular Pathology:

Chair: Naomi Cronin, Chief Medical Scientist, UHL.

- 10:45 – 13:00** Breast Cancer Diagnostics – Role of Medical Scientists
Dr. Cecily Quinn, Consultant Histopathologist, St. Vincent's University Hospital and Irish National Breast Screening Programme.
- 14:45 – 15:30** Intra-procedural Diagnostics; Guiding the Clinician's hand
Dr. Niall Mulligan, Senior Clinical Lecturer, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital.
- 15:30 – 15:50** Feedback from Skin Histodissection Module
Ms. Lisa Ryan, Medical Scientist, St. James's Hospital, Dublin
- 15:50 – 16:10** Feedback from Breast Histodissection Module
Ms. Sinéad Carey, Senior Medical Scientist, Cork University Hospital.
- Short Oral Presentations

Clinical Chemistry:

Chair: Mick Amoruso, Senior Medical Scientist, Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital.

- 14:00 – 14:30** Surviving Sepsis: A Patient Experience (jointly with Medical Microbiology)
Ms. Gillian Scahill, Sepsis Survivor
- 14:30 – 15:15** "Just test me for everything doctor"
Dr. Sinéad Murphy GP, Galway Bay Medical Centre, Chair Faculty of the ICGP
- 15:15 – 16:00** "Labs on Demand: Please Sir, can I have some more?"
Mr. Brendan O'Reilly, Laboratory Manager, Cork University Hospital.
- Short Oral Presentations

Haematology/Blood Transfusion/Transplantation:

Chair: John Quigley, NMHI Norma Reidy, CUH

- 14:00 – 14:30** Sickle Cell Disease in Irish Adults- a new challenge
Dr. Emma Tuohy, Consultant Haematologist, St. James's Hospital, Dublin.
- 14:30 – 15:00** Stem Cells: Current use of Peripheral Blood Stem Cells and Future Possibilities for Stem Cells.
Ms. Joy Buckley, Senior Medical Scientist, Blood and Tissue Establishment, Galway University Hospital.
- 15:00 – 16:00** Fibrinogen and Postpartum Haemorrhage
Professor Peter Collins Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.
- Integrating Point of Care Tests into the Clinical Management of PPH**
Dr. Rachel Collis, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.
- Short Oral Presentations

Immunology:

Chair: Cian Ryan, Medical Scientist, MMUH

- 14:00 – 14:30** **Alpha-1 Antitrypsin deficiency: Precision Medicine for COPD**
Dr. Tomás Carroll, Chief Scientist, Alpha-One Foundation.
- 14:30 – 15:00** **Myositis Antibodies**
Dr. Vincent Tormey, Consultant Immunologist, University Hospital Galway.
- 15:00 – 15:30** **NMDA Receptor Antibodies and Autoimmune Encephalitis**
Dr. Caríosa Lee Brennan, Consultant Immunologist, University Hospital Galway.
- 15:30 – 16:00** **Immune Activation in Treated HIV Infection**
Dr. Robert Maughan, Postdoctoral Fellow, HIV Molecular Research Group, University College Dublin.
- Short Oral Presentations

Medical Microbiology:

Chair: Carmel Hooton, Medical Scientist, CUH

- 14:00 – 14:30** **Surviving Sepsis: A Patient Experience (jointly with Clinical Chemistry)**
Ms. Gillian Scahill, Sepsis Survivor
- 14:30 – 15:00** **What a Difference a Test Makes**
Prof. Martin Cormican, Consultant Microbiologist, University Hospital Galway.
- 15:00 – 15:30** **FilmArray: Can it Make a Difference for CSF?**
Ms. Louise O'Sullivan, Senior Medical Scientist, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital.
- 15:30 – 16:00** **FilmArray: Can it Make a Difference for Blood culture testing?**
Ms. Joan Mullaly, Senior Medical Scientist, Children's University Hospital, Temple St.
- Short Oral Presentations

Virology:

Chair: Paul Holder, Senior Clinical Scientist, NVRL, UCD

- 14:30 – 15:00** **Re-emergence of Measles in Ireland 2016**
Dr. Jeff Connell, Assistant Director & Principal Clinical Scientist, University College Dublin National Virus Reference Laboratory
- 15:00 – 15:30** **Evaluation of Serosep Enteric Bio Norovirus Assay**
Mr. Colm McDonnell, Chief Medical Scientist, Serology Laboratory, University Hospital Limerick.
- 15:30 – 16:00** **The Molecular Characterisation of Emergent Sydney 2012 Norovirus Between 2012 and 2014 at St James's Hospital Dublin**
Mr. Nicholas Fennelly, Medical Scientist, Microbiology Department, St. James's Hospital
- 16:00 – 16:30** **Zika virus: Where are we now?**
Dr. Jeff Connell, Assistant Director & Principal Clinical Scientist, University College Dublin National Virus Reference Laboratory
- Short Oral Presentations

Poster viewing until 18:00

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- 19:15** Drinks Reception
20:00 LabCon 2017 - Gala Dinner
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Saturday 1st April 2017: 11:00 – 13:00

MLSA Annual General Meeting

Topics for debate are likely to include:

- the next public pay talks
- terms and conditions of employment
- provision of out of hours services
- recruitment and retention of medical scientists.

Come and be part of discussions on future developments in your profession.

Lunch will be provided

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