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## **Election of Members to the Medical Scientists Registration Board at CORU**

**Candidate:** Abigail Salmon

**Registration No:** MS044828

**County of Practice:** Dublin 4

**Nominated in Category:** Registrant engaged in the practice of the profession

### **Personal Statement/ Biography:**

Abigail graduated from University College Dublin (UCD) in 2003 with a BSc (Hons) in Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics. She entered the medical scientist profession through the Post Graduate Trainee Grade specialising in Gynae Cytology and worked as a medical scientist in Cytology in St. Luke's Hospital Rathgar. Here, she completed her MSc in Molecular Pathology (DIT/TCD). In 2008, upon closure of cytology labs, she was redeployed to the microbiology lab in St. Vincent's University Hospital where she developed a wide interest in microbiology specialities including molecular microbiology and antimicrobial susceptibility testing. She was promoted to Senior Medical Scientist in 2010 and became Quality Facilitator for the department, developing her interest in quality and patient safety. Abigail completed her MSc in Healthcare Management (Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland) in 2015 and became Chief Medical Scientist in microbiology in 2018. She is a fellow of the Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine (ACSLM) and also holds a Prince 2 qualification in Project Management.

Abigail has a wealth of experience in change management due to the amalgamation of several microbiology labs from surrounding hospitals to SVUH, along with the many changes in testing practices in microbiology over the past 14 years. Recent achievements include leading the implementation of a molecular microbiology lab within the department during the Covid pandemic and she is presently navigating the department's transition to ordercomms from paper based requests. She is also focused on encouraging a healthy work-life balance amongst the medical scientists in her department in order to prevent burn-out due the strain of the staff shortages in the laboratory.

She has supervised many BSc and MSc projects and is additionally involved in the training of Microbiology and ID registrars within the laboratory. She has a wide range of clinical microbiology interests and is dedicated to the quality and risk management of patients.



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**Candidate:** Anne Clooney

**Registration No:** MD038605

**County of Practice:** Dublin 9

**Nominated in Category:** Registrant engaged in the practice of the profession

**Personal Statement/ Biography:**

Anne Clooney is a medical scientist with over 24 years' experience in diagnostic laboratories, 21 of which have been at Senior or Chief grade.

Following qualifying with a BSc/Diploma in Biomedical Science from Dublin Institute of Technology Kevin St in 1995, Anne undertook an MSc by research in the Immunology Department, St. James's Hospital. She worked as a Basic Grade & Senior Medical Scientist in St. James's from 1998 to 2011. She then moved to the Immunology Department, Beaumont Hospital as Chief Medical Scientist in 2011 where she has overall responsibility for the department.

Anne is an active member of the medical science profession having been involved in numerous roles with the Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine (ACSLM), the professional body for medical scientists. As a Council member for 4 years she was joint chair & member of the ACSLM Organisation Committee. She served on the ACSLM Membership Committee for a total of five years & was Chairperson for three of these years. She was previously a member of the Immunology Advisory Body & is currently a member of the Management, Quality, IT and Safety Advisory Body.

Anne has been trained as an assessor for the CORU Medical Scientist Registration Board. She has also acted as the medical scientist practitioner representative on the review team for medical science courses for CORU.



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**Candidate:** Padmaja Naik

**Registration No:** MS039670

**County of Practice:** Dublin 8

**Nominated in Category:** Registrant engaged in the practice of the profession

**Personal Statement/ Biography:**

Padmaja is a senior medical scientist in Cytopathology Department in Coombe Hospital, Dublin. Padmaja has a degree in Microbiology and a Masters in Applied Biology. Trained and experienced in cytopathology, Padmaja worked in one of the largest cancer hospitals in Mumbai, India. Padmaja moved to Ireland in 2002 and worked as a medical scientist and then as a senior medical scientist in National Maternity Hospital, Dublin. Padmaja holds a fellowship of Academy of Clinical Sciences and Laboratory Medicine and a Membership of British Association for Cytopathology.

Padmaja completed a Diploma in Training and Education - Career Development Medical Scientist-National University Ireland, Galway/ACSLM, Ireland- 2005. She also completed Diploma in Management from Irish Business and Employers Confederation (IBEC) /DIT in 2017.

Padmaja's other professional qualifications include a Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology, a Diploma in Cytotechnology and an IBMS Higher Specialist Diploma in Cytopathology.

Padmaja carries out her senior medical scientist responsibilities along with her day-to-day scientific work and participates in research work. Padmaja is involved in audit of practice, laboratory internal audits and multidisciplinary team approach which plays very important role in patient care. Padmaja's international experience and successful integration in Ireland can contribute to changing the landscape of medical laboratory science in Ireland.



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**Candidate:** William Robertson

**Registration No:** MS047951

**County of Practice:** Dublin 7

**Nominated in Category:** Registrant engaged in the management of services provided by the profession

**Personal Statement/ Biography:**

William has over 25 years' experience as a medical scientist, of which over three quarters working in senior positions. Wil is currently the Cellular Pathology Services Manager in the Pathology Directorate of the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital. Prior to this Wil was a Specialist Medical Scientist and LIMS administrator in the Pathology Department of Mount Carmel Hospital. Wil has worked as a Senior Medical Scientist and Medical Scientist in several Dublin hospitals in both the public and private sector.

Wil is currently the Deputy Chair on the Board of UKNEQAS CPT, and is also a Fellow of the Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine (ACSLM), and previously served for many years on the Cellular Pathology Advisory Body both as a member and then Chair. He has a BSc in Biomedical Science, an MSc in Molecular Pathology, a Diploma in Management and is currently working towards achieving a Prof. Cert. in Process Improvement in Health Systems.

Wil has worked with laboratory and other healthcare standards such as the Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB), the National Quality Assurance Intelligence System (NQAIS), the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) and Joint Commission International (JCI). Wil also maintains a keen interest in medical research



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**Candidate:** Martina Ring

**Registration No:** MS042930

**County of Practice:** Dublin 8

**Nominated in Category:** Registrant engaged in the management of services provided by the profession

**Personal Statement/ Biography:**

Martina Ring started her career following graduation in the first class to obtain a Diploma in Biomedical Science from DIT, Kevin St and a BSc in Applied Science from Trinity College Dublin in 1992. Martina spent two years as a locum in numerous Dublin Hospital Pathology Departments before going to England to be trained in Cervical Cytology screening.

Returning to Ireland for a post in cervical screening in the Cytology department of the Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital, Martina also joined the multi-discipline on call service of the hospital. With the introduction of the monolayer technology for cytology in the Coombe, Martina completed an MSC by Research on the introduction of this new technology, and was also a guest Cytology lecturer in DIT, Kevin St for the Medical Laboratory Scientist course, and a member of the Cellular Pathology Advisory Group of the Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine (ACSLM).

Four years of screening was then followed by an in-charge role of Histology as a Senior Medical Scientist. Since her appointment to the Laboratory Managers post in the Coombe in 2006, Martina has led a dynamic scientific staff within a Pathology Department, obtaining ISO 15189 in all departments and POCT service, encouraging further education & research, and completed an MA Healthcare Management from the IPA (NUI).

Martina is a key member of the hospital team who are establishing the National Cervical Screening Laboratory on the Coombe Campus, and would bring this knowledge and experience to the CORU board in a management capacity.



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**Candidate:** Louise Breslin

**Registration No:** MS047331

**County of Practice:** Dublin 8

**Nominated in Category:** Registrant engaged in the education and training of persons in the practice of the profession

**Personal Statement/ Biography:**

Louise Breslin is a Senior Medical Scientist and the Education and Training Officer at the Irish Blood Transfusion Service (IBTS).

Louise's work involves coordinating on-site professional practice placement in the National Blood Centre for Medical Science students from TU Dublin, ATU and MTU. She is currently leading a large five-year education and cross-training project in the National Donor Screening Laboratory (NDSL) which will enable the three donor testing laboratories (NAT, Virology and Donor Grouping) to operate as one department. She also coordinates the Medical Higher Specialist Training Placements for Specialist Registrars (accredited by the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland) at the IBTS.

Previously Louise held a Medical Scientist role in the Molecular Biology and Genetics Laboratory in the IBTS for 15 years where she specialised in both molecular and serological HLA and Platelet techniques.

Louise is passionate about continuous learning and enjoys motivating others to develop to their fullest potential.



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**Candidate:** Mary McGrath

**Registration No:** MS047370

**County of Practice:** Galway

**Nominated in Category:** Registrant engaged in the education and training of persons in the practice of the profession

**Personal Statement/ Biography:**

Mary has been working in the education of medical scientists since 1997. She graduated with a BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science from University of Ulster, Coleraine in 1990 and worked as a medical scientist in University Hospital, Galway. During this time, she also worked as a practitioner educator on the BSc Medical Science programme in Atlantic Technological University (ATU previously GMIT). Mary commenced full time lecturing in 2006 and delivers modules on the BSc (Hons) Medical Science, the MSc Medical Science and the Higher Diploma in Medical Science programmes in ATU. Mary also spent time working in the clinical diagnostic industry in Ireland and the USA.

Mary holds an MSc from University College Galway and has recently completed a PhD in the area of assessment in medical science education. She has completed several Teaching and Learning CPD modules to support her current role.

As a member of the Teaching and Learning team in ATU, Mary has supported numerous colleagues in their educational research. Mary was invited to be a member of an expert collaboration group with National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, contributing to their publication on 'Assessment OF/FOR/AS Learning'. She formerly was a member of the council of the Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine (ACSLM).

Throughout her career Mary has demonstrated a strong commitment to supporting students achieve their potential and is acutely aware of the importance of professional development for those involved in student education.



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**Candidate:** Celine Herra

**Registration No:** MS047871

**County of Practice:** Dublin 8

**Nominated in Category:** Registrant engaged in the education and training of persons in the practice of the profession

**Personal Statement/ Biography:**

Celine Herra is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Biological, Health and Sports Sciences, Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin), specializing in Medical Microbiology. Celine has 35 years' experience as a practitioner, researcher and educator in Medical Science. She is the Programme Chair for TU Dublin's BSc in Medical Science programme and provides leadership in the development of Medical Science education at undergraduate and masters level. As Chair of the CORU-approved Medical Science programme, Celine has insight and knowledge of the regulatory requirements of the Medical Scientist Registration Board.

Following graduation as a Medical Scientist from Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT), Celine spent over 14 years working as a Medical Scientist in the Diagnostic Microbiology Laboratory and the Clinical Microbiology Research Department in St James's Hospital Dublin. During this time, she completed an MSc in Biomedical Science and then extended her research interest in healthcare-associated infection and antimicrobial resistance with the completion of a PhD in Medical Microbiology, awarded by Trinity College Dublin. She was subsequently employed as a Molecular Microbiologist for five years in Clinical Microbiology, St James Hospital. In 2007, Celine returned to DIT (now TU Dublin) as a Lecturer in Medical Microbiology and was appointed as a Senior Lecturer in 2016.

Celine's significant experience as a practitioner, researcher and educator in Medical Science ensures that she brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the design, development and delivery of expert education in medical science, which fosters professional graduates that contribute as practitioners, skilled scientists and researchers in the delivery of quality healthcare.