

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

(as of 30 May 2023)

08.30 – 09.00	Registration with Tea/Coffee
09.00 – 09.05	<p>LES Britain & Ireland President’s Welcome Patrick Cantrill - General Counsel, Getech Group Plc</p> <p>Welcome to Trinity College Dublin Michelle Olmstead - Chief Innovation and Enterprise Officer, Trinity College Dublin</p>
09.05 – 09.15	<p>Introduction to the Irish Knowledge Transfer Association (IKTA) Gordon Elliott – Chair, Irish Knowledge Transfer Association, Trinity College Dublin</p>
09.15 – 09.45	<p>KEYNOTE: “The increasing importance of public Intellectual Property support for SMEs and Startups”</p> <p>Joe Doyle - Intellectual Property Manager, Enterprise Ireland</p>
09.45 – 10.45	<p>Panel: “Commercialisation from the Research Base – A Case Study involving CropBiome Ltd, an innovative new Irish agritech company with exploration of the university, company and investment perspectives”</p> <p>Chair: Samantha Williams, Licensing Manager, Trinity College Dublin Speakers: Noel Daly - Senior Development Advisor, High Potential Start Ups, Enterprise Ireland Kieran Gaughan – Director, CropBiome Ltd Stacey Kelly - Case Manager, Knowledge Transfer, Agriculture, Food and Veterinary Science, University College Dublin Emma O’Neill - Technology Transfer Case Manager, Life Sciences, Trinity College Dublin</p>
10.45 – 11.15	Tea/Coffee Break
11.15 – 12.15	<p>Session: “Green Economy and Innovation”</p> <p>Chair: Patrick Cantrill - General Counsel, Getech Group Plc Speakers: Hugh O’Reilly – Project Manager, Scilling Digital Mining Brendan O’Riordan - Green Gas Certification Lead, Gas Networks Ireland</p>
12.15 – 13.15	<p>Panel: “The use of AI-related technologies in different sectors”</p> <p>Chair: Hayley French - Director, HPF Bio Limited Speakers: Neil Brady – CEO, Caliber AI Brian McElligott - Head of AI, MHC Nikos Minas - European Patent Attorney</p>

13.15 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 14.30	KEYNOTE: “Aerogen from bootstrap startup to global leader- a 25 year journey” John Power - CEO, Aerogen
14.30 – 15.30	Panel: “How businesses manage IP disputes” Chair: Fiona Nicolson - Consultant, Burness Paull Speakers: Tom Darvill – Senior Associate (Intellectual Property), Bird & Bird LLP (<i>English perspective</i>) Colin Hulme – Head of IP, Burness Paull (<i>Scottish perspective</i>) Jeanne Kelly – Partner, Browne Jacobson (<i>Irish perspective</i>)
15.30 – 16.00	Tea/Coffee Break
16.00 – 16.45	Session: “Data protection and the challenges facing companies” Chair: Graham Johnson – Partner, Appleyard Lees Speakers: John McEvoy - Global General Counsel, Amryt Pharma Bella Phillips – IP, IT & Data Protection Associate, Pinsent Masons
16.45 – 17.15	Session: “Discussion on the UPC impact” Chairs/Speakers: Tom Gaunt – Partner, Lewis Silkin Nikos Minas - European Patent Attorney
17.15 - 17.30	Closing Address
19.00	Dinner

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

KEYNOTE: The increasing importance of public Intellectual Property support for SMEs and Startups



Joe Doyle - Intellectual Property Manager, Enterprise Ireland

Joe is IP Manager with Enterprise Ireland (EI). He manages the EI IP Strategy support programme to help Start-ups and SMEs integrate IP strategy with their business strategies. He activities also include IP training and awareness; providing a first line of enquiry on IP matters for EI and LEO staff and clients; and contributing to national IP policy development. He is a member of the global ISO 'Innovation Management Standard' Technical Committee (TC279), working mainly on the IP Management Expert Group. Previously, he worked as a research scientist for 15 years at the University of Limerick where he successfully executed a number of patent filings, licence/assignment agreements and was cofounder of an IP rich University spin-out company. He holds a BSc in Materials Science, postgraduate diplomas in Strategy and Innovation and Organisational Behaviour and an MSc in Business Practice.

PANEL: Commercialisation from the Research Base – A Case Study involving CropBiome Ltd, an innovative new Irish agritech company with exploration of the university, company and investment perspectives



Dr Samantha Williams - Licensing Manager, Trinity College, Dublin (CHAIR)

Dr Samantha Williams has a D.Phil. in Biochemistry from the University of Oxford and then worked in industry as a research scientist with Unilever Research in the United Kingdom for four years. She then joined the Medical Research Council's Technology Transfer Group based in London and has since then pursued a career in technology transfer, with over 20 years' experience in both the UK and Ireland in the successful commercialisation of intellectual property arising in the academic sector. Her current role is Licensing Manager at Trinity College Dublin, and she is responsible for Trinity's Intellectual Property licence agreements to established companies and to new Trinity spin-out companies. She is also currently Chair of the Irish Chapter of LES Britain & Ireland and a Director of LES Britain & Ireland Ltd.



Noel Daly - Senior Development Advisor, High Potential Start Ups, Enterprise Ireland

Noel Daly graduated from University College Dublin with BSc and PhD degrees. He also holds an MBA from the Smurfit Business School in UCD. Noel worked for several years as a research scientist in the United States and Ireland. He then worked as a commercialisation manager at a Research Centre and as a Lifescience technology transfer manager in Dublin City University. He is currently a Senior Development Adviser in Enterprise Ireland's High Potential Startup Industrial & Lifesciences team.



Kieran Gaughan – Director, CropBiome Ltd

Kieran Gaughan, B.Comm FCA, is a Chartered Accountant who has worked in Corporate Finance, Private Equity and M&A for over 30 years. He is Managing Director of a specialist Asset Management company and corporate adviser to several Irish and overseas companies and HNIs. He is an experienced Investor and NED/CFO in a range of companies in financial services, mobility, bio tech and renewables. He brings a broad range of practical and strategic experience working with founders/senior management in the growth and value realisation of organisations.



Stacey Kelly - Case Manager, Knowledge Transfer, Agriculture, Food and Veterinary Science, University College Dublin

Dr Stacey Kelly is part of the University College Dublin Technology Transfer Office where she is responsible for managing the identification, protection, and commercialisation of research outputs within the food, agriculture and veterinary research areas. She has over 10 years' experience in IP management and commercialisation.

Stacey has a background in biology and holds a BSc in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from Dublin Institute of Technology and a PhD in Immunology from Trinity College Dublin. Prior to joining NovaUCD, Stacey worked with the Central Veterinary Research Laboratory which is part of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. She has worked as a patent scientist with a Swedish multinational beauty and personal care company where she supported the identification of IP arising from NPD projects alongside the patent activity of a dedicated skin research team. She joined UCD in 2010 as a postdoctoral researcher with the Enterprise Ireland funded "Food for Health Ireland" Technology Centre. This multi-party collaborative programme incorporates expertise from leading academic institutes and industry to develop new functional food ingredients and products from milk-derived bioactives.

Stacey joined NovaUCD in 2013 where she manages a diverse IP portfolio spanning agri-tech, veterinary medicine and food-related opportunities. She manages projects from initial IP identification/evaluation, through to the protection and commercialisation of these opportunities via licensing and the formation of spin out companies. She has negotiated several licensing deals with SME and multinational companies and has supported the development of food and agri-tech spin outs.



Emma O'Neill - Technology Transfer Case Manager, Life Sciences, Trinity College Dublin

Emma O'Neill is the Technology Transfer Case Manager for Life Sciences at Trinity College Dublin. Emma has been involved in IP Management and knowledge transfer in Ireland for over 25 years. She has held positions in IP management, knowledge transfer and business development at Enterprise Ireland, NTERA Ltd, Dublin City University and Trinity College Dublin.

SESSION: Green Economy and Innovation



Patrick Cantrill - General Counsel, Getech Group Plc (CHAIR)

For more than 35 years, Patrick Cantrill practised in intellectual property law both in the UK and overseas and was Head of Intellectual Property at Walker Morris from 1992 until moving in 2014 to the USA/UK law firm, Womble Bond Dickinson. Recently, he went in-house to take up the role of Company Secretary at a long standing client, Getech Group PLC, a company that creates geomagnetic databases and computer models for locating, developing and/or operating energy based projects. From 2020, he has served as President of the Britain and Ireland Chapter of the Licensing Executives Society International.



Hugh O'Reilly – Project Manager, Scilling Digital Mining

Hugh has a background in education, project management and healthcare planning. He has a degree from Trinity College in Business and Politics, as well as a Master's in Business Studies and a Higher Diploma in Education. Prior to joining Scilling, Hugh worked in the IB School system in Switzerland and the UK. With Scilling, Hugh works on research and communications in addition to new project development.



Brendan O'Riordan - Green Gas Certification Lead, Gas Networks Ireland

Brendan has developed and operates the Gas Networks Ireland Renewable Gas Registry. He is a University College commerce graduate and a fellow of Chartered Accountants Ireland. Brendan has 20 years' experience with Gas Networks Ireland, working in Finance, Regulation and led the establishment of the Gas Market Operator in Northern Ireland.

PANEL: The use of AI-related technologies in different sectors



Hayley French - Director, HPF Bio Limited (CHAIR)

Hayley French is venture partner for Vesalius Biocapital and CEO/Chair of Swedish Biomimetics 3000 AB. Hayley was former Chief Executive Officer of Apitope which was acquired by Worg Pharmaceuticals in September 2021. Dr French brings with her over twenty five years' experience of negotiating licences and collaborations and managing alliances in the life sciences sector.

Prior to joining Apitope, Dr French spent three years at Novartis, based at the Basel headquarters, where she worked closely on all global deals and collaborations in the respiratory division. Prior to Novartis, Dr French worked in the Life Sciences Group of Bird & Bird, London, specialising in advising pharmaceutical and biotech companies. Prior to joining Bird & Bird, she was Head of Commercial Legal Affairs at the Centre for Applied Microbiology and Research (CAMR) in Salisbury, UK. Dr French started her career at University College London Ventures where she was responsible for the development,

management and commercialisation of technologies in the life sciences sector. She is past president of the Licensing Executives Society Britain & Ireland, and a board member of Licensing Executives Society International (LESI).

Dr French also teaches on the LESI Intellectual Asset Management courses and is a regular speaker on IP licensing and negotiation. She has a B.Sc. in Microbiology from the University of Liverpool, as well as a PhD in Microbiology and a M.Sc. in intellectual property from the University of London and is a certified licensing professional (CLP).



Neil Brady – CEO, Caliber AI

Neil Brady is a journalist and academic researcher. He previously worked as Digital Policy Analyst with the Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA). Prior to this, he worked for The Guardian and social media agency Storyful. He holds an MA in Political Science from University College Dublin and an MBS in Management & Organisation from the Smurfit Business School.



Brian McElligott - Head of AI, MHC

Brian is a Partner in the Technology Law team of Mason Hayes & Curran and is Head of its Artificial Intelligence (AI) team.

Brian re-joined Mason Hayes & Curran in January of 2023 having spent time in-house as Chief Intellectual Property counsel with an Irish AI fintech start-up. During that time, he gained significant experience in operationalising and commercialising AI platforms and solutions. He led AI invention harvesting and international patent and trademark portfolio filing projects. He was also part of a team that conceived and developed a bespoke inhouse software invention and R&D tagging tool that has applications in the trade secret space also.



Nikos Minas - European Patent Attorney

Nikos is a European Patent Attorney specialising in the field of ICT with emphasis in the AI/ML technology space. He currently works as an in-house counsel for an international company focusing on the protection and enforcement of computer-implemented inventions and artificial intelligence. He holds a PhD in Electronics and has extensive experience in handling IP legal matters mainly patents, know-how, trade-secrets and database rights.

KEYNOTE: Aerogen from bootstrap startup to global leader- a 25 year journey



John Power - CEO, Aerogen

Serial Entrepreneur and former European Entrepreneur of the Year. John leads Aerogen, Ireland's largest indigenous Med-tech company and the world leader in Acute Care aerosol drug delivery. Aerogen's award-winning products have to date helped treat 14 million critically ill patients in more than 80 countries globally.

John is recognized as both a technology and business innovator, credited with many commercialized international patents. His company was at the forefront of the Covid-19 pandemic response, developing the World's First Aerosol Vaccine Delivery System used to vaccinate over 50 million subjects. He is an investor and Board member of several Irish and US based Med-tech companies and in his extensive career he has 'run the gauntlet' of corporate transactions from Boot-strap start-up, through In /Out Licensing to IPO and Leveraged MBO. A founder faculty member of the National University of Ireland Galway Bio-Innovate program, he has actively mentored many indigenous early stage Irish companies.

A Chartered Engineer and FIEI, he holds an MBA from Oxford Brookes University, is an Adjunct Professor at NUIG where in 2016 in recognition of his contribution to the development of the Irish Medical Device sector John was conferred with an Honorary Doctorate. John is the current chair of Connacht Rugby.

PANEL: How businesses manage IP disputes



Fiona Nicolson - Consultant, Burness Paull (CHAIR)

Fiona is both an English and Scottish solicitor and has specialised in IP transactions for over 30 years .The main areas where Fiona provides advice are life sciences, healthcare, technology and industrial markets . Her clients range from start ups and SMES to large multinationals .

Fiona is a recent Past President of LESI , currently serves on the board of CLP and chairs the Law Society of Scotland's accreditation panel for intellectual property . She is also a non- executive director of Vertical Future Ltd- a fast growing vertical farming SME headquartered in London.

Fiona is recognised by a number of legal directories including Legal 500 and by Managing Intellectual Property IP stars as a patents and transactions star . She has been the Co – Editor of Lexology's Getting the Deal through Licensing publication for a number of years .



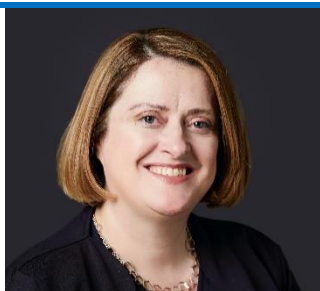
Colin Hulme – Head of IP, Burness Paull

Colin Hulme is head of Burness Paull LLP’s top ranked IP practice, which protects iconic Scottish brands such as Harris Tweed, the Scottish FA, Scottish Rugby Union and Highland Spring. His team also supports Sky, PicRights, Phonographic Performance Limited’s (PPL) and PRS for Music’s copyright enforcement campaigns in Scotland.

He is the only litigator in Scotland with an IP Band 1 ranking in the Chambers & Partners Directory and also being in the IP “Hall of Fame” in the Legal 500 Directory. He is an “IP Star” in Managing IP.

Colin is accredited as an IP specialist by the Law Society of Scotland and has an LLM in IT and Telecommunications Law.

An Associate Member of CITMA, LES B&I Board Member and associate of INTA.



Jeanne Kelly – Partner, Browne Jacobson

Jeanne is one of the founding partners of Browne Jacobson’s first international office in Dublin and has over 25 years’ experience including leading a commercial tech practice where she advised private and public sector clients on technology, intellectual property and data privacy law. She has led data protection compliance programmes for some of Ireland’s leading corporates, as well as for multinationals with Irish operations. She also has extensive experience in large outsourcing projects, supply arrangements and intellectual asset management.

She regularly speaks at leading industry conferences in Ireland and overseas on GDPR, FDI, legal issues for start- up and scaling companies and data privacy. She is also an experienced media commentator on legal issues.

Jeanne was announced as ‘Corporate Leader’ of the Year at the Irish Women’s Awards 2020.

SESSION: Data protection and the challenges facing companies



Graham Johnson – Partner, Appleyard Lees (CHAIR)

Graham is Vice President of LES Britain and Ireland and Partner at Appleyard Lees.

As a dual-qualified patent and trade mark attorney, Graham has particular expertise in providing strategic advice and assisting growing SMEs to build a range of intellectual property rights around their brands and products.

He works across a variety of areas and has a particular interest in the consumer goods and food and beverage sectors.

Graham handles a wide range of intellectual property matters and frequently advises in relation to disputes helping clients to reach commercially favourable agreements.



John McEvoy - Global General Counsel, Amryt Pharma

John McEvoy has served as Amryt’s Global General Counsel from September 2017. Mr. McEvoy oversees all legal, corporate affairs and data protection matters globally for Amryt. Prior to joining Amryt, he served as a lawyer in private practice with Arthur Cox and Herbert Smith Freehills. Mr McEvoy is a qualified lawyer in the U.S. (New York), England and Wales, and Ireland and has represented leading multinational public and private companies in transactions across North America, Europe, and Asia and has experience in many industries including Corporate M&A, Life Sciences, Technology, Media and Telecoms and Data Protection. He holds an LLB from Queens University Belfast and is a member of the American Bar Association, Law Society of England and Wales, Law Society of Ireland and a Board Member for the Northern Ireland Rare Disease Partnership.



Bella Phillips – IP, IT & Data Protection Associate, Pinsent Masons

Bella is an Associate at Pinsent Masons, specialising in intellectual property, data protection and information technology transactional and strategic matters. Bella has experience advising clients across a range of sectors including healthcare and MedTech, universities and financial services. Bella’s mixed IP/DP experience means her practice naturally focuses on helping clients to stategise so they can commercialise their IP and data, whilst still maintaining a robust data protection compliance strategy. In particular, Bella supports clients wanting to invest in, develop, procure and use AI technologies.

SESSION: “Discussion on the UPC impact”



Tom Gaunt – Partner, Lewis Silkin

Tom is a European and UK Chartered Patent Attorney who leads Lewis Silkin’s Intellectual Property Legal Practice Group. He primarily handles Mechanical, Electrical and Software patents and European oppositions and infringement opinion work, as well as registered design filings focusing on technical products.

Thomas has an Honours degree in Biomaterials and a Master’s degree in Materials Science and Engineering from Birmingham University. He also has a strong background in electronics and processing, having started his career at a Patent Attorney firm in Japan handling patent applications for the consumer electronics industry.

In addition to his experience of consumer electronics patents from his time in Japan, he also has extensive expertise in handling power systems, medical devices, software, and green technology patents. He is also responsible for a number of important patent families used by major players in the fields of telecommunications, streaming, and cloud computing services.

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Nikos Minas - European Patent Attorney