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Foreword by President of the IHNS, Prof Patrick Sheahan

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 5th annual meeting of the Irish Head and Neck Society. The IHNS is a truly multidisciplinary Head & Neck society of specialists from all disciplines involved in the care of patients with Head & Neck Cancer. Our annual meeting has grown from strength to strength since the inaugural meeting in 2022, and we are expecting our biggest and best meeting yet in 2026.

This year, we have a truly world-class program, commencing with our inaugural Thyroid meeting on Thursday. We have a total of 18 international guest speakers, all recognized as world leaders within their fields of Head & Neck Cancer and Thyroid Surgery. We are also extremely proud to have received 90 highly impressive scientific abstracts for presentation at the meeting, including 47 accepted for oral podium or oral poster presentation. A special thanks to moderators of these sessions, which allow us to showcase the outstanding head and neck research performed in Ireland and abroad.

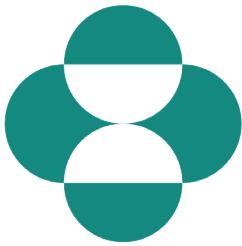
We also have a vibrant social program this year, with excellent opportunities for networking with colleagues within and across specialties, including the Networking Welcome Reception on Thursday, and the Congress Dinner on Friday.

A special thank you to our Sponsors, who have made this meeting possible. I would ask you all to please visit and interact with the sponsors during the meeting. A special thanks also to the Lyrath Hotel, Ollie O'Flanagan, Katie Murphy, Fastlane AV, Brickisred (IT), Eolas (conference app), and Compu-HIRE (e-posters).

I wish you all an enjoyable and fruitful meeting, and that you will take something back that will improve care for Head & Neck patients, who remain the core of our efforts.



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GIOVANNI SUCCO

Giovanni Succo specialises as an Otorhinolaryngologist and Surgical Oncologist. He is Full Professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, and Chair of the Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Unit at San Giovanni Bosco Hospital in Turin, Italy. He is the current President of European Head and Neck Society (EHNS), and has authored 124 peer-reviewed papers. His main research interest is in partial laryngectomies and, most recently, in mini-invasive 3D Robotic-like surgery.



NEIL SHARMA

Neil Sharma is a Consultant Head & Neck/Thyroid/Parathyroid Surgeon at University Hospital Birmingham (UHB) and Honorary Clinical Professor of Head & Neck Surgery at the University of Birmingham. He leads the thyroid cancer service at UHB and runs the regional genetic thyroid oncology clinic. He is Research Lead for the British Association of Endocrine and Thyroid Surgeons, and Chief Investigator for the NIHR funded multi-centre RABBIT trial, investigating the role of radiofrequency ablation for benign thyroid nodules.



RICARD SIMÓ

Ricard Simó is a Consultant Otorhinolaryngologist Head, Neck & Thyroid Surgeon at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital, where he provides a dedicated tertiary head & neck oncological and thyroid surgery service. He is the Surgical Thyroid Oncology Lead and the Surgical Head, Neck and Thyroid Oncology Research Co-Lead. He has published over 180 original articles, 28 chapters and UK national head, neck and thyroid cancer guidelines. He edited Springer Atlas in Head & Neck Surgery in 2024. He is the Vice-Chair of EBEORL-HNS, and Board Member of the CEORL-HNS.



**VINCENT VANDER
POORTEN**

Vincent Vander Poorten is Consultant, Full Professor & Clinical Head of Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery at the University Hospitals Leuven, Belgium. He has a specific research & clinical focus on salivary gland and thyroid surgery, endoscopic and external approaches to the anterior skull base, transoral laser micro-endoscopic surgery and, since 2010, robotic Head & Neck surgery. He is President of the Multidisciplinary Salivary Gland Society (MSGS) & Vice Chair of the International Advisory Section, American Head and Neck Society (AHNS).



ANDREAS DIETZ

Andreas Dietz is Chair of the ENT University Clinic Leipzig, Germany. He is on the Board of Directors of the European Head & Neck Society, and Conference President of ECHNO 2027. He is speaker of the board of the Innovation Centre for Computer-Assisted Surgery (ICCAS), Leipzig. He has more than 400 pub-med listed publications (h-index 58). He coordinates the German S3-Guideline for oropharyngeal and hypopharyngeal cancer. He was honoured with the DGHNO-KHC Medal of Merit, the Order of Merit of the Free State of Saxony in 2022 and the EHNS Award in 2023.



ISABEL VILASECA

Isabel Vilaseca, is a Senior Consultant at the Otorhinolaryngology Department of the Hospital Clínic of Barcelona and current Director of the Surgical Area. She is Professor at the School of Medicine of the University of Barcelona, and Group leader of the Consolidated Research Group Head and Neck Clinic. She has over 130 publications (h-Index: 33). She received the prestigious Oskar-Kleinsasser Award-Storz Prize (2023), and in 2024 she was recognised with the CoMB Professional Excellence Award in Hospital Care.



MARK E. ZAFEREO

Mark Zafereo is a Professor of Head & Neck Surgery at MD Anderson Cancer Centre in Texas, where he is Section Chief of Head & Neck Endocrine Surgery and Associate Medical Director of the Head & Neck Centre. He serves as Treasurer of the American Thyroid Association, and on the American Head & Neck Society Research and Education Foundation Board of Trustees. He leads several national multicentre clinical trials on neoadjuvant therapy followed by surgery for anaplastic and medullary thyroid cancers.



JUSTIN ROE

Justin Roe is a Consultant and Professional Lead for Speech and Language Therapy at the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust in London. He is also a senior member of the Applied Health Research Group and leads the survivorship theme for the International Centre for Recurrent Head & Neck Cancer. He established a dedicated SLT service at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust supporting the National Centre for Airway Reconstruction. He is a Professor of Practice in Speech and Swallowing Rehabilitation at ICL, and chief investigator on the NIHR-funded CONSIDER Study. He is President of the UK Swallowing Research Group.



TERRY DAY

Terry Day currently serves as the National Director of Head and Neck Oncology for the Sarah Cannon Cancer Network and provides multidisciplinary head and neck cancer care at Head and Neck Specialists of South Carolina. He serves as Chairman of the Board for the international nonprofit Head and Neck Cancer Alliance, Inc. He has been a principal investigator or co-investigator in more than 25 clinical trials, and has authored over 200 peer-reviewed publications. He remains committed to clinical outreach, participating in volunteer efforts in Haiti, Africa, and other developing healthcare settings worldwide.



GRAINNE BRADY

Grainne Brady is a Clinical Academic Speech & Language Therapist at the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust. She has authored multiple peer-reviewed and invited articles with funding support from the National Institutes of Health Research (NIHR) with support of the International Centre for Recurrent Head and Neck Cancer and the Royal Marsden Charity. She is a specialist advisor on Head and Neck Cancer to the Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists, and current Secretary for the UK Swallow Research Group (UKSRG).



RICHARD JOHN SHAW

Richard John Shaw is an Academic Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon specializing in head and neck cancer and reconstruction. He is chair of the Mersey Head & Neck Oncology Group (MHNORG), the research arm of Liverpool Head & Neck Centre, and honorary chair in OMFS in the University of Hong Kong. He specialises in oral cavity, microvascular reconstruction, osteo-radiation necrosis and premalignancy. He is past-president of the International Academy of Oral Oncology 2023-25, and was conference chair of the IAOO International in Liverpool in 2025.



HEATH D. SKINNER

Heath D. Skinner, is Professor and Claude Worthington Benedum Chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology in the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and Chief Medical Officer of the UPMC Hillman Cancer Centre Radiation Oncology Network. He is the principle investigator for the University of Pittsburgh Head & Neck SPORE, and was co-chairman on the NCI TP53 Clinical Trial Planning Committee, which produced ECOG 3222, a multi-institutional randomized trial evaluating xevinapant in resected head & neck cancer. He is also the PI of TRILOC (NCT05388773), an investigator-initiated trial of radiation de-escalation in head & neck cancer.



NANCY Y. LEE

Nancy Y. Lee is Vice Chairman of the Department of Radiation Oncology focusing on Experimental Therapeutics. She is also the Proton Service Chief, the Chief of the Head and Neck Radiation Oncology Service and the Associate Director of the Prevention Interception Program at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre. She has near 300 peer reviewed papers. Her research focuses on developing novel strategies to personalize cancer treatment with the goal to improve tumor cure and quality of life after radiation treatment for head and neck cancer where she has received several NIH R01 funding.



MARIO FERNÁNDEZ

Mario Fernández-Fernández is the current Chair of Otorhinolaryngology, Complejo Hospitalario Universitario de Vigo, Spain. He previously served as head of department of Otorhinolaryngology at the Hospital Universitario del Henares, Spain and worked as consultant for Head and Neck Surgery at MD Anderson Cancer Centre Madrid. He is the current representative for Head & Neck Surgery within the European Head Neck Society (EHNS) and coordinator of the EHNS Academy.



MIROSLAV TEDLA

Miroslav Tedla, is a Professor and Chairman of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery at the Faculty of Medicine and University Hospital of the Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia. He currently serves as President Elect of Confederation of European ORL-HNS (CEORL-HNS). He is also a Board member of European Laryngological Society and the Slovak Society of ORL- HNS. He has over 130 publications and has authored several book chapters and textbooks.



RONALD GHOSSEIN

Ronald Ghossein is the Director of Head & Neck Pathology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre (MSKCC). His research led to the reclassification of encapsulated follicular variant non-invasive papillary carcinoma as non-invasive follicular thyroid neoplasm with papillary like nuclear features. He also developed a novel definition of poorly differentiated thyroid carcinoma based exclusively on mitotic count/tumor. He published the 1st grading system for medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC). He is member of the editorial board of the last WHO classification of endocrine tumors and the main author of the 5th series AFIP fascicle on thyroid and parathyroid tumors.



SHREERANG BHIDE

Shreerang Bhide is a Consultant Clinical Oncologist and Honorary Reader at The Royal Marsden Hospital and The Institute of Cancer Research in London and Sutton. He specialises in the treatment of patients with Head and Neck cancers using advanced radiotherapy techniques such as IMRT, IGRT, Proton therapy and systemic therapies like chemotherapy and immunotherapy. He leads the research programme investigating the role of circulating HPV DNA in HPV related cancers at ICR/RMH. He has published over 90 papers in peer-reviewed journals.



EMMA HALLAM

Emma Hallam is a Macmillan Consultant Therapeutic Radiographer in Post Treatment & Late Effects at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust. In 2013 she developed and now leads the award winning Macmillan Nottingham Radiotherapy Late Effects Clinic. Emma has become an international speaker and has been pivotal in the development and education of LE services nationally, the development of cancer survivorship masters modules, education in collaborative.

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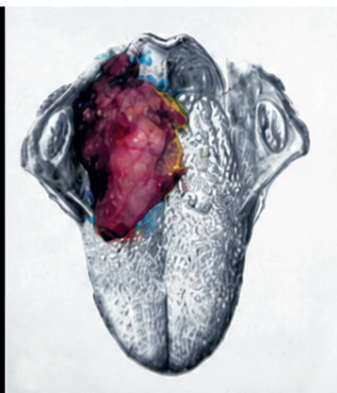
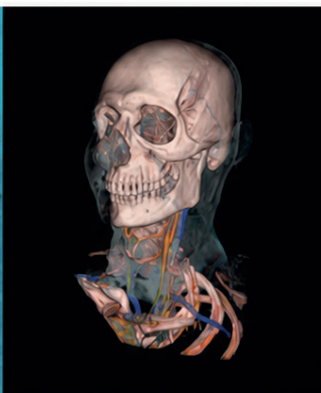
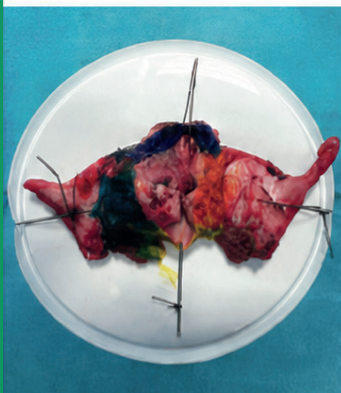
This year we are delighted to announce the generous offering presented by the European Head and Neck Society of three educational grants for young Head & Neck surgeons. These grants allow promising trainees to attend the second annual European Head and Neck Society Academy Course held in Italy in September 2026. The grants will be awarded during the IHNS 2026 Conference. The IHNS greatly thanks the EHNS for this excellent opportunity.



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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM – AT A GLANCE

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<i>15.00-15.30</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
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16.00-17.00 **IHNS Tumour Board**
Moderator: Prasad Kothari (Cork)

19.00 **Drinks Reception**
20.00 **Congress Gala Dinner**

SATURDAY 23RD MAY

9.00-9.50 **Free Papers 1**

9.50-10.30 **Session 4: Keynote Session**

9.50-10.10 Heath Skinner "Trials, Triumphs, and the Tyranny of the New:
Head and Neck Cancer in 2026"

10.10-10.30 Shreerang Bhide – "Clinical implementation of ctDNA as a biomarker in HNSCC:
Are We There Yet?"

10.30-11.15 *Coffee Break*

10.45-11.05 **E-Poster Session 2**

11.15-12.15 **Session 5: Late Treatment Effects & Management**

11.15-11.30 Emma Hallam "Management of Late Cervical Fibrosis in Head and
Neck Cancer Patients"

11.30-11.45 Miroslav Tedla "Dysphagia in Patients with Head and Neck Cancer"

11.45-12.00 Justin Roe "Chemoradiotherapy Pathway from Diagnosis to Late Effects"

12.15-13.00 **Free Papers 2**

13.15 Presentation of Prizes: Eleanor O'Sullivan (Cork)

13.20 Close of Meeting



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- 10.00-10.10 Does Intraoperative Parathyroid Hormone Monitoring Improve Surgical Success in Primary Hyperparathyroidism? A Single-Centre Experience.
Ednilson Lang, Adrinda Affendia, Ana Ionescu, Patrick Sheahan.
Dept of Otolaryngology and Head & Neck Surgery,
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital, Cork
- 10.10-10.20 The Use of ThyroSeq in Indeterminate Thyroid Nodules.
Adrinda Affendi¹, Ian McDermott², Julie McCarthy², Patrick Sheahan¹.
1. Dept of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, South Infirmary-Victoria University Hospital, Cork; 2. Dept of Histopathology, Cork University Hospital
- 10.20-10.30 Intraoperative Fluobeam Imaging for Parathyroid Preservation in Total Thyroidectomy: A Retrospective Analysis.
Áine O'Brien, Ana Ionescu, Patrick Sheahan.
Dept of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery,
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital, Cork
- 10.30-10.40 Post-Operative Hypocalcemia after Total Thyroidectomy:
A Comparison Between Graves and Non-Graves Cases.
Bevin Arthurs, Patrick Sheahan
Dept of Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery,
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- 10.40-10.50 Parathyroidectomy - Does Inappropriately Normal PTH Influence Surgical Outcomes?
A 10-year Retrospective Single Centre Cohort Study.
Rhodri Hill^{1,2}, Alix Lammie^{1,2}, Eoghan Mooney^{1,2}, James Griffin^{1,2}, Mahmoud Taha¹, Roisin Sharkey¹, Ellie Fahy¹, Cathal Moran¹, Aoife Lowery^{3,4}, Orla Young^{1,5}.
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2 Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland;
3 Dept of General Surgery, University Hospital Galway;
4 School of Medicine, Dept of Surgery, University of Galway;
5 School of Medicine, Dept of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, University of Galway
- 10.50-11.00. Impact of Systematic Post-dissection Vagal Stimulation on Surgical Strategy During thyroidectomy.
Nadia H Van Den Berg¹, James Griffin¹, Patrick Sheahan^{1,2}.
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Free Papers x6

Moderators: Killian Nugent (Cork), Conall Fitzgerald (Dublin)

8.50-9.00

Surgical outcomes in KEYNOTE-689: Neoadjuvant and Adjuvant Pembrolizumab in Resectable Locally Advanced Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma (LA HNSCC)

R. Bryan Bell¹, Ravindra Uppaluri^{2,3}, Robert I. Haddad^{2,3}, Yungan Tao⁴, Christophe Le Tourneau⁵, Nancy Y. Lee⁶, William Westra⁷, Rebecca Chernock⁸, Makoto Tahara⁹, Kevin Harrington¹⁰, Arkadiy L. Klochikhin¹¹, Coro Bescos¹², Gustavo V. Alves¹³, Brett G. M. Hughes¹⁴, Marc Oliva¹⁵, Iane P. F. Lima¹⁶, Chih-Chin Liu¹⁷, Kimberly Benjamin¹⁷, Behzad Bidadi¹⁷, Douglas Adkins¹⁸

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Presented by Grainne O'Dowd (non-CME)



- 9.00-9.06 Oncologic Outcomes of Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Head and Neck in Immunocompromised Patients: A Retrospective Cohort Study.
Danielle James¹, Khalid Munir², Eric O'Farrell¹, Jack Woods¹, Tom Moran^{1,2}, Fergal O'Duffy^{1,2,3}.
1. Dept of Otorhinolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin; 2. Dept of Otorhinolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin; 3. School of Medicine, University College Dublin
- 9.06-9.12 Biphenotypic Sinonasal Sarcoma
– Experience of the National Skull Base Cancer Centre.
Alison McHugh¹, Maria Lyons¹, Heleb Barrett², Seamus Looby³, Peter Lacy¹, Robbie Woods¹.
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- 9.12-9.18 Development of an Oesophageal Self-Dilation Pathway for Chronic Dysphagia Post Laryngectomy. Caoimhe Mulgrew¹, Sorcha McManus¹, Roisin Dunne¹, John Kinsella², Paul Lennon², David Prichard³.
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- 9.18-9.25 Discussion
- 9.25-9.31 Beyond Timing: Functional and Mechanical Predictors of Tracheoesophageal Speech and Associated Complications After Total Laryngectomy — A 14-Year Single Centre Cohort Study.
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- 9.31-9.37 'Keep Plugging Away' for RIG Patients'
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Sandra Brady¹, Laura Healy¹.

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- 9.37-9.44 ACCESS-RT: Accessible, Co-designed Care and Engagement of Services for Radiation
Therapy. Risk Factors Associated with Hospitalisation During Radiation Therapy for
Head and Neck Cancer.
Katie Allen¹, Kate Fitzgerald¹, Orla McKivitt¹, Eoin McGrath¹, Geena-Maria Barry¹,
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- 9.44-9.50 Discussion
- 9.50-10.30 Session 4: Keynote Session**
Moderators: Fergal O'Duffy (Dublin), John Gaffney (Galway)
- 9.50-10.10 Heath Skinner "Trials, Triumphs, and the Tyranny of the New: Head and Neck Cancer
in 2026"
- 10.10-10.30 Shreerang Bhide – "Clinical Implementation of ctDNA as a Biomarker in HNSCC:
Are We There Yet?"
- 10.30-11.15 Coffee Break
- 10.45-11.05 E-Poster Session 2 - Scan QR code on Page 22 for E-Poster Program.**
Moderators: Conall Fitzgerald (Dublin), Eleanor O'Sullivan (Cork)
- 11.15-12.15 Session 5: Late Treatment Effects & Management**
Moderators: Eleanor O'Sullivan (Cork), Liam Skinner (Waterford)
- 11.15-11.30 Emma Hallam
"Management of Late Cervical Fibrosis in Head and Neck Cancer Patients"
- 11.30-11.45 Miroslav Tedla "Dysphagia in Patients with Head and Neck Cancer"

- 11.45-12.00 Justin Roe “Chemoradiotherapy Pathway from Diagnosis to Late Effects”
12.00-12.15 Discussion
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Moderators: Thavakumar Subramaniam (Galway),
Colm MacEochagain (Dublin)
- 12.15-12.21 Association of Hypothyroidism with Wound Complications Post-Laryngectomy: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis.
Eoghan Kennedy, Eoin Cleere, Justin Hintze, Conall Fitzgerald.
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- 12.21-12.27 Tumour at Margin Versus within a Millimeter in Oral Cavity SCC: Comparing Two Definitions of Positive Surgical Margins: Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis.
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- 12.27-12.33 Correlation Between p16 Immunohistochemistry, RNA in-situ Hybridization for High-risk HPV Subtypes and Tumour Morphology in Oropharynx Squamous Carcinoma
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- 12.33-12.40 Discussion
- 12.40-12.46 Surgical Approach of Oropharyngeal Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC) With Transoral Robotic Surgery Versus Non-robotic Transoral Surgery and Laser.

Suliman Ali¹, Mohammed Yousif², Lakis Liloglou³, Axel Kaehne³, Sadia Khawaja², Abduraheem Mohamed², Sundus Mohamed², Ahmed Gadoura⁴, Etienne Villeneuve¹, Mohammed A. Elkrim¹.

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- 12.46-12.52 DETECT Study: Distant mETastasis Evaluation by CT in High-Risk Oropharyngeal and Oral Cavity Cancer.
Jennifer Trousdell¹, John Bruzzi², Sinead Carr¹, Martina O'Donnell¹, John Gaffney¹.
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- 12.52-12.58 Differences in Clinical Presentation and Treatment Decisions between Frail and Not-Frail Head and Neck Cancer Patients
Eoin F. Cleere, Justin M. Hintze, Gerard Sexton, James Griffin, Conrad Timon, John Kinsella, Paul Lennon, Conall Fitzgerald
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- 12.58-13.05 Discussion
- 13.15 Presentation of Prizes: Eleanor O'Sullivan (Cork)
- 13.20 Close of Meeting

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