

Friday 11th April

From 6.30 pm	Registration opens in the Aula Maxima at NUI Galway
7.15 pm	Guests should be seated
7.30 pm	Official Opening Ceremony with Commissioner Máire Geoghegan-Quinn
	Opening Lecture by Prof Elaine Fox: ‘Rainy Brain, Sunny Brain’
9.00 pm	Buffet dinner in the Aula Maxima at NUI Galway

Saturday 12th April

From 9.00 am	Registration Desk on the Concourse in NUI Galway	
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9.30 – 10.15	Prof David Smith (Chemistry)	<i>“Professor Dave’s Amazing Molecules – Life Saving Chemistry”</i>
	Keith Gibbs (Physics)	<i>The Resourceful Physicist</i>
	Biology workshop	

10.15 – 10.45	Coffee Break	
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10.45 – 11.30	Prof David Grayson (Chemistry)	<i>“Life Without Chemistry?”</i>
	Fergus McAuliffe (Biology)	<i>“The Story in Science”</i>
	Physics workshop	

11.45 – 12.30	Prof Donal O’Shea (Biology)	<i>“Science Teachers and Discovery in Obesity”</i>
	Dr Mark Foley (Physics)	<i>“The Physics of Cancer”</i>
	Chemistry workshop	

12.30 – 2.00	Leisurely lunch & opportunity to browse the exhibitions & drop in workshops	
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2.00 – 2.45	Prof Martyn Poliakoff	<i>“From Test Tube to YouTube”</i>
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3.00 – 3.45	Prof Aine Hyland	Launch of the ‘Hyland Report on New Syllabuses’ <i>“What is international best practice in the drafting of syllabi for second-level curricula?”</i>
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4.00 – 4.45	ABM	
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Annual Business Meeting to include **an update on the revised Leaving Certificate Biology, Chemistry and Physics syllabi and Junior Science** which will be given by the ISTA representatives on the syllabus committees.

5.00 – 5.45	Prof Jim Al Khalili	<i>“Is Life Quantum Mechanical”</i>
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7.30 pm	Reception followed by Conference Dinner & Awards at 8.30 pm in Meyrick Hotel
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Sunday 13th April

Brunch at the Meyrick Hotel & Farewell to all our guests both Local, National & International.