

CONNECT 2016

TUESDAY 5TH APRIL



CONFERENCE THEME –

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

8:15AM REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING/BUFFET BREAKFAST

9:00AM WELCOME TO CONNECT
John Scanlan, Maynooth University

9:10AM LEVERAGING SUPPORTS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
Ivan Coulter, Sigmoid Pharma

9:30AM PROMOTING INDUSTRY COLLABORATION
Breda Lynch, Athlone Institute of Technology

9:40AM PROMOTING REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Brian Ogilvie, Institute of Technology Carlow

9:50AM BUSINESS STUDENTS FOR INDUSTRY PROJECTS
Peter McNamara, Maynooth University

10:10AM NETWORKING/COFFEE

11:00AM LEVERAGING SUPPORTS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
Enda Keane, TreeMetrics

11:20AM HOW TO ACCESS SERVICES/ FACILITIES AT 3RD LEVEL INSTITUTES
Kathryn Kiely, Waterford Institute of Technology

11:30AM DOING BUSINESS WITH 3RD LEVEL INSTITUTES
Alan Phelan, Nucleus Ventures

11:50AM INSTITUTIONAL ENGAGEMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Prof Bernard Mahon, VP for Research, Maynooth University

12:00PM NETWORKING/BUFFET LUNCH

12:30-2PM PARTNERSHIP CLINICS FOR INDUSTRY

SIGN UP FOR ANY NUMBER OF THE FOLLOWING PARTNERSHIP CLINICS WHEN YOU REGISTER FOR CONNECT.

1. Research Collaboration (how to leverage State and EU research collaboration supports)
2. Consultancy Services (how to use 3rd level institutes to generate data, reports, knowledge for your business)
3. Facilities / Services (how to avail of the wide range of equipment and facilities at 3rd level institutes)
4. Student Supported Projects (how to avail of postgraduate student expertise for your projects)
5. Incubation Space (how to access facilities to grow your start-up company)

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CARTON HOUSE HOTEL,
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8:15AM – 2:00PM



SPEAKERS



**IVAN COULTER,
CEO, SIGMOID PHARMA**

Dr. Coulter has built a reputation for innovation and leadership since founding Sigmoid in 2003, and developing its lead technology and products. Prior to Sigmoid, Dr. Coulter set up, developed and managed the drug formulation and diagnostics groups at Ntera, a nanotechnology-focused company. Dr. Coulter has an honours degree and PhD in Pharmacology from UCD, held a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the Institut Curie, Paris, holds a Diploma in Accounting and Finance (ACCA) and was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to complete an MBA at Cornell University, New York. Dr. Coulter is a member of the Irish Research Council.



**ENDA KEANE,
CEO, TREEMETRICS**

Enda is the co-founder of Treemetrics, a company dedicated to making forest management, easier, sustainable and profitable. Treemetrics has designed mapping and GIS systems using the latest satellite imagery. Enda has over 18 years experience in the forestry industry. Prior to founding Treemetrics, he founded 3DEagleview, a multimedia animation company. He holds a Bachelor of Agricultural Science with a concentration in Forestry.



**ALAN PHELAN,
CEO, SOURCEDOGG**

Alan is a Chartered Engineer by profession. He successfully grew and sold an engineering company in the UK before returning to Ireland. As a Director of Nucleus VP Group, Alan has licenced technology from a number of Irish universities and worked on several technology projects with academic teams. As CEO of SourceDogg, Alan continues to collaborate with Irish universities. He currently serves on KTI's Industry Advisory Board where he is an active contributor to furthering the interaction between academia and industry.



**PETER MCNAMARA,
MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY**

Professor Peter Mc Namara is the Head of the Maynooth University School of Business. Peter has taught strategy courses in a number of institutions and countries, including: the Smurfit Graduate School of Business, UCD, Cass Business School London; Universite Pierre Mendes, France; University of Friborg, Switzerland; and for UCD in Singapore, Hong Kong and Spain.



**BREDA LYNCH,
ATHLONE IT**

Breda Lynch is the Industry Programmes Manager at Athlone IT. Breda has responsibility for research collaborations, developing links with industry and other knowledge transfer activities at Athlone IT.



**BRIAN OGILVIE,
IT CARLOW**

Brian Ogilvie is the Research and Commercialisation Support Manager in IT Carlow. Brian is responsible for industry collaborations, technology transfer, services and supports and company incubation. Brian has overseen significant growth of these services at IT Carlow.



**KATHRYN KIELY,
WATERFORD IT**

Kathryn Kiely is Manager of Industry Services within the VP of Research Office at WIT. Kathryn has responsibility for overseeing the management and direction of the Institute's support infrastructure for sponsored research and the technology transfer function in WIT.



**JOHN SCANLAN,
MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY**

John Scanlan is the Maynooth University Commercialisation Office Director. John has overall responsibility for business development, metrics, budgets, operations and marketing. John also heads up the MU lead technology transfer alliance with partners WIT AIT and ITC.



**BERNARD MAHON,
MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY**

Professor Bernard Mahon is Vice President for Research at MU. Bernard has responsibility for developing the research, innovation and commercialisation strategies and is driving the development of University engagement for regional development.

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