DOCTRID V CONFERENCE  
UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK  
27TH & 28TH APRIL 2017  
Final programme

Thursday 27th April

08:30 - 9:15  Registration and Signing of MoUs with Athlone IT and King’s College London  
Conference opening Brian Harvey, DOCTRID

09:15 - 9:30  Welcome Addresses: Prof Ian Gray, Conference Chair, Vice-President for Research Emeritus, MSU  
• Dr Mary Shire, Vice-President Research, University of Limerick.  
• Mr Dermot Desmond, Chairman, RESPECT/Sr Goretti Butler Provincial Daughters of Charity  
• Professor Lou Anna Simon, President, Michigan State University

09:30 - 11:00  Theme I: Social Inclusion  
Moderator: Dr. Geraldine Leader, NUI Galway  
Speaker 1: Evert Jan Hoogerwerf: “Towards Full Digital Inclusion”  
AIAS Bologna onlus/Regional Centre for AT of Emilia Romagna, Italy  
Speaker 2: Dr Stacy Clifford: “Researching Social Inclusion: Who Counts? What Counts?”  
Vanderbilt University, Nashville Tennessee

11:00 - 11:30  Coffee

11:30 -12:00  Research Presentation from Athlete Leadership programme (ALPS) from DoC Lisnagry,  
Moderator: Stephanie Lynch, Daughters of Charity

12:00 - 13:00  Presentations from ASSISTID & Hegarty Fellows, Moderator: Prof Michael Leahy  
• Dr Anita Yakkundi: “iCanRead an inclusive program for Comprehension and Reading”  
• Dr Sean O’Neill: “Smartprompt – Supporting individuals with ASD at University, to better self-manage their academic behaviours using wearable technology”  
• Trish McKeogh: “Developing a multi-modal AT assessment tool for children with mild to moderate intellectual disability or ASD, through a Universal Design framework”  
• Dr Julia Louw: “Enhancing the Social Inclusion of Youth with Intellectual Disabilities: A Multi-site and Social Media Study (ESISM-study)”

13:00 - 14:00  Lunch

14:00 - 15:00  PLENARY LECTURE: Dr JEAN FRAZIER, Executive Director  
Eunice Kennedy Shriver Centre, Massachusetts.  
“Mental Health and Medical Challenges in Autism Spectrum Disorders”

15:00 - 15:30  Coffee

15:30 - 16:30  Presentations from ASSISTID & Hegarty Fellows, Moderator: Prof Michael Leahy  
• Dr Fiachra O’Brolchain: “Privacy and Smarthomes”  
• Dr Rebecca Irvine: “Recognising Opportunities and Actively Engaging”  
• Dr Nicole Neil: “Comorbidity and treatment use among parents of children with Downs Syndrome”  
• Dr Aviva Cohen: “Breaking Down the Barriers to Future Planning”

16:30 - 18:00  Poster Session and Assistive Technology demos (incl. Drinks Reception)

19:00 - late  Conference Dinner (Castletroy Park Hotel)
Friday 28th April

09:00 - 10:30  Theme II: Lifestyle and Connected Health  
Moderator: Dr Barry Coughlan, University of Limerick  
Speaker 1: Catherine Carty, UNESCO Chair, IT Tralee  
“Inclusive physical education, physical activity and sport in the sustainable development agenda- a goal for everyone.”  
Speaker 2: Dr Daniel Tindall, University of Limerick  
“i-PLAY: Inclusive Play & Leisure Activities for Youth”

10:30 - 11:00  Coffee

11:00 - 12:00  Presentations from ASSISTID & Hegarty Fellows, Moderator: Prof Michael Leahy  
• Dr Phil Smyth: “Assisting People with Intellectual Disability self-manage healthy lifestyle choices”  
• Dr Cathy Dalton: “Ambient Media for Attentional restoration”  
• Dr Pauline Frizelle: “Development of a cyber assessment of complex syntax (for children with autism and mild ID)”  
• Dr Shawn Gilroy: “Randomized controlled trial comparing approaches for improving communication in ASD-Comparison between high and low technology alternatives”

12:15 - 13:30  Lunch

13:30 - 15:00  Theme III: Assistive Technologies - Gadgets & Gizmos  
Moderator: Prof Lizbeth Goodman, Director, UCD SMARTLab  
Speaker 1: Dr Mick Donegan, SpecialEffect, Oxfordshire, UK  
“Gaze Control Technology for Everyone!”  
Speaker 2: Dr Nigel Newbutt, University of the West of England  
“Virtual Environments: The present and future (and some history)”

15:00 - 15:15  Coffee

15:15 - 16:15  Presentations from ASSISTID & Hegarty Fellows, Moderator: Prof Michael Leahy  
• Dr Yurgos Politis: “Virtual Learning for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder”  
• Dr Nigel Robb: “A method for involving children with developmental disabilities in the design of video games”  
• James Northridge: “Communication matters: Does one size fit all, in the case of augmentative and alternative communication Apps for children with complex communication needs?”  
• Dr Bryan Boyle: “Carnival Look & Learn: A Peer mediated application for Joint Attention Skills Training”

16:15  Closing Remarks: Prof Ian Gray and Prof Brian Harvey

16:30  Conference Close