

# ETHICAL DILEMMAS IN A PANDEMIC

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Merrion Room, Royal Dublin Society, Dublin 4

Chair:	<i>Dermot Gleeson</i> , Chairman, Irish Council for Bioethics
9:45 - 10:00	Conference Registration
<b>10:00 - 10:05</b>	Welcome from the Chairman
10:05 - 10:20	<b>Infectious Disease Pandemics: a Scientific Overview</b> <i>Cliona O'Farrelly</i> , School of Medicine & Medical Science, UCD
10:20 - 10:25	Questions
10:25 - 10:55	<b>KEYNOTE LECTURE -</b> <b>From SARS to Bird Flu: the Canadian Experience</b> <i>Ross Upshur</i> , Univ. of Toronto, Joint Centre for Bioethics
10:55 - 11:00	Questions
11:00 - 11:15	General Discussion
11:15 - 11:30	<i>Tea and Coffee Break</i>

## Session I – ETHICAL DILEMMAS

Chair:	<i>Darina O'Flanagan</i> , Health Protection Surveillance Centre
11:30 - 11:35	Chair's introduction
11:35 - 11:55	<b>Individual Freedoms vs. Public Good</b> <i>Donncha O'Connell</i> , Faculty of Law, NUI Galway
11:55 - 12:00	Questions
12:00 - 12:20	<b>Priority Setting: the Allocation of Scarce Resources</b> <i>Marcel Verweij</i> , Ethiek Instituut, Univ. of Utrecht
12:20 - 12:25	Questions
12:25 - 12:40	General Discussion
12:40 - 13:40	<i>Lunch Break</i>

## **Session II – ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN PANDEMIC PLANNING**

- Chair: *Richard O’Kennedy*, School of Biotechnology, DCU
- 13:40 - 13:45 Chair’s introduction
- 13:45 - 14:05 **Pandemic Planning: the European Perspective**  
*Jan Semenza*, European Centre for Disease Control
- 14:05 - 14:10 Questions
- 14:10 - 14:30 **Pandemic Planning in Ireland**  
*Darina O’Flanagan*, Health Protection Surveillance Centre
- 14:30 - 14:35 Questions
- 14:35 - 14:55 **International Collaboration: Ethical Challenges**  
*Steven Thomas*, Global Health, School of Medicine, TCD
- 14:55 - 15:00 Questions
- 15:00 - 15:15 General Discussion
- 15:15 - 15:30 *Tea and Coffee Break*

## **Session III – COMMUNICATION**

- Chair: *Stephen McMahon*, Irish Patient’s Association
- 15:30 - 15:35 Chair’s introduction
- 15:35 - 15:55 **Risk Communication: Media Issues**  
*Brian Trench*, School of Communications, DCU
- 15:55 - 16:00 Questions
- 16:00 - 16:20 **Public Risk Perception**  
*Noel Sheehy*, School of Psychology, Liverpool John Moores University
- 16:20 - 16:25 Questions
- 16:25 - 16:40 General Discussion
- 16:40 - 16:45 Closing Remarks  
*Siobhán O’Sullivan*, Scientific Director, Irish Council for Bioethics