

The 34th IAFA Annual Conference and Doctoral Colloquium was hosted by Maynooth University on 8th-10th June 2022. There was a great sense of happiness and camaraderie to be back in person after two years.

The conference was organised by Dr Hilary Qualter, Maynooth University and was opened by Professor Peter McNamara, Head of Maynooth University School of Business.

The main conference was preceded by the Doctoral Colloquium on 8th June 2022, chaired by Professor Joan Ballantine, University of Ulster. Over 40 delegates attended this event which provided an opportunity for both current and prospective doctoral students to learn more about the research process, research methodologies and publishing academic work. In total, 16 current doctoral students presented their work and received feedback from experienced academics, who gave generously of their time for this event.

There were two keynote speakers at the IAFA Doctoral Colloquium this year.



Professor Ingrid Jeacle, University of Edinburgh presented on the topic of “Netnography Research and Publishing Tips.”

Professor Ingrid Jeacle

Professor Beatriz García Osma, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid gave “Advice on Publishing/Negotiating the Publishing Process in Accounting Journals”



Professor Beatriz García Osma

Over 100 delegates attended the conference on 9th- 10 June. The keynote conference address was given by Professor Mark Clatworthy, University of Bristol, President-elect of the European Accounting Association (EAA). The title of his talk was “Are Intangibles making accounting irrelevant?”



Professor Mark Clatworthy

During the conference, 36 research papers were presented by academics on many areas of accounting and finance including accounting education, AI, board reporting, financial risk, governance, pensions, performance management and sustainability. The presentations were insightful, stimulating and well received.

The “meet the editors’ session” was another highlight of the conference this year. A panel of editors introduced their publications, gave advice on how to write papers for successful publication, and highlighted common pitfalls to avoid. The panel consisted of:

- Professor Sheila O’Donohoe Co-Editor of the Accounting Finance and Governance Review
- Professor Greg Stoner Editor of Accounting Education
- Professor Mark Clatworthy Joint Editor of Accounting and Business Research

The conference dinner took place at the Glenroyal Hotel on Thursday evening. The Doctoral Colloquium Funding Awards, in association with Chartered Accountants Ireland Educational Trust were presented to:

- Aodhdín Casey, Lecturer in Maynooth University and doctoral candidate at Dublin City University
- Michelle Gleeson, Lecturer in University College Cork and doctoral candidate South East Technological University
- Tara Fennelly, Masters by Research candidate at South East Technological University
- Niamh Lynch, Doctoral candidate at Trinity College Dublin

Aodhdín Casey and Michelle Gleeson were also awarded the IAFA’s European Accounting Association PhD Forum Scholarship.



Pictured L-R: Aodhdín Casey, Award Winner, (Maynooth University), Dr Collette Kirwan, Chair of the IAFA, (South East Technological University), Professor Joan Ballantine, Doctoral Colloquium Chair, (University of Ulster), and Tara Fennelly, Award Winner, (South East Technological University).

Speaking after the Conference, Dr Hilary Qualter noted:

“It was fantastic for Maynooth University to host the Irish Accounting and Finance Association 2022 Doctoral Colloquium and Annual Conference for the first time. There was great excitement in meeting both new and familiar colleagues again in person. Over the three days the strength and depth of accounting and finance research was very evident both from doctoral candidates and experienced academics.

I was delighted to play a small part in such a successful event, made special by the IAFA community itself!”