



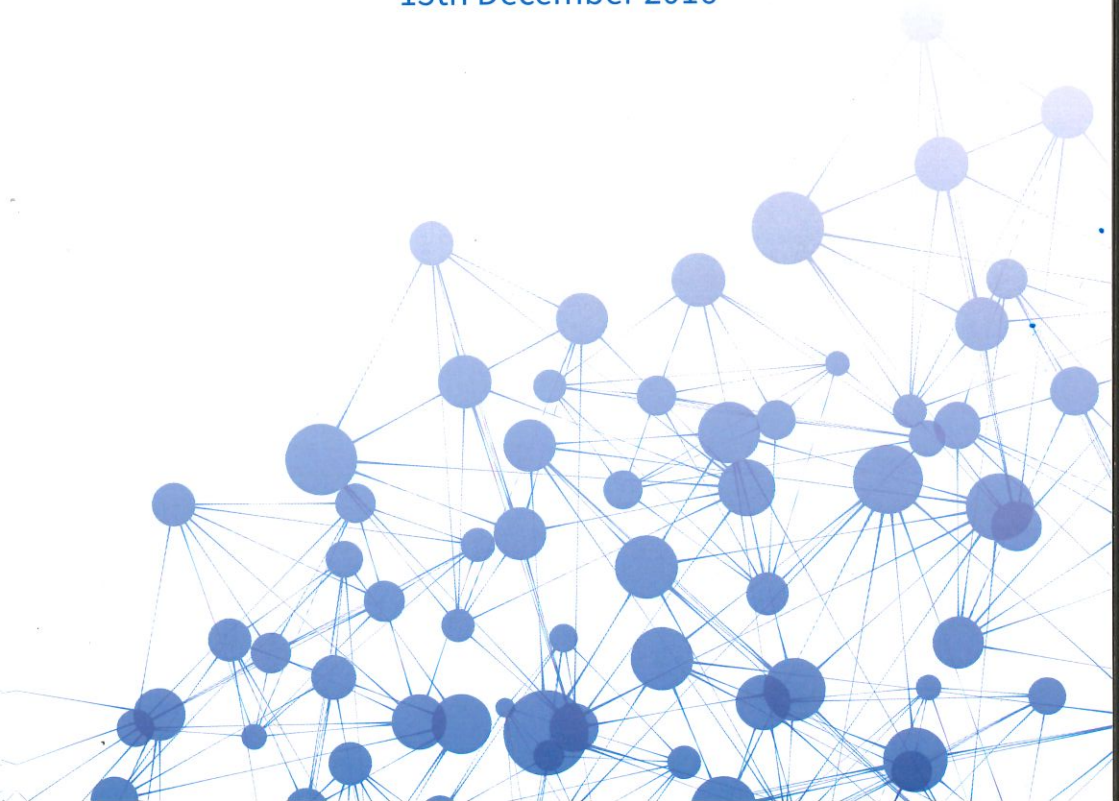
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The Faculty of Health Sciences
presents the Inaugural Lecture of

Professor Seamas Donnelly

Trinity, Education, Academia and
Mentorship - my TEAM Philosophy

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Inaugural Lectures

Inaugural lectures provide newly appointed professors with the opportunity to showcase their academic activity to the College community and members of the public. An inaugural lecture is a significant event in an academic staff member's career. At Trinity College, inaugural lectures are a ceremonial occasion, which is why academic robes are worn by the inaugural professor and the rest of the platform party.

The Faculty of Health Sciences is proud to present the inaugural lecture of Professor Seamas Donnelly.

Introduction

Professor Seamas Donnelly is Professor of Clinical Medicine at Tallaght Hospital and Trinity College Dublin. He is a Fellow of Trinity College Dublin. He is an international leader in Translational Medicine and his research epitomizes classical bench to bedside on an international stage. In recognition of this, he was recently awarded an honorary Professorship by the University of Edinburgh.

Educator, mentor, a catalyst for the promotion of medical curiosity. It is with great pleasure that we present the inaugural lecture of Professor Seamas Donnelly

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”
W.B. Yeats (Trinity 1922)

Professor Donnelly was born in Belfast. He studied medicine at University College Galway (UCG) and following his graduation, he undertook his medical general professional training on the Galway Medical Rotations. He worked as Registrar at Cork University Hospital in Respiratory Medicine, before moving to Dublin to take up the Lecturer in Medicine post at University College Dublin (UCD) and St Vincent's University Hospital. Moving to Scotland, he successfully competed for the British Lung Foundation Clinical Training Fellowship to work with Professor Chris Haslett at the University of Edinburgh. Having obtained his Doctorate in Medicine (MD), he was appointed Lecturer in Respiratory Medicine at the University of Edinburgh. He was awarded a Wellcome Trust Advanced Fellowship and appointed Honorary Senior Lecturer and Consultant Physician at the Royal Infirmary Hospital and the University of Edinburgh. With support from the



Wellcome Trust he undertook a Fellowship at the Picower Institute & Rockefeller University, New York.

He returned to Ireland and University College Dublin (UCD) where he established his clinical research department and his clinical practice at St Vincent's University Hospital. During his term as Head of Medicine at UCD, he oversaw a Department that modularised its medical curriculum, doubled its research budget and increased by over 40% the number of postgraduate students. He was one of the first clinicians to be awarded a Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) Principal Investigator Programme grant award, which he has successfully renewed over the last 12 years. This work has focused on the development of novel small molecular-weight anti-inflammatory agents targeting chronic inflammatory disease. He is a co-applicant on the, Trinity based, Wellcome Trust/HRB Dublin Clinical Research Facility. He is the Trinity lead-PI on the recently awarded, Enterprise Ireland funded, National Health Innovation Hub. Professor Donnely is also the current Editor-in-Chief of the Quarterly Journal of Medicine (Oxford University Press), the Journal of the Association of Physicians of Great Britain & Ireland.. He was appointed Professor of Clinical Medicine at Trinity College Dublin in January 2015 and has established a National Pulmonary Fibrosis Centre at Tallaght Hospital.

Professor Donnely is Principal Investigator at the Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute (TBSI) and at the Meath Foundation Clinical Research Laboratory, Trinity Centre, Tallaght Hospital. He is a renowned inflammatory cell and molecular biologist and his research group specifically focuses on the regulation of the inflammatory response particularly when it becomes dysregulated and predisposes to chronic disease such as heart disease, cancer, diabetes and chronic

airways diseases such as asthma & COPD. He is very cogniscent of his role of mentoring the next generation of medical academic leaders through education, postgraduate research and career development.

He has played a national lead in placing the patient at the centre of national clinical and research priorities through his longstanding membership of the Board of Irish Platform for Patients Organisations, Science & Industry (IPPOSI) and being Medical Director for national charities including the Irish Lung Foundation and iSARC – Irish Sarcoidosis Support Network.

He is currently Vice Chairman and Board member of Basketball Ireland. He has coached basketball at club, regional and international level. He is President of the Trinity Basketball Club and has been instrumental in founding the Trinity – BEST Programme – “Basketball, Education Strategy for Trinity”. This is a Trinity community Basketball primary school outreach programme whose principal aims are to raise self esteem and the aspirations of young people to allow them fulfill their potential through Basketball & Education. Partnering with the Trinity Access Programme (TAP) the community basketball programme now incorporates homework clubs and mentoring for young inner-city children.

Professor Donnelly lives near Ashford in County Wicklow with his wife Martina and daughter Paige.

