


9.00 - 9.40	Welcome, registration desk, tea and coffee <i>Turning Technologies smartphone app download</i>
9:40 - 10.00 9.40 – 9.50 9.50 – 10.00	Welcome by AIT Conference organizer's: Dr. Therese Montgomery & Dr. AnneMaire O'Brien Opening Address AIT president Professor Ciarán Ó Catháin National Conference launch & Opening Ceremony streamed live through AIT Facebook to DIT and WIT: Minister Kevin Boxer Moran 9.50 am – 10.00 am
Session 1 10.00 -12.10 10.00 - 10:40	Chair: Dr. Cormac Quigley, GMIT Invited Guest Lecture: Helen Hamilton,  Abbott Abbot, Longford. <i>From academia to research to industry: the truth I would have told myself</i>
Student Presentations: 10:40 - 10:55	<i>Scanitive - Simplifying Nutritional Information for the General Public.</i> Ryan Gordon and John Healy. GMIT
10.55 - 11.10	<i>Assessment of Weight Gain and Other Clinical Parameters in Patients Admitted to Sligo University Hospital and Treated According to MARSIPAN protocol from 2014 to 2017.</i> Ciara A O'Meara and Laura Keaver. IT Sligo
11:10 - 11.25	<i>Investigation of the Bio-activity of Hyaluronic Acid vs. Hot Melt Extruded Hyaluronic Acid in Neuronal Cultures.</i> Ciara M Buckley, Ian Major and Therese Montgomery. AIT
11.25 - 11.40	<i>Optimisation of a Minimum Inhibitory Concentration Assay to Investigate the Functional Activity of Antimicrobial Peptides.</i> Lisa Anderson, Joan O'Keeffe and Orla Slattery. GMIT.

11.40 - 11.55	<i>Investigation of the Presence of Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products (PPCP) in Treated Wastewater Samples from a Wastewater Treatment Plant in Sligo.</i> Lucy Maidment and Fiona McArdle. IT Sligo.
11.55 - 12.10	<i>Novel Iron Delivery Systems.</i> Michael Greene, Patricia Heavey and Clem Higginbotham. AIT.
12.10 - 13.15	Poster Session & lunch break Buffet sandwiches, tea and coffee available Reminder to vote for best poster
Session 2 13:15 – 14.30 13:15 - 13:45	Chair: Laura Keaver, IT Sligo Invited Guest Lecture:  Dr. Barbara Cooper, Jazz Pharmaceuticals: Preparation for a Career in Industry
Student presentations: 13.45 – 14.00	<i>The Effect of a Supervised Exercise Programme (MedEx) on Health and Well-being Measures.</i> Sarah Roughan and Edwenia O'Malley. IT Sligo.
14.00 – 14.15	<i>Ovar-DQA1 Null Allele Frequency and Nematode Resistance in Texel and Suffolk Sheep.</i> Niamh Higgins, Orla Keane and Michael Mullen. AIT.
14.15 – 14.30	<i>Novel Technologies and Optimized Formulation for Delivery of Solid Dispersion of BCS Class II Drugs.</i> Lawrence Yee Foong Ng and Clem Higginbotham. AIT.
Presentation review 14.30 – 14.40	Chair: Dr. Therese Montgomery, Dr. AnneMaire O'Brien A short overview of student presentations. Vote for best oral presentation
14.40 – 15.00	Short break/poster viewing

<p>15.00 – 15.15 pm</p>     	<p>Poster and oral presentation Awards ceremony</p> <p>Chair: Dr. AnneMaire O’Brien, Dr. Therese Montgomery</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Joseph Ryan, CEO, THEA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Abbott Best Oral Presentation (SURE Network judging committee) Enterprise Ireland Best Scientific Poster (SURE Network judging committee) Turning Technologies Best Science Communicator (APA – oral presentations) Irish Society of Toxicology Best Poster (Audience Participation Award (APA)) <p><i>Audience feedback survey</i></p>
<p>Career Development Session</p> <p>15.15 – 16.00 pm</p> <p>A career in Research: Student workshop</p>	<p>Chair: Dr. Nicolas Touzet, IT Sligo</p> <p>Postgraduate research experience – stories from the front line!</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Caitriona KIELTY, Bioscience Research Institute (BRI), AIT. Mr. Stephen McGirr, Strategic Research Centre (CERIS), IT Sligo. Ms. Kerrie Ní Dhufaigh, Marine and Freshwater Research Centre (MFRC) GMIT.

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