



ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAMME Friday 9th and Saturday 10th October 2026 Radisson Hotel, Cork (CPD pending)	
08.00-08.45	Tea/Coffee/Scones/Meet the Sponsors <i>(All sponsors who support this meeting through the sponsorship of exhibition space alone have no input into the Agenda, speaker selection or content of this meeting)</i>
08.45-08.55	Opening of the Annual HAI Meeting – Prof. Paul Browne, President
SESSION 1 – Oral Presentations 7 x 10 minute Presentations Chairpersons: Dr Peter McCarthy & Dr Lisa Crawford	
08.55-09.05	MECHANISTIC INSIGHTS INTO THE ANTI-MYELOMA ACTIVITY OF VP79S AND ITS SYNERGISTIC INTERACTION WITH VENETOCLAX Mr Yunlong Pei^{1,2} ¹ John Durkan Leukaemia Laboratories, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, ² School of Biochemistry and Immunology, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin
09.05-09.15	ONE THOUSAND PANELS LATER: FLOW CYTOMETRY USE IN SUSPECTED CHRONIC B-CELL LYMPHOPROLIFERATIVE DISORDERS AT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL GALWAY 2020-2025 Dr Firinna McKenna Beattie , Department of Haematology, University Hospital Galway
09.15-09.25	VERIFICATION OF A MUTATED GLYCOPROTEIN IB BASED ASSAY AND DETERMINATION OF BIOLOGICAL VARIATION ESTIMATES FOR MEASURANDS INVOLVED IN VON WILLEBRAND DISEASE INVESTIGATION Róisín Spriggs^{1,2} , ¹ Department of Haematology, Cork University Hospital, Cork, Ireland ² School of Biomedical Sciences, Ulster University, Coleraine, Northern Ireland
09.25-09.35	DECODING DONOR BIOLOGY: FROM GRAFT COMPOSITION TO KILLER-CELL IMMUNOGLOBULIN RECEPTOR (KIR) IMMUNOGENETICS AND TRANSPLANT OUTCOME Hayley Foy-Stones , Cryobiology Laboratory Stem Cell Facility, St. James's Hospital, Dublin
09.35-09.45	TECLISTAMAB FOR RELAPSED/REFRACTORY MULTIPLE MYELOMA IN IRELAND, A RETROSPECTIVE 9 CENTRE AUDIT OF OUTCOMES Dr Niall O'Connell , Department of Haematology, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin
09.45-09.55	THE EVOLVING IRISH PRACTICE OF LOW INTENSITY BRIDGING TO ALLOGENIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION (ALLO-HSCT) IN ACUTE MYELOID LEUKAEMIA (AML) Dr Katherine McDonald , Department of Haematology, St James' Hospital, Dublin
09.55-10.05	A genome-wide CRISPR-Cas9 screen identifies new treatment strategies in PRC2-altered AML Dr Luke Jones , Systems Biology Ireland, University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland
10.05-10.45	Guest Speaker – Introduced by: Dr SORCHA NI LOINGSIGH Blood in the Field: Separate or Combined Components? Professor Laura Green , Consultant Haematologist for NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) and a Professor of Haemostasis and Transfusion Medicine at Queen Mary University of London
10.45-11.10	TEA/COFFEE/POSTERS AND MEET THE SPONSORS <i>(All sponsors have supported this meeting through the sponsorship of exhibition space alone and have had no input into the Agenda, speaker selection or content of this meeting)</i>



SESSION 2 – Oral Presentations 4 x 10 minute Presentations and State of the Art Lecture followed by AGM Chairpersons: Dr Clare Crean and Dr Patrick Elder	
11:10-11:20	FLAG-IDA COMBINED WITH VENETOCLAX IN INTENSIVE CHEMOTHERAPY INDUCTION FOR NEWLY DIAGNOSED AND RELAPSED OR REFRACTORY ADULT ACUTE MYELOID LEUKAEMIA: A MULTICENTRE REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE Dr Conor Browne, Cork University Hospital
11:20-11:30	PROGNOSTIC UTILITY OF INTERIM AND END-OF-TREATMENT 18F-FDG PET CT IN OLDER PATIENTS WITH DIFFUSE LARGE B-CELL LYMPHOMA: DOES TREATMENT INTENSITY MATTER? Dr Alexander Gillett, St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin
11:30-11:40	HAEMOCHROMATOSIS WASTAGE AND BLOOD TRANSFUSION NEED IN NORTHERN-IRELAND: AN OPPORTUNITY Dr Allameddine Allameddine, NIBTS, Northern Ireland
11:40-11:50	MULTIDISCIPLINARY RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW OF ALLOGENEIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION FOR MYELOID MALIGNANCIES IN OLDER ADULTS AGED ≥70 YEARS OLD IN IRELAND 2021-2026 Dr Louisa Shackleton, St James's Hospital, Dublin
11:50-12:30	Guest Speaker – Introduced by Dr Clare Crean <i>From Clonality to Diagnosis: NGS Panels in Lymphoproliferative Disorders</i> Dr Peter Stewart, Scientific Lead, School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences, The Johnston Cancer Research Centre, QUB, Belfast
12:30-13:00	AGM – All Welcome!
13:00-14:00	Lunch followed by Tea/Coffee and Meet the Sponsors
	SESSION 3: 6 x 10 Minute Oral Presentations followed by State of the Art Lecture Chairpersons: Dr David Donaldson & Dr Graeme Greenfield
14:00-14:10	NATIONAL SURVEY OF TTP SERVICES AND NATIONAL REFERRAL PATHWAYS IN IRELAND Dr Páraic Behan, Department of Haematology/Coagulation Medicine, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin
14:10-14:20	THE DIAGNOSTIC UTILITY OF LIVER ENZYMES IN THE DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF INFECTIOUS MONONUCLEOSIS ASSOCIATED WITH EBV (EBV-IM) Dr Patrick Naughton, ¹Haematology, Mercy University Hospital, Cork
14:20-14:30	CLINICAL AND OPERATIONAL IMPACT OF A CONSULTANT-LED INPATIENT HAEMATOLOGY SERVICE IN A DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL: A BEFORE-AND-AFTER SERVICE EVALUATION Dr Michael Brennan, Haematology Department, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda
14:30-14:40	CYSTEINE CHEMOPROTEOMIC PROFILING REVEALS A RECURRENT REVUMENIB RESPONSE LANDSCAPE IN KMT2A-REARRANGED LEUKAEMIA Ms Yu Sheng, Johnston Cancer Research Centre, Queen's University Belfast, Belfast, UK
14:40-14:50	OUTCOMES OF ACUTE LEUKAEMIA RELAPSE FOLLOWING ALLOGENEIC HAEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION (ALLO-HSCT) IN ADULTS IN IRELAND Dr James Dillon, St James's Hospital, Dublin
14:50-15:00	Critical Illness and Prognostic Factors in Adult Haemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis: A Retrospective Cohort Study Dr Liam Smyth, St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin



15:00-15:40	Guest Speaker – Introduced by Dr Peter McCarthy CAR T Cell Therapy in Paediatric T-ALL Dr. Robert Chiesa, Consultant in Paediatric Bone Marrow Transplantation & CAR-T, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, London
15:40-16:10	TEA/COFFEE/POSTERS AND MEET THE SPONSORS <i>(All sponsors who support this meeting through the sponsorship of exhibition space alone have no input into the Agenda, speaker selection or content of this meeting)</i>
SESSION 4: Presidents’ Symposium – followed by the Liam O’Connell Lecture Chairpersons: Prof. Paul Browne and Dr Peter McCarthy	
16.10-16.25	IMPROVING DIAGNOSTIC ACCURACY IN ANTIPHOSPHOLIPID SYNDROME: A TANDEM THROMBIN TIME/HEPARIN-CALIBRATED ANTI-XA ACTIVITY SCREEN FOR IDENTIFYING ANTICOAGULATION STATUS IN PLASMA SAMPLES REFERRED FOR LUPUS ANTICOAGULANT TESTING Dr Ryan Wilson, Department of Haematology, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin
16.25-16.40	HODGKIN LYMPHOMA IN THE PAEDIATRIC AND ADOLESCENT POPULATION: A 15-YEAR RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW OF IRISH EXPERIENCES Taniya Shrimali, School of Medicine, University College Dublin, Dublin
16.40-16.55	Inflammation-Driven Local Glucocorticoid Signalling Contributes to NK Cell Dysfunction in Multiple Myeloma Dr Sonia Iranpour, School of Biological and Chemical Sciences, University of Galway, Galway
16.55-17.10	SECONDARY MYELOID NEOPLASMS AFTER CAR-T CELL THERAPY: INCIDENCE, RISK FACTORS AND BIOLOGY IN A COMPLETE NATIONAL COHORT Dr Robert Power, Haematology, St James’s Hospital and University Hospital Waterford
17.10-18.10	Guest Speaker – Introduced by Prof. Paul Browne BCL2 INHIBITION IN CLL: FROM UNDRUGGABLE TARGET TO STANDARD-OF-CARE Prof. John Seymour, Medical Director, Director of the Haematology Department, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre & the Royal Melbourne Hospital, Melbourne
18.40-19.45	OFFICIAL POSTER VIEWING AND ADJUDICATION
19:45	Conference Dinner

Time: 18.30-19.45

Moderated Poster Board Session

(Poster Board Presentation Walkabout and Adjudication)

Followed by:

Conference Dinner



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SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2026

09.20	Opening of Day 2 – Prof. Paul Browne, President
09.30-10:05	SESSION 5: Chairpersons: Dr Aaron Niblock & Dr Eva Szegezdi Clinical Vignette Presentations – 8 x 5 Minute Oral Presentations followed by State of the Art Lecture
09:30-09:35	YOU SHALL NOT BLAST: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY OF A RING 7 NEONATAL LEUKAEMIA Dr Sophie van der Putten, National Children's Cancer Service, Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin
09:35-09:40	AVATROMBOPAG-ASSOCIATED CATASTROPHIC ANTIPHOSPHOLIPID SYNDROME IN A PATIENT WITH RELAPSED IMMUNE THROMBOCYTOPENIA PURPURA (ITP) Dr Róisín McDonnell, Haematology Department, Cork University Hospital, Cork
09:40-09:45	SCLEROMYXOEDEMA WITH DERMATO-NEURO SYNDROME: THERAPEUTIC PLASMA EXCHANGE AS A LIFE SAVING INTERVENTION Dr Jake Donnelly, ¹ Department of Haematology, Belfast City Hospital, Belfast
09:45-09:50	WHEN BLOOD IS RARE: THE CHALLENGE OF ANTI-AnWj IN AGGRESSIVE LYMPHOMA Dr Lorna Power, St Vincent's University Hospital
09:50-09:55	A DUAL AND UNEXPECTED AETIOLOGY FOR REFRACTORY THROMBOCYTOSIS Dr Sarah Connor, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin
09:55-10:00	LINEAGE MATTERS: A TP53 MUTATION ON A MYELOID NGS PANEL MASQUERADING AS HYPOPLASTIC MDS IN PURE RED CELL APLASIA SECONDARY TO SPLENIC MARGINAL ZONE LYMPHOMA Dr Hayley Power, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda
10:00-10:05	VEXAS SYNDROME: DISTINCT CLINICAL PHENOTYPES, DIVERGENT TREATMENT PATHWAYS Dr Bernadette O'Flynn, Mercy University Hospital, Cork
10:05-10:10	GINGIVAL PATHOLOGY AS AN INDEX PRESENTATION OF MULTISYSTEM LANGERHANS CELL HISTIOCYTOSIS: A CASE OF DIAGNOSTIC AND IMAGING DISCORDANCE Dr Awab Hussien, Galway University Hospital, Galway
10:10-10:35	Guest Speaker – Introduced by Dr Aaron Niblock <i>The philosophy of a fledgling Sickle cell service: Building trust, expertise, and connection in Northern Ireland</i> Dr Sally Elsir Mohammed, Consultant Haematologist, Belfast City Hospital
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11:05-13:15	SESSION 6: Chairpersons: Prof. Paul Browne and Dr Irene Regan 4 x 10 Minute Presentations followed by Guest Speakers
11:05-11:15	IN SILICO PEPTIDE–MHC CLASS II BINDING PREDICTS REDUCED IMMUNOGENICITY OF EFANESOCTOCOG ALFA Dr James V Harte, Cork University Hospital
11:15-11:25	ASSOCIATION BETWEEN CD19 CAR T-CELL EXPANSION AND CLINICAL OUTCOMES FOLLOWING CAR T-CELL THERAPY Ms Cíara Dempsey, Technological University Dublin
11:25-11:35	EVALUATING THE SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY OF A RESTRICTIVE RED CELL TRANSFUSION THRESHOLD IN THE NATIONAL ADULT STEM CELL TRANSPLANT UNIT AND CAR-T SERVICE Dr Janet Tan, St James's Hospital, Dublin



11:35-11:45	TURNING FAILURE INTO SUCCESS – 20 YEARS OF ACQUIRED MARROW FAILURE AT CHILDREN’S HEALTH IRELAND Dr Conor Hughes, Children’s Health Ireland, Temple Street, Dublin
11:45-12:10	<i>Guest Speaker – Introduced by Prof. Paul Browne</i> <i>Haemophilia care in Ireland: present and future</i> <i>Prof. Niamh O’Connell, Consultant Haematologist, St James’s Hospital, Dublin</i>
12.10-13.00	<i>Joint Session with Nursing & AHPs Group</i> <i>Guest Speaker – Introduced by Dr Peter McCarthy</i> <i>Approaches to the care of adolescents and young adults with haematological malignancies</i> <i>Prof. Michael Roth, Professor of Paediatrics, The University of Texas</i>
13.00-13.15	Close of Conference and Awarding of Educational Awards
13.15-14:15	Lunch
14.15-16.30	Educational Session for SpRs, Registrars & Trainees in Haematology <i>Details tbc</i>