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Friday, 23 October 2026 · ATU Sligo

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Time	Session	Location
09:15–10:00	Check-in, Tea & Coffee	Concourse
10:00–10:30	**Welcome & Opening Addresses** *Welcome: Dr Eva Campion, Conference Chair* *Opening Addresses: Minister Marian Harkin & Dr Orla Flynn, President, ATU*	AbbVie Auditorium
Session Chair: Paul Nolan (10:30–11:35)		
10:30–10:50	**Keynote Address** *Dr Eithne Davis, Programme Manager, EU LIFE Machair Project*	AbbVie Auditorium
10:50–11:35	**Oral Presentations Session 1** **Conall Bonner-ATU Sligo** *Distribution, Drivers and Management Implications of Riparian Invasive Alien Plant Species in the Ballisodare Catchment* **Jade Molloy-TUS** *Comparative evaluation of the antioxidant potential and anticholinesterase activity of edible medicinal mushrooms Hericium erinaceus (Lion's mane) and Inonotus obliquus (Chaga)* **Max Mullally- ATU Sligo** *A Sex Comparison of Absolute and Relative Strength and H:Q Ratio in Student Athletes* **Weronika Sobiesiak-DCU** *The Chemical Signatures of a Changing Sea: A Lipid Biomarker Reconstruction of Holocene Marine Environments in the Irish Sea*	AbbVie Auditorium
	Transition to Spotlight Rooms	
11:40–12:05	**Research Spotlight Session 1:** *Parallel sessions in two rooms* **Hume Hall:** Health & Life Sciences- Chair: Dr Anne-Marie Larkin **AbbVie Auditorium:** Biomedical Science & Biotechnology- Chair: Dr Ruth Quinn	Hume Hall AbbVie Auditorium
12:05–12:50	**Lunch, Poster Viewing & Judging** *Poster presenters: please stand beside your posters during judging.*	Concourse
	Transition to AbbVie Auditorium	

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Session Chair: Dr Lisa Cronin (13:00–14:15)		
13:00-13:35	**Oral Presentations Session 2** **Trinity Villaruel–ATU Galway** *EchoChamber: A Multi-Account Platform for Analysing Algorithmic Personalisation and Political Content on X* **Mooney Gaulyte–TUD** *Evaluating Low-Concentrated Luminescent Solar Concentrators as Windows for Daylighting and PV Power Generation as BIPV Prototypes* **Reese Dunne Sharkey–DKIT** *Evaluation of Orai Modulator IA65 and the Role of Orai1-Mediated Store-Operated Calcium Entry in ICC-Driven Murine Colonic Smooth Muscle Activity*	AbbVie Auditorium
13:35-13:45	**Oral Presentation Highlights & Audience Vote** *Dr Margaret McCallig*	AbbVie Auditorium
13:45-14:05	**Keynote Address** *Evelyn O'Toole, Founder & CEO, Complete Laboratory Solutions (CLS)*	AbbVie Auditorium
14:05–14:10	**Understanding the supports available to you** *A brief talk by Grace Latham* *Student Entrepreneurship Officer, ATU*	AbbVie Auditorium
14:10-14:15	**Your Research, Out in the World: Making your research visible, discoverable and useful** *Dr Johanna Archbold, Head Librarian, ATU*	AbbVie Auditorium
Transition to Spotlight Rooms		
14:20–14:45	**Research Spotlight Session 2:** *Parallel sessions in two rooms* **Hume Hall:** Environment & Health -Chair: Dr Anne-Marie Larkin **AbbVie Auditorium:** Food & Applied Science- Chair: Dr Eamon Laird	Hume Hall AbbVie Auditorium
Transition to AbbVie Auditorium		
Postgraduate Panel, Awards & Closing		
14:50–15:15	**Postgraduate Research Journeys: What Is Doing a PhD Really Like?** Session Chair: Dr James Blee	AbbVie Auditorium
15:15–15:30	**Awards Presentation** *Announced by Dr Owen Kenny* *Presented by Dr Eva Campion and Dr Johanna Archbold* **Closing Address** *Dr Therese Montgomery, Chair, SURE Network*	AbbVie Auditorium

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