

IEL Epilepsy Expert Day

Friday September 19, 2025, Gibson Hotel Dublin 9am-4pm

Registration now open on Eventbrite

Schedule

- 900 Opening remarks and ILAE update
Dr. Peter Widdess-Walsh, President IEL
- 910 Update from Epilepsy Ireland
Peter Murphy, CEO Epilepsy Ireland
- 915 Epilepsy nursing update
Cara Synott, Epilepsy ANP
- 0920 John Kirker lecture
How do we select new drugs for people with epilepsy?
Prof. Jacqueline French, NYU School of Medicine
(Chair Dr. Kevin Murphy, Sligo/Letterkenny)
- 1020 Break – tea/coffee and pastries
- 1045 (Chair Olivia O'Mahony)
Circadian rhythms in epilepsy: Why it matters
Dr. Cristina Reschke, RCSI
- 1115 Epilepsy Surgery case presentation. Prof Daniel Costello, CUH
- 1145 John Lynch lecture: Epilepsy in ancient leaders. Dr. David Woods, Head of Classics,
University College Cork
- 1230 Lunch
- 1330 Epigenetics in epilepsy – bridging basic science with clinical applications
Prof. Katja Kobow
Professor of molecular neuropathology, University Hospital Erlangen
(Chair: Prof David Henshall, RCSI)
- 1430 Debate – That all men of reproductive potential on epilim should discontinue epilim
due to teratogenic risks
For: Dr. Yerko Ivanovic-Barbeito, Tallaght
Against: Dr. Michael Kinney, Belfast
(Chair Dr. Ged O'Connor, Cork University Hospital)
- 1530 Prizewinner platform presentations – Chair Dr. Cristina Reschke, RCSI
Clinical research prize
Basic science prize
Student Essay prize

1600 Concluding remarks – Peter Widdess-Walsh