

**Biobanking**  
**Seminar and Debate**  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018**



Association of Clinical Biochemists  
in Ireland (ACBI)

**Catherine McAuley Lecture Theatre, Catherine McAuley Research Centre, Nelson St, Mater University Hospital, Dublin**

- 08.30 Coffee and Registration**
- 08.45 – 0.900 **Welcome:** Dr Graham Lee, Consultant Clinical Biochemist, Mater University and Mullingar Regional Hospitals  
President of the Association of Clinical Biochemists in Ireland
- Chair: Dr Agnieszka Blum, Consultant Haematologist and NGS Lead, Mater University Hospital
- 09.00 – 09.30 *Overview of biobanking in Ireland*  
Dr Suzanne Bracken, Clinical Research Development Ireland (CRDI)
- 09.30 – 10.00 *Setting standards in biobanking*  
Emma Snapes, INFANT, Cork University Maternity Hospital and University College Cork
- 10.00 -10.30 *Developing a biobank – the Northern Ireland experience*  
Dr Claire Lewis, Northern Ireland Biobank
- 10.30 – 11.00 COFFEE**
- Chair: Professor Aurelie Fabre, Consultant Histopathologist, St Vincent's University Hospital
- 11.00 – 11.40 Academic biobanks and industry: overcoming obstacles to efficient collaboration and mutual benefit  
Dr Robert Hewitt, Director Biobank Consortia, Trans-Hit Biomarkers Inc, Canada
- 11.40– 12.10 *East London Genes and Health Project*  
Beverley MacLaughlin, Project Manager, East London Genes & Health, Barts Health Trust, Queen Mary University of London, London
- Irish Experiences*
- 12.10 – 12.30 *Value of Biobank to the Oncologist and patients*  
Professor Michaela Higgins, Mater University Hospital
- 12.30 – 12.50 *The potential role for clinical diagnostic laboratories and biobanking*  
Professor Maria Fitzgibbon, Consultant Clinical Biochemist, Mater University Hospital
- 12.50 – 13.50 LUNCH**
- Chair: Dr Paula O'Shea, Consultant Clinical Biochemist, Galway University Hospitals
- 13.50 – 14.10 *Brain Biobank*  
Dr Brona Murphy, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) Dublin
- 14.10 – 14.40 *Biobanking and the Law – Consent, governance and IP*  
*(Please note Asim Sheikh may not be available to present due to Court commitments)*  
Dr Asim Sheikh, University College Dublin
- 14.40 – 15.10 *Funding and policy making for biobanks*  
Dr Caitriona Creely, Health Research Board (HRB)
- 15.10 – 15.40 *How commercial enterprise can benefit patients – The GMI Project*  
Professor Sean Ennis, Genomic Medicine Ireland
- 15.40 – 16.00 Panel Discussion and Debate, Professor Colm O'Brien (Chair), Professor Aurelie Fabre, Professor Michaela Higgins, Professor Sean Ennis, Emma Snapes, Dr Robert Hewitt, Professor Maria Fitzgibbon

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