

AHECS CONFERENCE - DEVELOPING FUTURE-READY RESEARCHERS MAY 2018

The programme of keynote presentations and parallel workshops focused on internships and workplace learning opportunities, in addition to international mobility. There was also a closed panel session involving representatives from the key stakeholder national and international organisations.

Key Note Presentations Are Available on Video using the links below:

[‘Mobility beyond Academia’](#), Dr Conor O’Carroll, Independent Consultant (formerly Research Director of the IUA and Chair European Steering Group on Human Resources and Mobility 2012-2017)

[‘Unlocking the triple helix: University, industry and government collaboration to drive innovation’](#), Lissa Matyas, Vice President, International Partnerships, MITACS, Canada

[‘Capturing Talent – What Businesses Want from Postgraduates’](#), Tony Donohoe, Head of Social and Education Policy, IBEC, Ireland.

Parallel Workshops PowerPoint Presentations are available [here](#)

‘Placements and Internships; Evaluating and Measuring Success’, Kerry Wright, Postgraduate Placement Manager, Financial Business Services, University of Nottingham, UK

‘Career-Ready Research Students: an Australian Perspective.’ Sarah Ryan, Careers Counsellor for Higher Degree Research Students, University of Wollongong, Australia.

‘An Irish model of developing the employability of STEM PhDs at Synthesis and Solid State Pharmaceutical Centre (SSPC)’ Bruce Harper, Education and Public Engagement Officer, University of Limerick, Ireland and Vivek Verma, PhD Candidate.

‘Finishing School for PhDs and Post-Doc Researchers’, Dr Sean McCarthy, Managing Director, Hyperion Limited, Ireland & Mary O’ Regan, HR Research Manager, UCC, Ireland

An Expert Group Consultation

Facilitated by Dr Conor O’Carroll, this group encompassed the main stakeholders from higher education, funders, student and researcher representative bodies and industry in Ireland, Europe, Canada and Australia.

In addition to representatives from SFI, IRC, Marie Curie, TCD SU, UCD SU, RIA, Deans of Graduate Studies, participating in the expert group consultation, the following representatives captured their key message on video:

- [Dr. Shane Bergin, UCD and Co-Author Bratislava Declaration](#)
- [Dr. Jennifer Brennan Technological Higher Education Association \(THEA\)](#)
- [Dr. Rosarii Griffin, UCC Researcher Staff Association & International Consortium of Researcher Staff Association \(ICORSA\)](#)
- [Ger Lardner, Careers and Skills Consultant, Graduate Research Students, UCD](#)
- [Lissa Matyas, Vice President International Partnerships, MITACS, Canada](#)
- [Claire McGee, Senior Innovation and Education Executive, IBEC](#)
- [Dr. Sharon Milner, Ulster University and Chair AHECS Postgraduate Research Student Task Group](#)
- [Gareth O’ Neill, President European Council of Doctoral Candidates and Junior Researchers \(Eurodoc\)](#)
- [Sarah Ryan, Careers Counsellor, University of Wollongong Australia Message 1](#)
- [Sarah Ryan, Careers Counsellor, University of Wollongong Australia Message 2](#)
- [Orlaith Tunney, Careers Consultant, Trinity College Dublin](#)

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