

Getting to Dublin:

By plane:

Dublin is served by one airport - Dublin International Airport: <http://www.dublinairport.com/index.asp> on the city's North Side.

There are frequent connecting buses to the city centre, including a special shuttle service which brings passengers directly to Busáras (Central Bus Station, Amiens St.).

Aircoach operate a service to Leopardstown/Sandyford/Stillorgan which passes UCD to and from Dublin Airport. Further details available at <http://www.aircoach.ie>

There is also a plentiful supply of taxis.

For further information on Dublin Airport and Flights please visit Aer Rianta.

By train:

Dublin is served by two main railway stations: Connolly and Heuston. From Connolly Station is a short walk to O'Connell Street from where the numbers 3, 10, 11B can be boarded. There are frequent connecting services from Heuston to the city centre.

For further information please visit Iarnróad Eireann (Irish Rail)

By bus - Bus Éireann:

Bus Éireann provides a nationwide bus service throughout Ireland with most major areas having a regular link to Dublin. The majority of Dublin services terminate in Busáras (Central Bus Station) from where it is a short walk to O'Connell Street for connecting buses to UCD.

Bus Éireann operates two free daily shuttle services from Belfield to Busáras. These services operate daily to Busáras, departing Belfield at 16.15 and 16.30 (Mon-Fri) during the college term and are available for holders of valid Bus Éireann tickets only. In addition to this, several services from the Greater Dublin area actually serve Belfield direct.

Please note that Bus Éireann Adult / Single tickets are now on sale in all UCD Student Union shops.

For further information please visit www.buseireann.ie

Getting to UCD: <http://www.ucd.ie/visitors.htm>

By taxi:

There are usually an adequate number of taxis in operation in the city centre at any given time. It is possible to hail a taxi from the street, but convenient taxi ranks are located outside Wynn's Hotel on Middle Abbey Street and opposite the Bank of Ireland on Dame Street. The fare to UCD is approximately 10/12 Euro, depending on traffic and the time of day.

By bus - Dublin Bus:

The numbers 3, 10, 11B, and the 17 all provide direct bus services to the Belfield campus; the number 3, 10 and 11B, 10A, 46A, 46B, 145 and 746. can be boarded at O'Connell Street. For timetable information please visit Dublin Bus and search for "University College Dublin".

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Preliminary Programme:

Venue: Health Science Building and Conway Institute, University College Dublin, Belfield campus, Dublin 4, Ireland. <http://www.ucd.ie/visitors.htm>

Thursday 13th March 2008

11:30-18:30 Registration
13:20-13:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks - **Dr. Clare O'Connor**, School of Medicine & Medical Science, University College Dublin, Ireland.

Session 1: Neuroimmunology of CNS infections

Plenary Lecture 1:

13:30-14:15 **Dr. Sieghart Sopper**, Department of Virology, University of Göttingen, Germany.
The role of microglia for the pathogenesis of HIV-induced neurological disease

14:15-15:00 Selected Oral Presentations
15:00-15:30 Coffee/Tea Break and Poster Viewing

Session 2: Signalling in Neuroinflammation

Plenary lecture 2:

15:30-16:15 **Professor Paul Moynagh**, Institute of Immunology, National University of Ireland, Maynooth, Ireland.
Molecular insights into regulation of neuroinflammation

16:15-17:00 Selected Oral Presentations

Session 3: Neuroimmunology and Ageing

Plenary lecture 3:

17:00-17:45 **Professor Marina Lynch**, Trinity College Institute of Neuroscience, Trinity College, Ireland.
The balance between pro- and anti-inflammatory cytokines, microglial activation and synaptic function

17:45-18:30 Selected Oral Presentations

For further information please visit:

http://www.ucd.ie/mniest/Neuroimm_workshop.html

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Friday 14th March 2008

Session 4: Neuroimmunoendocrinology

Plenary Lecture 4:

09:00-09:45 **Dr. Esther Sternberg**, National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health, Rockville, MD, USA.
Neuroendocrine Regulation of Immunity: Role in Susceptibility to Autoimmune, Inflammatory and Infectious Diseases

09:45-10:30 Selected Oral Presentations
10:30-11:00 Coffee/Tea Break and Poster Viewing

Session 5: Glial cells function

Plenary Lecture 5:

11:00-11:45 **Professor Helmut Kettenmann**, Max Delbrueck Center for Molecular Medicine, Neurosciences, Berlin, Germany.
Control of microglial function by transmitter receptors

11:45-12:30 Selected Oral Presentations

Special Guest UCD Conway Lecture and Seminar Series (CLASS)

12:30-13:15 **Professor Michal Schwartz**, Department of Neurobiology, The Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel.
Title: Unique role of autoimmune T cells and blood-borne monocytes in recovery from spinal cord injury

13:15-14:15 Lunch and Poster Viewing

Session 6: Autoimmune diseases and Immunoregulation in the CNS

Plenary Lecture 6

14:15-15:00 **Professor Angela Vincent**, Department of Clinical Neurology, University of Oxford, UK.
Title: Autoantibodies and the nervous system

15:00-16:30 Selected Oral Presentations
16:30-17:00 Coffee/Tea Break and Poster Viewing

Special Guest Plenary Lecture:

17:00-18:00 **Professor Hartmut Wekerle**, Max-Planck-Institute of Neurobiology, Martinsried, Germany, President of the International Society of Neuroimmunology.
Title: A long way to Tipperary: Autoimmune T cell migration into the brain

18:15-18:30 Closing Remarks - **Dr. Clare O'Connor**, School of Medicine & Medical Science, University College Dublin, Ireland.

18:30-21:00 **Wine Reception**
Health Science Building, ground floor.