

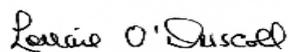
Dear Colleagues,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to our 12th International Cancer Conference, hosted by Trinity College Dublin and St. James's Hospital, now formally partnering within the framework of the OECI-accredited Trinity St James's Cancer Institute (TSJCI). We are delighted that this important event is being supported by a number of key sponsors as outlined throughout the programme (<http://www.cancerconference.ie/#programme>). This series of conferences builds on the original international cooperative cancer initiative established through a tripartite agreement developed in 1999 by the Departments of Health in Ireland and Northern Ireland and the United States administration.

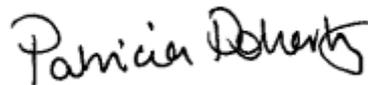
We are living in a very exciting era for cancer care, research, and education. Recognising the major advances in areas such as cancer prevention, molecular and precision oncology, cancer immunology and survivorship, the theme of this year's conference is "***Harnessing Fundamental, Translational and Clinical Research for the Benefit of Cancer Patients***". This conference provides a unique forum for exchange of ideas and knowledge -between academics, clinicians, patients, and industry- relating research and clinical therapeutic innovation to excellent patient care. We look forward to exciting presentations from world-class international and local speakers, which we anticipate will stimulate discussion and action aimed at improving outcome for our cancer patients.

We are especially delighted that the Burkitt Lecture will be delivered by Professor Eileen O'Reilly, who will be awarded a Burkitt Medal at the conference dinner. Denis Burkitt, internationally renowned for his pioneering cancer work including the discovery of Burkitt's lymphoma, was a Trinity graduate and we celebrate his legacy by honouring the achievements of people who have made a substantial mark in the area of cancer.

We hope that you will both enjoy and learn from this conference and, indeed, contribute to the essential discussions and developments which will bring forward cancer care innovation and discovery in Ireland over the next decade, for the benefit of all our patients.



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