Trinity Innovation Awards 2018 – Celebrating Innovative Research

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Leading researchers and inventors were acknowledged for their innovative research and entrepreneurship at the Trinity Innovation Awards 2018 special awards ceremony, and Professor of Neurology Orla Hardiman from the School of Medicine was presented with one of the prestigious Societal Impact awards.

Professor Hardiman is a world leader in research in Motor Neuron Disease (MND). She is founder of the Academic Unit of Neurology, and is the first Professor of Neurology at Trinity College Dublin. She leads a large multidisciplinary research group in of 35 individuals, working on genomics, epidemiology, biomarker development and clinical trial design in neurodegeneration, with specific emphasis on motor neuron disease and related conditions. She has raised over €14 million in research funds since her appointment to TCD. Her work is funded by the Health Research Board, Science Foundation Ireland, and a number of philanthropic organizations. She is one of three PIs from TCD that form part of the SFI Future Neuro Centre. She has a long and distinguished track record in public outreach, including regular appearances on radio and television as a researcher and commentator, and as a key contributor to a number of high profile documentaries including Slainne agus Easlainnte (TG4 2010), The Inside Track with Colm Murray (RTE 2011), My Broken Brain (RTE 2018) and Walking the Walk with Fr. Tony Coote (RTE 2018). She was Academic Director of the Trinity Biomedical Science Institute (2015-18) and has recently been appointed as Clinical Lead of the National Clinical Programme for Neurology.