

ANNUAL RETREAT



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AGENDA: FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2020

10:00 - 10:15 Welcome & introduction to ICAT

Dr Michael Conall Denny, ICAT Director, NUIG

10:15 - 11:10 SESSION 1

Chair: Professor Deirdre Murray, UCC

10:15 **Dr Bernadette McGuinness**, Senior Lecturer at Queen's University Belfast

10:50 **Professor Caroline Sabin**, Professor of Medical Statistics & Epidemiology at University College London

Re-defining ill-health: assessing multi-morbidity in HIV infection

11:10- 11:30 Break

11:30 - 12:30 SESSION 2

ICAT Cohort 1 (3rd year PhD) Fellow talks

STREAM A

Chairs: Prof. Caroline Sabin, UCL and Dr Michael O'Reilly, RCSI

Fellows: *Dr Conor Judge, Dr Peter Barrett, Dr Róisín Hambly, Dr David Mongan*

STREAM B

Chairs: Dr Killian Hurley, RCSI and Prof. Paddy Mallon, UCD

Fellows: *Dr Sarah Cormican, Dr Liam Townsend, Dr Delia Bogdanet, Dr Kapil Sharma*

12:30- 13:00 Break

13:00 - 14:10 SESSION 3

Chair: Professor Mark Sherlock, RCSI

13:00 **Professor Paul Stewart**, Executive Dean of the Faculty of Medicine & Health at the University of Leeds

13:35 **Professor Gerard Curley**, Professor of Anaesthesia and Critical Care at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

14:10 - 14:20 Closing address and prize giving

Dr Michael Conall Denny, ICAT Director, NUIG



SPEAKER PROFILES



Professor Caroline Sabin, University College London

Caroline Sabin is Professor of Medical Statistics and Epidemiology at University College London (UCL) and is Director of the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Health Protection Research Unit in Blood-Borne and Sexually Transmitted Infections at UCL. Caroline's interests are in describing the natural history of HIV infection, identifying prognostic markers and describing responses and adverse events to combination antiretroviral therapy.

She established the UK Collaborative HIV Cohort (UK CHIC) Study, was the principal statistician for the D:A:D Study and is the co-PI for the Pharmacokinetic and clinical Observations in PeoPle over fifty (POPPY) study, the first large-scale study in England and Ireland to assess the clinical outcomes of people living with HIV over the age of 50.



Professor Gerard Curley, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

Professor Gerard Curley is Professor of Anaesthesia and Critical Care at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and Consultant in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care in Beaumont Hospital. He is Associate Scientist at the Keenan Research Centre for Biomedical Science at St Michael's hospital, Toronto. He is also Honorary Senior Lecturer at Queens University Belfast.

Prof Curley graduated from National University of Ireland, Galway in June 2002. He completed clinical training in anaesthesia and intensive care in Ireland and Toronto (Critical Care Medicine Fellowship), and subsequently completed a PhD as a Molecular Medicine Ireland Clinician Scientist Fellow at NUI, Galway, where he focused on the development of stem cell therapies for repair of the injured lung.

Prof Curley also completed post-doctoral studies at University of California, San Francisco and in the Departments of Experimental Physiology and Anesthesia at University of Toronto, where he examined ways to optimize cell therapy for clinical translation to patients with critical illness. He has been awarded the Australia/New Zealand Intensive Care Society Global Rising Star Award 2014, an Early Researcher Award from the Government of Canada Ministry of Research and Innovation and an International Anaesthesia Research Society Research Award (2013).



SPEAKER PROFILES



Professor Paul M Stewart, University of Leeds

Professor Paul Stewart is the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Medicine & Health at the University of Leeds. He is a Non-Executive Director and an Honorary Consultant Endocrinologist at the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. He received his medical degree from Edinburgh Medical School in 1982 and was awarded an MD from Edinburgh University with Honours and a Gold Medal in 1988.

Professor Stewart's clinical expertise includes the management of pituitary and adrenal disorders, endocrine hypertension and reproductive medicine. Professor Stewart supervises an active endocrinology research group which focuses on corticosteroids, specifically cortisol metabolism via 11 β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenases, and his work has led to new discoveries in hypertension, obesity, ageing and polycystic ovary syndrome.

Professor Stewart is a primary investigator within the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Musculoskeletal Biomedical Research Centre in Leeds and an Emeritus NIHR Senior Clinical Investigator. He is Vice President (Clinical) and member of Council of the Academy of Medical Sciences, executive member of the Medical Schools Council (MSC) and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism (JCEM).

Professor Stewart is also the Chief Scientific Advisor for the Scar Free Foundation, board member of the Dementias Platform UK (DPUK), steering committee member of the Association of Academic Health Centers International (AAHCI) and strategic advisory board member of the Yorkshire & Humber AHSN (Academic Health Science Network). He is a steering group member for both the Cancer Research UK (CRUK) and the DATA-CAN (UCLPartners) and is actively involved in nurturing and supporting early research careers most recently through his role on the UK Clinical Academic Training Forum.



Dr Bernadette McGuinness, Queen's University Belfast

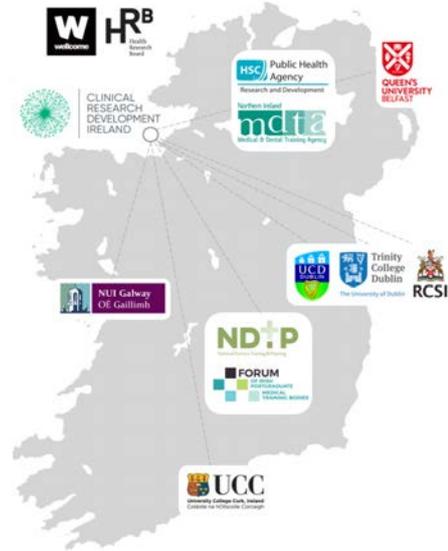
Dr McGuinness, MD PhD is a Consultant Geriatrician at the Belfast Trust and Senior Lecturer in the School of Medicine at Queen's University Belfast. She specialises in memory disorders including mild cognitive impairment and dementia. She graduated in medicine in 1997 and trained in geriatric medicine and general internal medicine, completing specialty training in 2007. During this time she graduated with MD for work on neuropsychological changes in Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia. Dr McGuinness was awarded the Paul Beeson Career Development Award in 2007, a prestigious award from the American Federation of Aging Research and completed her PhD in mild cognitive impairment during this time.

She is currently leading grants funded by the Alzheimer's Society, The Dunhill Medical Trust, HSC R&D, Atlantic Philanthropies, The Executive Office and the National Institute of Aging USA. She is Clinical Lead of the Northern Ireland Cohort of Longitudinal Ageing (NICOLA) Study and Deputy Director of the ICAT programme in Northern Ireland.



ICAT EXECUTIVE TEAM

The ICAT Executive Team are responsible for the day-to-day management of the ICAT Programme and comprise Directors and Associate Directors from the six partner universities supported by a Programme Manager based in Clinical Research Development Ireland (CRDI).



Dr Michael Conall Dennedy, NUIG



Dr Bernadette McGuinness, QUB



Prof. Deirdre Murray, UCC



Prof. Michael Gill, TCD



Prof. David Williams, RCSI



Prof. Peter Maxwell, QUB



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Prof. Gerard Curley, RCSI



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6 PARTNER INSTITUTIONS



Trinity College Dublin (TCD)



University College Cork (UCC)



Queen's University Belfast



NUI Galway



Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland



University College Dublin

ICAT FELLOWS



Cohort 1 (2017) 3rd year PhD



Dr Delia Bogdanet, NUIG



Dr Kapil Sharma, TCD



Dr Peter Barrett, UCC



Dr Róisín Hamblly, UCD



Dr David Mongan, RCSI



Dr Conor Judge, NUIG



Dr Sarah Cormican, NUIG



Dr Liam Townsend, TCD

Cohort 2 (2018) 2nd year PhD



Dr William Martin, UCD



Dr Jennifer Scott, TCD



Dr Gerard Walls, QUB



Dr Anita Lavery, QUB



Dr Mark Gurney, NUIG



Dr Helen Fogarty, RCSI



Dr Brendan Kelly, UCD



Dr Karen McCarthy, TCD

Cohort 3 (2019) 1st year PhD



Dr Graeme Greenfield, QUB



Dr Stephanie Bollard, UCD



Dr Cathal O'Connor, UCC



Dr Dearbhla Doherty, RCSI



Dr Conor Grant, TCD



Dr Claire Potter, QUB

Cohort 4 (2020) pre-PhD



Dr Louise Rabbitt, NUIG*



Dr Kiran Reddy, UCD*



Dr Bethany Wong, UCD*



Dr Andrea Bowe, UCD*



Dr Sarah Kelliher, UCD*



Dr Maria Tomkins, RCSI*



Dr Katie Ridge, TCD*



Dr Ciara McNevin, TCD*

*University affiliation for ICAT year 1; PhD institution to be selected



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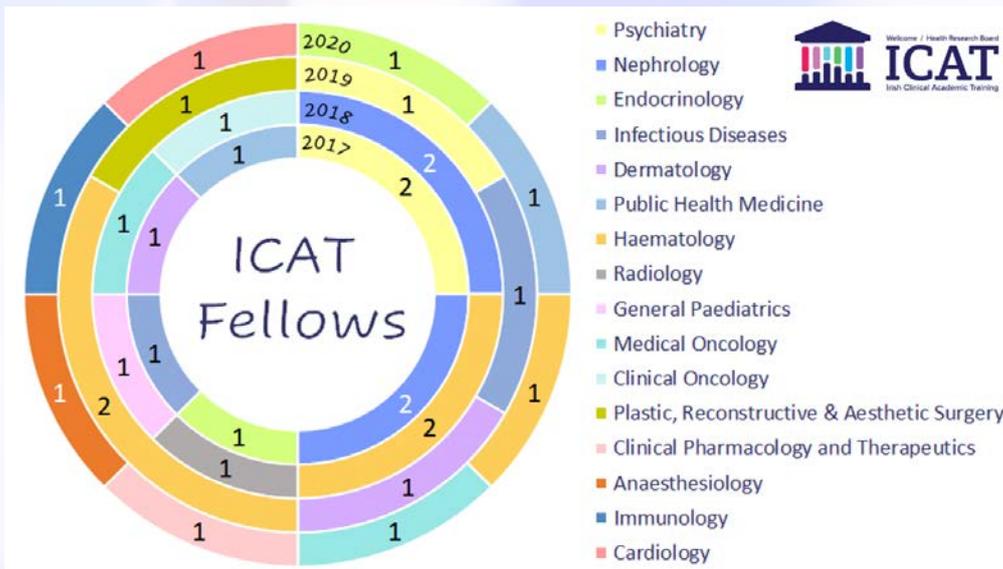
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The Wellcome-HRB ICAT Programme is a unique all-Ireland cross-institutional programme integrated with the health services, which will prepare graduates for rewarding careers as clinician scientists.

Four cohorts of ICAT Fellows have been appointed to date and represent 16 clinical specialties. Fellows develop their PhD proposals during ICAT year 1 and are encouraged to pursue cross-institutional, innovative and multi-disciplinary projects.



The ICAT Retreat is an important opportunity for the Fellows to receive feedback - we welcome questions and discussion!

All attendees are provided with an abstract booklet containing scientific abstracts and lay summaries for each of the ICAT Fellow talks. We would really appreciate it if you could return feedback for the Fellows using the forms in the booklet.

