

ANNUAL RETREAT

IRISH CLINICAL ACADEMIC TRAINING (ICAT) PROGRAMME



27-28 NOV
2025



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Grand Hotel Malahide, Dublin, K36XT65



09:45 COFFEE ON ARRIVAL

10:20 - 11:20 SESSION 1

Chaired by Professor Conall Dennedy, ICAT-2 Principal Investigator, University of Galway

10:20 Welcome

10:30 Pre-PhD ICAT Fellows - *PhD research plans*

Dr Adrien Da Silva, Dr Shahd Elamin, Dr Lauren Madden-Doyle, Dr David Synnott
[5min talks + 5min Q&A]

11:20 COMFORT BREAK

11:30 - 12:20 SESSION 2

Chaired by Professor Bernadette McGuinness, ICAT Deputy Director, Queen's University Belfast

11:30 Pre-PhD ICAT Fellows - *PhD research plans*

Dr Aine Varley, Dr Brian Maloney, Dr Niamh Dhondt, Dr Alice Talbot
[5min talks + 5min Q&A]

12:20 LUNCH

Coast Restaurant

13:30 - 14:15 SESSION 3

13:30 Research Blitz 1

Chaired by Professor Carmel Mooney, ICAT Associate Director, UCD

Dr Clodagh McDermott, Dr Lisa Kiely, Dr Michael Duggan, Dr Nicholas Stefanovic, Dr Margaret Brennan
[3min talks + Q&A]

13:30 Parallel session

Mentoring for ICAT alumni and final year fellows in the adjacent boardroom.

Facilitated by Professor Bernadette McGuinness, and Professor Deirdre Murray

Feedback on the fellow talks is welcomed and will be shared with the fellows after the Retreat.



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14:15 - 15:30 SESSION 4

14:15 Small group research discussions

Bring your questions and share your experience with your peers.

Tables will be labelled with discussion themes.
Please also use this time to meet with your mentors.
Coffee will be served during this session.

15:30 - 16:15 SESSION 5

15:30 Research blitz 2

Chaired by Professor Brian O'Connell, ICAT Associate Director, Trinity College Dublin

Dr Eithne Nic an Ríogh, Dr Saied Ali, Dr Nicola Raftery, Dr John Mark O'Leary, Dr Rachel MacCann
[3min talks + Q&A]

15:30 Parallel session

Mentoring for pre-PhD fellows in the adjacent boardroom.

Facilitated by Professor Padraic Fallon, and Professor Carmel Mooney

16:15 COMFORT BREAK

16:25 - 17:15 SESSION 6

16:25 Research blitz 3

Chaired by Professor Padraic Fallon, ICAT Deputy Director, Trinity College Dublin

Dr Vincent Healy, Dr Louise Kelly, Dr Oana Deac, Dr Brian O'Mahony
[3min talks + Q&A]

17:15 - 18:00 SESSION 7

Chaired by Professor Padraic Fallon, ICAT Deputy Director, Trinity College Dublin

Identifying novel macrophage microbiocidal mechanisms against bacterial pathogens

Professor David Dockrell, Chair of Infection Medicine / Director of the Centre for Inflammation Research, The University of Edinburgh

18:00 RECEPTION AND NETWORKING

19:30 CONFERENCE DINNER

Moldowney Suite

Friday 28th November

All sessions will be held in the Tara Suite, unless otherwise indicated

09:30 -10:15 **SESSION 1**

Chaired by Professor Martina Hennessy, ICAT Associate Director, Trinity College Dublin

09.30 **Research Blitz 4**

Dr Laura Graham, Dr Alison Lee, Dr Yvonne Fahy, Dr Catherine Duane, Dr Sophie Duignan

[3min talks +Q&A]

10:15 **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

10:40 -11:20 **SESSION 2**

Chaired by Professor David Williams, ICAT Director, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences

Gill Maxwell Alumnus Talk

Dr David Mongan, ICAT Alumnus, Cohort 1

11:20 -12:20 **SESSION 3**

Chaired by Professor David Williams, ICAT Director, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences

11:20 **Final year ICAT Fellow talks**

Dr Brian Woods, Dr Michael Corr, Dr Louise Rabbitt, Dr Maria Tomkins, Dr James Curneen

[5-6min talks + 5mins Q&A]

12:20 **PRIZES**

12:30 **LUNCH AND MEETING CLOSE**

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