Agenda

MC for the morning: Hannah McGee, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

08.30  Registration, Coffee and Poster Session 1

09.15  Welcome and introduction
        Padraig Walsh, Quality and Qualifications Ireland
        Huang Baoyin, China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC)

09.30  Keynote Address
        Transnational higher education provision between Asia and Europe – trends, issues and opportunities
        Marijk van der Wende, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands

10.00  Supporting Transnational Education: Policy developments relating to the recognition of transnational higher education provision
        A.  ASEM Recognition Bridging Declaration
           Baiba Ramina, Academic Information Centre, Latvia
        B.  Cooperation between the Asia-Pacific and the Lisbon Recognition Convention regions regarding recognition of transnational qualifications
           Rolf Lofstad, Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education

10.45  Panel reactions to Keynote Address and Supporting TNE presentations

11.30  Transnational Higher Education: Experiences of Irish higher education institutions
        Presentations and insights from practitioners who have established or fledgling TNE arrangements in place between Asia and Europe
        Including inputs from Elizabeth McHenry (Education in Ireland), David FitzPatrick (University College Dublin), David Croke (Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland), Ronan Reilly (Maynooth University), Mark McGrath (Dublin Institute of Technology) and Andrew Conlan-Trant (Dublin Business School)

13.00  Lunch

MC for the afternoon: Josephine Page, University of Limerick

14.00  Ministerial Address
        Mary Mitchell-O’Connor, TD, Minister of State for Higher Education, Ireland
        Signing of CDGDC – QQI Memorandum of Understanding

14.20  The Standards and Modes of Cross-Border Education Quality Assurance in China
        Lin Mengquan, China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education Development Center

14.50  Parallel Sessions 1:
        1.  English as the medium of instruction in a transnational higher education context: Considerations, challenges and solutions
           Sue Hackett (QQI), Julie Butters (UCC), Emma Connolly (UCC) and Angela Farrell (UL)
        2.  Quality assuring TNE provision – Experiences and insights from the Quality Assurance Agency, UK country reviews of Ireland (2017) and Hong Kong (2018)
           Fabrizio Trifiro (QAA), Orla Lynch (QQI) and Sandra Wong (HKCAAVQ)
        3.  Alumni perspective: Experiences and opinions on the transnational higher education experience
           Linda Yang (UCD), Guang Ming Yan (AIT), Shenrui Wan (DCU), Mengya Zheng (UCD), Xingyu Pan (UCD) and Qian Zhang (DIT)

15.25  Parallel Sessions 2: Repeat

16.00  The Cross-border Quality Assurance Network in Asia and Europe (CBQAN) – Origin, objectives and ambitions
        Cloud Bai-Yun, UK NARIC

16:15  Closing Plenary
        Thoughts on conference presentations, parallel sessions and discussions.
        Panel:
        Huang Baoyin (CDGDC), Bryan Maguire (QQI), Douglas Blackstock (QAA, UK), Cloud Bai-Yun, (UK NARIC) and Sandra Wong (HKCAAVQ, Hong Kong)
        Summary of outcomes of the conference
        Padraig Walsh (QQI)

16:40  End of conference and networking opportunity
Guest Speakers

Hannah McGee
Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Royal College of Surgeons Ireland

Professor Hannah McGee is Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, RCSI. As chief academic officer of RCSI, her remit includes educational standards in Dublin and in RCSI's overseas campuses in Bahrain, Dubai and Malaysia (Penang and Kuala Lumpur), with a focus on ensuring delivery of an international medical education curriculum across locations and cultures.

A health psychologist with a research career in quality of life assessment, ageing, cardiovascular disease and sexual health, she received a DSc for published research from NUI in 2015. Among leadership roles, she has been president of the Psychological Society of Ireland and European Health Psychology Society. She has chaired the European Association for Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation Committee and the Irish Expert Group developing the National Policy on Cardiovascular Health (2010-2019). Former board memberships include the Health Research Board and the Economic and Social Research Institute. She is currently on the council of the National Children’s Research Centre.

Marijk van der Wende
Professor of Higher Education, Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance, Utrecht University

Marijk van der Wende is Distinguished Professor of Higher Education at Utrecht University’s Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance. Her research focuses on the impact of globalisation and internationalisation on higher education systems, institutions, curricula, and teaching and learning arrangements. She is also an affiliate faculty and research associate at the Center for Studies in Higher Education (CSHE) at the University of California Berkeley.

Professor van der Wende is currently leading on an international research project - The New Silk Road: Implications for higher education and research cooperation between China and Europe. This research project focuses on China’s rise in global higher education. It aims to explore the possible implications of the New Silk Road (or China’s One Belt One Road policy) for higher education and research cooperation between China and Europe.

Professor van der Wende is a member of many Advisory Boards including the International Advisory Board of the Centre for the Study of World Class Universities, Shanghai Jiao Tong University; the Graduate Campus Advisory Board of the University of Zurich; the Advisory Board of the Centre for Global Higher Education, based at the Institute of Education, University College London; and the Supervisory Board of the Open University of the Netherlands.

Huang Baoyin
Director-General of China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC), Ministry of Education, P.R. China

Huang Baoyin is Director-General of China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC). Prior to joining CDGDC, he served as Deputy Director-General of the Office of the State Council Academic Degrees Committee and Deputy Director-General of the Department of Degree Management & Postgraduate Education of Ministry of Education from December 2011 to June 2017.

Baiba Ramina
Director of Academic Information Centre of Latvia

Baiba Ramina has been the Director of the Academic Information Centre of Latvia for 18 years and has more than 25 years professional experience in the education system. She has been responsible for the management of activities in the field of recognition of qualifications for academic and professional purposes, European and national qualification frameworks, Cedefop ReferNet and Europass activities in Latvia. From 2015 she has also been responsible for the management of Latvian Quality Assurance Agency activities.

She has a good knowledge of European education and training systems, qualifications frameworks, and extensive experience in the field of academic and professional recognition of qualifications. Since 2008 she has been the Latvian representative in the European Commission EQF advisory group and the Latvian representative in the ASEM bridging declaration working group. She has also been a Member of the Lisbon Recognition Convention Committee Bureau since 2013.
Rolf Lofstad
Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education

Rolf Lofstad started his career in international education and recognition at the University of Oslo where he worked with admission of foreign students and recognition of foreign academic credentials. He moved on to a national information service giving advice on recognition of foreign education until NOKUT – his present employer, the Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education – was established in 2003. The information service was then changed into a unit giving formal academic recognition. NOKUT is also the Norwegian ENIC and NARIC office. Mr. Lofstad has been involved in recognition policy development both at home and internationally for a number of years. He is the Norwegian representative on the Council of Europe ETINED-platform (Ethics, Transparency and Integrity in Education) and head of the Standards Committee (standards and ethics) in The Association of International Credential Evaluation Professionals (TAICEP). He is often used as a speaker at international conferences covering several aspects of international education.

Elizabeth McHenry
Regional Manager - Asia, Education in Ireland

Elizabeth McHenry has been working as Regional Manager - Asia for Education in Ireland for the past five months, based out of Dublin. In this role she works with both public and private sector higher education institutions to help them grow their business in the areas of student recruitment and developing partnerships in overseas markets. She is responsible for new market development across Asia and focuses principally on the Chinese and South East Asian markets.

Elizabeth has worked in Enterprise Ireland for the past 24 years. She has worked with Irish companies across all sectors and was most recently the sector manager with responsibility for Talent Management companies.

Elizabeth has both a Bachelor of Commerce and an MBA Degree from University College Dublin.

David FitzPatrick
Principal, UCD College of Engineering & Architecture; Dean of Engineering and Provost, Beijing-Dublin International College

Professor David FitzPatrick is currently Principal of the UCD College of Engineering & Architecture and Dean of Engineering and Provost, Beijing-Dublin International College. An engineer by background, with Bachelors degrees (BA, BAI) from the University of Dublin and a doctorate (DPhil) from the University of Oxford, he worked within the global orthopaedic industry for a decade before returning to Ireland to take up a position within the Department of Mechanical Engineering at University College Dublin. During the past two decades he has held leadership roles at School and College level in UCD, with a commitment to internationalisation and development.

Professor FitzPatrick has primary research interests in the fields of musculoskeletal modelling, anthropometrics medical device design and product development. His work has been recognised internationally (2003 - International Society of Biomechanics - ‘Clinical Biomechanics Award’) and nationally (2017 – Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland - Haughton Lecturer).

David Croke
Director of Quality Enhancement, RCSI

David Croke is a graduate of Waterford Institute of Technology in Biotechnology, of Trinity College Dublin in Biochemistry and Genetics and a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists. Following post-doctoral research appointments as an EMBO Research Fellow at the Muséum National d’Histoire Naturelle (Paris) and as a consultant to the Biotechnology Division of the United Nations International Development Organisation (Vienna), he joined the staff of RCSI where he is Professor of Biochemistry. Prof. Croke was Institutional Lead for Quality Assurance in the review process leading to the activation of RCSI independent degree-awarding powers, and was appointed Director of Quality Enhancement in 2010. Since then, he has led the establishment of the RCSI Quality Enhancement Office and the implementation of quality assurance/quality improvement policies, procedures and structures encompassing the undergraduate, postgraduate and professional activities of RCSI, both in Ireland and on its international campuses. In parallel, he serves as a consultant to a number of Irish and international medical training and accreditation bodies and is Chair of the Internal Quality Assurance Committee for the Intercollegiate Membership (MRCS) examinations in Surgery of the four surgical Royal Colleges of Britain & Ireland.
Guest Speakers

Ronan G. Reilly
Associate Vice-President for International Affairs (Asia), Maynooth University

Ronan Reilly is Professor of Computer Science and Associate VP for International Affairs (Asia) at Maynooth University. He earned his primary and PhD degrees in the fields of psychology and computer science at University College Dublin and was a post-doctoral fellow in the Beckman Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA.

Professor Reilly’s research interests are primarily in the areas of cognitive science and artificial intelligence. Since his PhD, he has been interested in studying language understanding and reading. His background in both psychology and computer science has allowed him to exploit computational modelling as a tool for theory development.

In his capacity as Associate VP for International Affairs, he has been involved in the establishment of the joint Fuzhou University - Maynooth University International Engineering College (IEC). The first intake of students will be in September, 2019. Upon graduation, students will be awarded Maynooth University degrees. It is planned to grow the joint college to 1,200 students over the next four years.

Mark McGrath
Senior Lecturer, School of Mechanical & Design Engineering, Dublin Institute of Technology

Mark McGrath is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Mechanical & Design Engineering at DIT. Mark completed his undergraduate studies in Mechanical Engineering at DIT Bolton St. followed by postgraduate research studies in Applied Physics at the University of Limerick. An academic at DIT since 1999, Mark has extensive experience in Programme Development and Delivery, Strategy Development and Implementation, Research, Quality Assurance and Programme Management, and Academic Co-ordination of Erasmus & International Students. Mark’s research interests are principally in the area of Smart Actuators and Instrumentation in Biomedical Engineering.

Since 2013 Mark has been the Programme Manager of the TPC-DIT Joint Mechatronics programme, a Sino-Irish programme facilitated at Tangshan Polytechnic College [TPC] in China but jointly delivered by DIT and TPC. The provision of this programme involves the sourcing and co-ordination of DIT academic staff as well as frequent trips to China for liaison with both academic and management staff at TPC.

Andrew Conlan-Trant
Head of Institution, Dublin Business School

Andrew Conlan-Trant is Executive Dean, Head of Institution and a member of the Board of Directors at Dublin Business School (DBS). Along with other members of the Board and Senior Leadership Team he develops the strategy of the College, oversees operational delivery and is responsible for corporate and academic governance.

Prior to joining DBS, Andrew was Chief Executive of TBG Learning, an employment support and vocational training organisation in the UK. During that time he was also Chair of Rehab JobFit LLP, a UK partnership formed to deliver employment support services to unemployed people in England and Wales. He also headed Momentum Scotland, a social care and support services organisation for people with disabilities.

Andrew’s early career was spent in the telecommunications sector, specifically with Telecom Eireann (now Eir) and British Telecom’s Irish operation, Ocean Communications. Subsequently, his career developed into the area of social care and disadvantage where he has worked with and set up organisations providing services to people who are severely socially disadvantaged, including those who are homeless, substance misusers and others. He is a Board member of the Irish Quality Control Association and is Chair of Escombe Housing Association.

Andrew holds a Bachelor of Commerce Honours Degree and a Higher Diploma in Education from UCG. He also holds a Master of Science in Management from Queen’s University Belfast.

Josephine Page
Director of International Education, University of Limerick

Josephine Page is Director of International Education at the University of Limerick, where she works on the development and implementation of international engagement strategy for the University and facilitating Faculties/Schools and Departments in the advancement of their strategic priorities for international education. Twenty years’ experience in the field of international education with specialist knowledge in developing a wide variety of mobility and partnership programmes. Education includes a Master’s in Comparative Labour Law from Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium and an MBA from the University of Limerick.
Lin Mengquan
Deputy Director-General of China Academic Degrees & Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC), Ministry of Education, P.R. China

Prof. Dr. Lin Mengquan is the Deputy Director-General of China Academic Degrees & Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC), Ministry of Education, P.R. China.

He holds a PhD in Information System Security Evaluation from Shanghai Jiaotong University, and a Master’s Degree in Automatic Control Engineering of Hefei University of Technology.

He is best known for his work on the research and practices on higher education quality assurance and cross-border higher education quality assurance sectors, where he has published over 20 academic papers in core journals home and abroad, and has been invited for speeches at major international conferences on higher education held by INQAAHE, APQN, IFAC and ASEAN. He also serves as Vice Chairman of the Evaluation Committee of Chinese Society of Academic Degrees and Graduate Education and the expert of the National Natural Science Foundation of China.

Cloud Bai-Yun
Chief Executive of UK NARIC

Dr Cloud Bai-Yun is the Chief Executive of UK NARIC, the UK’s national agency providing information and expert opinion on vocational, academic and professional qualifications worldwide. Under Dr Bai-Yun’s dynamic and pioneering leadership, UK NARIC has been transformed from a low-profile operation to an internationally recognised leading information service provider. Her career history also included designing and developing the National Reference Point for Vocational Qualifications (NRP) since its inception in 2001; the National Europass Centre since 2005; the National Contact Point on Professional Qualifications from 2008, and the European Credit system for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET) Centre for England in 2009.

Dr Bai-Yun was the driving force and creator of the first ever comprehensive database of its kind, the UK’s Crown copyright databank ‘International Comparisons’. She was also the designer of the unique UK NARIC Band Framework, a prized intellectual property of the Crown.

Over the past few years, Dr Bai-Yun has developed and pursued professional interests in the global market for education, training and international mobility, having served as an elected Board member of the EU NARIC network in the European region. Internationally, she has been a key mover in taking forward major initiatives in international education in key regions worldwide. In more recent years Dr Bai-Yun has played an active role in the ASEM Education Process, a major contribution to enhancing cross-regional cooperation. She’s also the current elected Vice President of TAICEP, the Association of International Credential Evaluation Professionals, and the Honorary President of the Sino-Britain Skills Cooperation Development Alliance.