From Surviving to Thriving: Women in Science

Monday 22nd October 2007
The Gas Building, D’Olier Street, Dublin 2

09.30 Registration & Refreshments

10.00 Opening of the WiSER conference
Professor Frank Gannon, Director General, SFI

Session 1  10.15 – 11.15
Women in Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) in Ireland

Chair:  Professor Jane Grimson, Trinity College Dublin

10.15 Changing Demographics: Changing Working Environments
Professor Eileen Drew, Trinity College Dublin

10.45 Women in Science: Science Foundation Ireland Programme
Dr. Tanya Mulcahy, SFI

11.15 Discussion & Refreshments

Session 2  11.45 – 13.15
Women in Academic Science, Engineering and Technology: Irish Initiatives

Chair:  Ms. Kathleen Connolly, Head of NDP Gender Equality Unit, Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform

11.45 Gender Audit @ UL
Dr. Ita Richardson, University of Limerick

12.15 Queen’s University Mentoring Scheme
Professor Madeleine Ennis, Queen’s University Belfast

12.45 The Centre for Women in Science & Engineering Research
Ms. Caroline Roughneen, Trinity College Dublin

13.15 Networking Lunch
Session 3  14.15 – 15.15  
Early Academic Careers in SET

Chair:  Dr. Lucy Hederman, Trinity College Dublin

Panel of women academics at lecturer and senior lecturer level
- Dr. Sarah Tanner, Mathematics, DCU
- Dr. Ann Ledwith, Manufacturing Engineering, UL
- Dr. Reena Cole, Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering, UL
- Dr. Caroline Jeffries, Molecular & Cellular Therapeutics, RCSI
- Dr. Catherine Adley, Microbiology, UL

15.15  Discussion & Afternoon Refreshments

Session 4  15.45 – 16.45  
Senior Academic Careers in SET

Chair:  Dr. Ena Prosser, WITS

Panel of women academics at associate & professorial level
- Professor Pagona Papakonstantinou, Engineering, University of Ulster
- Professor Carol O’Sullivan, Computer Science, TCD
- Professor Anita Maguire, Chemistry, UCC
- Professor Catherine Godson, Molecular Medicine, UCD

16.45  Conclusion and post conference drink reception