

Conference Agenda GMIT/TA3

‘Adapting Regional Economies for Global Competitiveness – Expanded Roles for Educational Institutes’

Venue: Theatre 1000, GMIT, Dublin Road, Galway

Monday 1st October

- 8.30am **Registration**
- 9.00am **Welcome Remarks by Marion Coy, Director GMIT**
- 9.15am **Official Opening**
By Éamon Ó Cuív TD, Minister for Community, Rural and
Gaeltacht Affairs
- 9.35am **Keynote**
Meeting the Challenge of Global Competitiveness
Introduction: Pat Mulhern, Athlone
Speaker: Martin Cronin, CEO Forfás, Ireland
- 10.00am **New Roles for US Colleges in the 21st Century Economy**
Introduction: Jane Smith Patterson, e-North Carolina Authority
Speaker: Mike Luger, recently Head of Economic Development for
the University of North Carolina (now Dean of Manchester Business
School at University of Manchester, UK)
- 10.40am **Coffee Break**
- 11.10am **Colleges and Regional Development: A European Perspective**
Introduction: Stuart Rosenfeld, RTS/TA3
Speaker: Andrew Davies, Regional Competitiveness and
Innovation Unit, OECD
- 11.50am **Adaptability –A Key Skill in Maintaining the Lead**
Introduction: George McCourt, GMIT, Galway
Speaker: Lionel Alexander, Vice President of Hewlett Packard, Leixlip
Ireland and Chairman of ICT Ireland.

12.20pm Questions/Answers

12.30pm **Lunch**

1.30pm **Plenary Session: Skills for Increasing Competitiveness in a Global Economy**

Chairman: Michael Coyle Galway Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Speakers:

1. Gillian Buckley, Western Development Commission
2. Ian Quinn, Creganna Medical Devices, Galway
3. Paul Logue, Élan Pharma International, Athlone

2.35pm Questions/Answers

2.45pm **Coffee Break**

3.15pm **Parallel Sessions**

A. Preparing Innovators in Service and Content-based Companies – Room, 1000

Moderator: TA3 member – Greg Rutherford

Speakers:

- Incubation Supports - Michael Lonergan, Athlone
- Media Sector – Irial Mac Murchú – Nementon Teo, Port Láirge
- Hospitality Sector – Barry O'Mahony, GMIT

Questions/Answers

B. Promoting Innovation in the Manufacturing Sectors – Room, 994

Moderator: TA3 member – Jim McKenney

Speakers:

- Medical Device Manufacturing – Gerry Clarke, Medtronic, Galway
- North American Advanced Manufacturing – Jeff Rafn, President, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
- Europe Advanced Manufacturing - Finn Karlsen, Director, EUC-Syd, Denmark

Questions/Answers

4.30pm **Wrap up – Stuart Rosenfeld (Theatre 1000)**