

# **Assistive Technology**

## **Shaping the Future**

Dublin 2003



**European Year of People with Disabilities**

## **Ladies & Gentlemen, Céad Mile Fáilte**

On behalf of the Association for the Advancement of Assistive Technology in Europe (AAATE) we are delighted to invite you to the 7th European Conference for the Advancement of Assistive Technology, "**Shaping the Future**", Dublin, Ireland, August 31st - 3rd September 2003. The conference is timely, coinciding with the **European Year of People with Disabilities**. Consequently, it is appropriate that the focus is unambiguously placed on the users of assistive technology.

Under the theme "**New technologies**", we will explore the significant advances in technology research & development and how these can be harnessed to benefit people with disabilities. This will include an exhibition on evolving technologies, affording interesting insights into the future.

The theme "**User Centred Approach**" will look at the fundamental ways in which the EU advocate a philosophy of citizenship and governance and how this philosophy can be advanced to ensure that people with disabilities become central to the assistive technology process. We will explore "**Interdisciplinary Approaches**" which can be developed within assistive technology and the provision of services to people with disabilities.

Finally, the conference will examine ways in which practitioners and users, working together within assistive technology, can achieve best practice in the development and implementation of "**Guidelines and Standards**" across a broad spectrum.

The conference will provide a valuable opportunity for everyone involved in the field of assistive technologies - including users, researchers, service providers and equipment manufacturers - to exchange information, to update their knowledge in a rapidly developing field and to meet old friends and hopefully make some new ones.

**The Conference is being organised on a collaborative basis by:  
The Central Remedial Clinic (CRC), University College Dublin,  
and Media Lab Europe.**

**The Central Remedial Clinic** is a major national provider of assessment, therapies and other medical and non-medical services to people with disabilities throughout Ireland.

Its **Client Technical Services** department offers user-centred evaluation, information and education in assistive technology and has played a leading role in the development and provision of AT services in Ireland.

**University College Dublin (UCD)** is Ireland's largest university, with over 18,000 students. Its purpose built campus is the venue for the conference, which is conveniently located to public transports services, including Dublin airport, as well as the City Centre. UCD is also hosting the Special Olympics in June 2003 - the first time this large-scale event has been held outside the United States. New high quality state-of-the art accessible accommodation will be available on campus for this event, which will be available for the AAATE conference. UCD and CTS are long-time collaborators in a number of research projects, including the provision of Certificate and Diploma courses in assistive technology.

The third collaborator in the conference is **Media Lab Europe**, the European research partner of the MIT Media Lab in Boston, USA. Media Lab Europe is a new, Government backed project engaged in research into new areas of opportunity being opened up by new technologies. It therefore brings a fresh insight into future possibilities for people with disabilities.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to this conference. Assistive Technology has already opened up new opportunities for people with disabilities throughout Europe and in many cases it has transformed their daily lives. We hope this conference will play an important role in broadening those horizons of opportunity even further.

On behalf of the Organising Committee.

**Ger Craddock**  
**Dr. Bob Allen**  
**Co-chairpersons**

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## Scientific Programme

With over twenty topics to cover, the scientific programme will offer great opportunity for discussion and debate. It will consist of plenary and parallel sessions from leading guest speakers and invited papers delivered by delegates. During the conference there will be workshops and demonstrations.

### Topics for Papers:

- Access to the Information Society
- Assistive Technology in Education & Training
- European Infrastructure in the field of Assistive Technology
- Design for All/Universal Design
- User empowerment
- Community networks
- Augmentative & Alternative Communication
- Development of Assistive Technology for Independent Living
- Improving Quality of Assistive Technology
- Assistive Technology in the workplace
- Assistive Technology for Children
- Assistive Technology for Older Adults
- Assistive Technology for the Activity of Daily Living (ADL)
- Assistive Technology for Restoration and enhancement of Function
- Assistive Technology for Mobility
- Socio-economic evaluation
- Issues of Human/Machine Interaction
- Changes in Social Systems and Service Delivery
- Industrial competitiveness and Technology Transfer
- Education and training in Assistive Technology

### AAATE Trade/Technical Exhibition

Over sixty trade and technical exhibition stands will be situated in the O'Reilly Hall. This extensive exhibition will be a venue for suppliers and service providers to demonstrate their latest products and services. All delegates will have free access for the duration of the exhibition.

<b>Exhibition times:</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12.00pm- 17.00pm</b>
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>09.00am- 19.00pm</b>



## Venue for Conference

**University College Dublin, Belfield** is 4 km. from the centre of Dublin on the south side of the city. Within the green Belfield space are also the modern facilities that a purpose-designed campus can offer. At its heart is a lake, with the O'Reilly Hall situated at its edges. With its shops, post office, bank, restaurants, sports facilities and self contained budget accommodation, the campus has matured into a village in its own right.

### Location:

**Dublin** is renowned worldwide as a city of writers and literature, home to Joyce, Shaw and many others. As one of the oldest cities in Europe, Dublin's origins are steeped in Viking history and archaeology. Combined with the modern, which blends so elegantly with the old you are bound to find a place to suit your taste.



**Opening of AAATE Conference 2003**

**31st August 2003**

**Launch of AAATE Exhibition 2003**

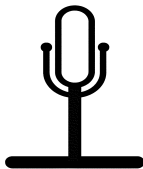
**31st August 2003**

**AAATE AGM**

**2nd September 2003**

**Finish of Conference**

**3rd September 2003**



## Plenary Speakers

**Renzo Andrich** is currently serving as President of AAATE for the biennium 2002/2003. He graduated in Electrical Engineering at Padua University, Italy, in 1979 and has been working for 21 years (1981 -2001) at the Don Gnocchi Foundation in Milano as director of the Assistive Technology Research and Information department (SIVA). Currently he is working as a consultant to the same Foundation for co-ordination of all activities related to Assistive Technology. Mr Andrich took part in several research programmes at national and European level and was project leader of the Telematics/Eustat Study. He authored several books and scientific papers, and is scientific director of the postgraduate Assistive Technology Certificate programme at the Milano Catholic University.

**Dr. Bob Allen** is an Electronic/Computer Engineer; with a primary degree from Hertfordshire University, U.K. and a Ph.D. in Computer Applications from Dublin City University. He joined the Central Remedial Clinic in 1982 from a previous position as Head of Department with Galway Regional College. He is currently Senior Manager of Assistive Technology and has been involved in a number of European projects. Dr Allen is currently acting as the Irish delegate member on the COST219 collaborative action and leads the work of the CRC in its role as National Contact Centre of the new Design for-all network EdeAN established under the recent eEurope initiative.

**Ger Craddock** is co-chair of the AAATE Conference. He graduated in Electronic Engineering in 1990 and is presently completing a PhD in Disability Studies. He has worked in the area of assistive technology since graduating, and has managed the Client Technical Services department in the Central Remedial Clinic for the past thirteen years. He has been project leader on a number of EU projects and has authored and co-authored over thirty articles in scientific books and journals. Mr Craddock is currently leading the Feleacan project, an online Assistive technology database with Comhairle and the setting up of a Re-usability Technology Centre with The Cristina Foundation and Dell computers.

**Jan Engelen** is professor at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium). He has been active in research for solutions to help persons with a reading disability to access computers and internet based information. He is the AAATE observer to the DATSCG group, a coordination body between the European standardization organisations (CEN, CENELEC & ETS) and the Commission. Mr Engelen is in charge of the special interest group (SIG) on Standardisation. He is also active within the Belgian Design for All network where he contributes to the eAccessibility initiatives.

**Gerry Ellis** is a consultant in the area of Accessibility and Usability under the name of "Feel The Benefit." He is blind and works as a Software Engineer with a major bank in Dublin. He holds a Degree in Economics from University College Dublin. Mr Ellis has been involved at a local, national and international level in organisations relating to the inclusion of people with disabilities for almost 20 years and is a member of the Universal Access Commission of the European Disability Forum. The EDF represents the estimated 37 million people with disabilities in Europe.

**Dr. Pier Luigi Emiliani** is Director of CNR (Italian National Research Council) IFAC (Institute of Applied Physics "Nello Carrara"). and President - CNR Florence Area. He has worked extensively researching the theory and applications of digital signal processing and information technology. Lecturing on signal processing at the University of Florence (Electronics Engineering Department) and Applications in telecommunications problems. Pier has managed a number of research projects including RACE Project R1066 - IPSNI, and the IST Project PALIO (2000-2003). He is co-author of over 140 technical papers published in journals, books and international conferences.

**David Gray** is an Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy and Neurology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, USA. He teaches courses in disability policy and assistive technology. He is the principal investigator on five research projects that study the influence of assistive technologies and personal assistance on the lives of people with mobility impairments. He has developed measures of participation and environmental barriers and facilitators to participation by people with mobility impairments that are compatible with the International Classification of Function, Disability and Health (ICF).

**Dr. Lizbeth Goodman**, Director SMARTlab & NYU CATlab visiting professor computer Science/CATlab. Dr. Goodman also directs studies for a group of professional new media artists registered with CSM on the SMARTlab's customised live and online practice based PhD programme. She is also a professional performer and presenter and with many years of experience in live and telematic writing, improvisation, performance and direction. Dr Goodman

has recently won commissions to create a new style of empowering online and live performance game. She is currently consulting with the Central Remedial Clinic and Media Lab on the Feleacan project.

**Bill Haneman** is the architect and engineering head of the GNOME Accessibility Project, an effort which is building a freely-redistributable, fully accessible graphical computing environment for the Linux, Unix, and other operating systems. Mr Haneman is a member of the non-profit GNOME Foundation's Board of Directors and is the architect of that project's "Assistive Technology Service Provider Interface" (AT-SPI). He is also co-maintainer of GOK, this year's winner of the Trophe/es Du Libre award in the Accessibility category, and a contributor to Gnopernicus, this years' runner-up. He works for Sun Microsystems in Dublin, Ireland.

**Yvette Marrin**, Ph.D. is the President and co-founder (with Bruce McMahan, Ph.D) of the National Cristina Foundation. Founded in 1984 in the United States, National Cristina Foundation's mission is to provide previously used computer technology and solutions to give people with disabilities, students at risk, and economically disadvantaged persons the opportunity, through training, to lead more independent and productive lives. The Foundation works with thousands of organizations in all 50 U. S. states and also internationally and is in the process of establishing a centre in Ireland in collaboration with the CRC. Millions of people have benefited from its work in support of the development of human potential.

**Dr. Donal McAnaney**, From a background in economics and politics, Donal specialised in the fields of education and psychology. From 1973 to 1983 his main professional interests were in the areas of assessment, diagnosis and treatment of dyslexia. From 1983 to the present he has worked in the field of social & vocational rehabilitation. Dr McAnaney is currently Director of Research & Innovation for the Rehab Group with responsibility for activities in both Ireland and the UK. He also holds a dual appointment as Research Associate in the Centre for Disability Studies in University College Dublin.

**Dr. Gary Mc Darby** is presently principal investigator of the MindGames group in Media Lab Europe - the European partner of MIT Media Lab. He has a background in biomedical engineering and signal processing and leads a multi disciplinary research team combining the disciplines of psychology, computer science, biomedical engineering, hardware design, graphics design, music composition and gameplay. He is currently consulting with the Central Remedial clinic on the Feleacan Project. He was born in Ireland and has traveled extensively.

**Adolf Ratzka, PhD**, German national, since 1973 based in Sweden. User of electric wheelchair, ventilator and personal assistance since 1961, he heads the Independent Living Institute in Stockholm, and is a former research economist at the Royal Institute of Technology in the area of de-institutionalization and cost-benefit analysis of barrier-free construction. He was instrumental in bringing about the Swedish direct payments scheme for personal assistance, and a founding chair of the European Network on Independent Living. Dr Ratzka took his academic studies in the US.

**Mary Van Lieshout** is Head of Research and Standards Development at the National Disability Authority. Previously she has worked as Service Planner for Disability Services with the Eastern Regional Health Authority. She has a B.Sc. in Nutrition and Food Science, and an M.Sc. in Community Health from Trinity College Dublin. From 1998 - 2001 she was Health Promotion Director with the former Eastern Health Board. From 1982 - 1986 she worked as a community nutritionist in Zimbabwe and from 1989 - 1998 she worked as Policy Manager with Oxfam Ireland.

**Prof. Dr. W.J.A. van den Heuvel**, Director of IRV (Institute for Rehabilitation Research) in Hoensbroek, the Netherlands, Professor in Rehabilitation and Handicap University Maastricht, and Scientific Director of Care, of Ficer Academy Medal University of Groningen/NL, 2000 & 2001. He has conducted research in various health related topics including rehabilitation, client participation and satisfaction in health care, and has lectured on health care reforms in Europe. He has published extensively in books and journals.



# Programme of Events

## Saturday 30th August 2003

14.00 - 20.00                      Registration                      Students Centre

## Sunday 31st August 2003

08.00 - 17.00                      Registration                      Students Centre

09.00 - 09.45                      **Opening Ceremony**

09.45 - 10.15                      **Presidential Address**

Mr. Renzo Andrich  
AAATE, Europe

10.15 - 10.30                      **Coffee/Tea**                      **Students Centre**

10.30 - 12.00                      **1st Plenary Session**                      **Students Centre**

### ***Shaping the Future***

Harry Knops (Netherlands)  
Vice President AAATE

Paivi Tahkokallio (Finland)  
European Institute  
of Disability & Design

Gerry Ellis (Ireland)  
European Disability Forum

12.00 - 13.00                      **Launch of Trade Exhibition**                      **O'Reilly Hall**

13.00 - 14.00                      **Lunch**                      **O'Reilly Hall**

14.00 - 15.30                      **2nd Plenary Session**                      **Students Centre**

### **Standards in Information & Computer Technology**

#### ***Disability Standards***

Mary Van Lieshout  
Head of Research & Standards  
National Disability Authority  
of Ireland

***Driving European Policy  
at a National Level***

Dr. Bob Allen (Ireland)  
Senior Manager,  
Assistive Technology  
Central Remedial Clinic

***Crossing the ICT gap  
for People with Disabilities***

Dr Yvette Marrin (UK)  
Comptia

***The next hot item  
for assistive technology  
and design for all:  
standardisation***

Professor Jan Engelen (Belguim)  
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

15.30 - 16.00

Coffee/Tea

O'Reilly Hall

16.00 - 17.30

Parallel Sessions

Veterinary Building

## **Monday 1st September 2003**

09.00 - 10.30

3rd Plenary Session

Students Centre

**User Centred Approaches  
to Assistive Technology**

***From patient to customer,  
direct payments  
for assistive technology***

Adolf Ratzka (Sweden)  
Co-founder of  
the European Network  
for Independent Living

***Critical Criteria  
for User Centred Approaches***

Dr. Donal McAnaney (Ireland)  
Director, of Research  
& Innovation, Rehab International

Ger Craddock (Ireland)  
Manager, Client Technical Services  
Central Remedial Clinic

10.30 - 11.00	Coffee/Tea	O'Reilly Hall
11.00 - 12.30	Parallel Sessions	Veterinary Building
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch	O'Reilly Hall
13.30 - 15.00	Parallel Sessions	Veterinary Building
15.00 - 15.30	Coffee/Tea	O'Reilly Hall
15.30 - 17.00	Parallel Session	Veterinary Building

## Tuesday 2nd September 2003

9.00 - 10.30	4th Plenary Session	Students Centre
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### Interdisciplinary Practice

#### *Delivery Assistive Technology in the Community:*

#### **An Interdisciplinary Approach**

David Gray (USA)

Associate Professor of Neurology  
and Associate Professor  
of Occupational Therapy  
at Washington University School  
of Medicine in St Louis, Missouri.

#### *Trends in Software Accessibility*

Bill Haneman (Ireland)  
The GNOME Foundation  
Sun Microsystems

#### *Interdisciplinary Practice in Rehabilitation*

Prof. Wim Van Heuvel (Netherlands)  
Director of IRV

10.30 - 11.00	Coffee/Tea	O'Reilly Hall
11.00 - 12.30	Parallel Sessions	Veterinary Building
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch	O'Reilly Hall
13.30 - 15.00	Parallel Sessions	Veterinary Building
15.00 - 15.30	Coffee/Tea	O'Reilly Hall
15.30 - 17.00	Parallel Sessions	Veterinary Building

# Wednesday 3rd September 2003

09.00 - 10.30

5th Plenary Session

Student's Centre

## **eInclusion**

### ***Emerging Perspectives in AT***

Mr. Per Blixt DG-INFOS  
European Commission, Head of Unit,  
"Elderly and Persons with Disability"

### ***Project Developments in the E.U.***

Mr. Gunner Fagerberg  
European Commission  
Principal Scientific Officer,  
"Elderly and Persons with Disability"

### ***Access to AT in the E.U.***

Mr. Frank Marx  
Project Manager,  
DG Employment & Social Affairs

10.30 - 11.00

Coffee/Tea

Student's Centre

11.00 - 12.30

6th Plenary Session

Student's Centre

## **New Technologies**

### ***Affective Feedback: Building Machines that Reflect their 'affect' to the User'***

Dr Gary McDarby  
Media Lab Europe

### ***Youth Culture and New Technologies***

Dr Lizbeth Goodman  
SmartLab (UK)

### ***Information Technology, Telecommunications, New Media and Disability: Future Trends***

Pier Luigi Emiliani  
Director- CNR  
(Italian National Research Council)  
IFAC (Institute of Applied Physics).



## Registration Details

### Registration Costs of AAATE 2003:

Registration (AAATE Member)	before 31st May 2003	€465.00
Registration (Non-Member)	before 31st May 2003	€495.00
Registration (AAATE Member)	after 31st May 2003	€495.00
Registration (Non-Member)	after 31st May 2003	€525.00
Accompanying persons €120.00		

**A restricted number of places with reduced registration fees is provided for people with disabilities and students.**

Please return the completed registration form in this booklet by fax, mail or e-mail, to:

**AAATE 03 Registration Office, 8 Main Street, Finglas, Dublin 11, Ireland.**

**Tel: +353 1 836 1611, Fax: +353 1 836 1724. Email: [info@wtg.ie](mailto:info@wtg.ie)**

***or alternatively***, please fill out the online registration form on:-

**[www.atireland.ie/aaate](http://www.atireland.ie/aaate)**

***The registration is considered valid only at the time of receipt of payment.***

### Registered Delegates Entitlements:

The Official Opening, the Civic Reception followed by an Irish Evening, the State Reception and the Conference Banquet. Attend all Scientific sessions and receive the official documentation, including Final Programme and Proceedings, Morning Coffee and Afternoon Tea during the Conference and Lunch from Sunday to Wednesday, plus free entrance to the Trade Exhibition.

### Payment of Registration:

**Completed Registration/Accommodation Booking Forms** should be returned by post, with full payment of Registration Fee, and full payment of selected accommodation Payment which must be made in Euro, may be made by Bankers' Draft drawn on an Irish Bank and made payable to AAATE 2003 and must reach the Registration Office, net of all bank charges.



**Credit Card Payments:** May be made by either Visa or Mastercard/Access. American Express is not accepted. Please ensure that Card Number and Expiry Date are included on the Registration Form.



**Application forms can be downloaded at: [www.atireland.ie/aaate](http://www.atireland.ie/aaate)**

**Please note cancellations details:**

**Refunds on Registration/Accommodation are applicable as follows:-**

Before, 30th/May/2003:	Full Refund
30th/May/2003 - 1st/July/2003:	75% refund of Registration Fee and Accommodation
After, 1st/July/2003:	No refund



**Cancellation** must be received in **writing** by the Registration Office by the dates specified. Credit cannot be given for unused service, unattended events or early termination of attendance.



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**Registration & Information Bureau at the Conference  
will be located at the Student Centre in UCD**

**Hours of opening:**

Saturday: 30th August 2003.	14.00- 20.00
Sunday-Tuesday: 31st - 2nd September 2003.	08.00- 17.00
Wednesday: 3rd September 2003.	08.00- 13.00

**An information Booth for General Enquiries  
will be located in the Quinn Business School**

**At the Registration and Information desk in Student Centre:**

Delegates will receive a Conference Satchel, Conference identification badge, Invitations, Conference Programme, Book of Papers and useful tourist information.

**Certificates of Attendance:**

Certificates of Attendance will be available upon request from the Registration Desk.

**Identification Badges:**

Name Badges must be worn at all times to ensure admission to scientific programme, lunch, social programme and trade exhibition.

**Smoking Policy:**

Smoking in public buildings is forbidden by law, except in designated areas.

**Coffee/Tea/Lunch in O'Reilly Hall:**

For delegates attending the Conference coffee and tea will be provided free during the morning and afternoon sessions, and lunch will be provided free from Sunday, 31st August to Tuesday 2nd September, inclusive.

**Official Language:**

The official language of the conference is English.

**Climate & Dress:**

Casual dress is acceptable for all but the most formal of occasions, e.g. the State Reception in Dublin Castle, Conference and Banquet.

**Weather:**

Irish weather is variable and often windy. Sunny spells and showers are normal for August, with temperatures of up to 20 degrees C. Delegates are advised to bring rain attire and sweaters for the excursions.



## Travel within Dublin

### Bus:

University College Dublin, Belfield is serviced by public transport and a No.10 bus, No.2 bus and a No.3 bus from the City Centre, (O'Connell Street) depart every 10 minutes. The 46A bus from Fleet Street to Dun Laoghaire also serves the University (Front Gate).

### Train/Dart:

(Dublin Area Rapid Transit) rail service links the City Centre or Dun Laoghaire/Bray/Greystones to Sydney Parade Station which is the terminus for the No.2 and No.3 to the campus.

### Car Parking:

Car parking will be available at UCD Campus in Car Parks 1 - 5.

The Organising Committee will not be responsible for the security of cars. Clamping is in operation for illegal parking through out the city, beware of restrictions. For Car Parks - see UCD Campus Map on Web: [www.ucd.ie](http://www.ucd.ie)

### TAXIS:

Southside Cabs: 71, St.Laurences Park, Stillorgan  
Local Cabs: 54, Main St., Upr. Dundrum, Dublin 14  
Pony Cabs: Donnybrook  
Pony Cabs: Ranelagh/Rathmines  
National Radio Cabs: City wide

### Telephone No.

(01) 2836622  
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## Travel by air

The main airports are served by most international airlines and the low fare airlines continue to expand their services into Ireland. London is an hour's flight away and the east coast of the United States only five and half hours away by air. Ireland's six strategically placed airports are served by most international airlines.

### **International Carriers Servicing Ireland include:**

**Aer Lingus: Air France: Alitalia: Aeroflot: British Airways:  
British Midland: Continental Airlines: Delta Airlines: Finnair: Iberia:  
Lufthansa: Ryanair: Sabena: SAS.**

**Aer Lingus** is our national air carrier. See Web: [www.aerlingus.com](http://www.aerlingus.com)

It is recommended delegates contact their local Aer Lingus office for full information on airfares and flight schedules to Ireland.

### **Upon arrival at Dublin Airport:**

There is public transport available. This services operates every 10 and 30 minutes to Bus Arus, City Centre and costs approx. €4.50. From here a taxi can be taken to the University Campus, Belfield, Dublin 4, for a cost of approx. €20 - €25. A Private Coaching Company operates a **BLUE BUS**, which operates from the Airport every 15 minutes and stops at the major hotels, - from which one could take a Taxi to University College Dublin, Belfield. This bus service costs €6. Dublin Airport is located approximately 18km. from University College Dublin, Belfield.

### **Passports/Visas:**

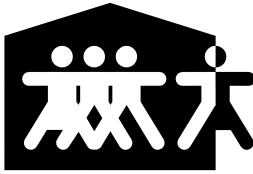
All nationalities visiting Ireland require valid passports. Information on those nationalities requiring a visa may be obtained from the Irish Tourist Board or Irish Embassy. (<http://www.ireland.travel.ie>)

### **Insurance:**

The Organising Committee will not be responsible for any medical expenses, loss or accidents during the Conference, and we recommend that participants insure themselves in this respect.

### **Banking & Local Currency:**

Banks are open from 10.00 - 16.00, Monday to Friday and until 17.00 on Thursday's. There is a branch of Allied Irish Banks, and Bank of Ireland on the University Campus.



## Accommodation

### **University College Dublin. (UCD):**

Newly built high quality accessible accommodation will be available on the UCD Campus, situated within walking distance of the conference. UCD has extensive fields and woodland for those who like the fresh air.

**On-campus accommodation is provided in self-contained apartments.**

### **The Merville accommodation:**

Consists of apartments with three/four single bedrooms, two bathrooms and a fully equipped dining room/kitchen. These bedrooms can be booked for single occupancy and couples will be accommodated in adjacent single rooms.

Continental breakfast is included in the price.

€50 per room per night single occupancy including Continental Breakfast.

### **Glenomena student residences:**

Are the latest addition to the student accommodation on campus. Each apartment consists of 6 bedrooms (3 on either side of a central hallway) each having an en-suite toilet with shower and fully equipped dining room/kitchen. These bedrooms can be booked for single occupancy and couples will be accommodated in adjacent single rooms.

€61 per room per night single accommodation including Continental Breakfast.



### **Hotels:**

Block bookings have been made in 3\* and 4\* and 5\* hotels. Each hotel booking must include full payment for the selected nights . Any extras must be paid directly to the hotel on departure. The hotel charges as detailed on the Booking Form are inclusive of rooms with private bath and shower, service charges and taxes, and full Irish breakfast daily. The number of single rooms is limited.

#### **Jurys Ballsbridge Hotel:**

5\* modern conference hotel in the leafy Ballsbridge area of the city. 2 restaurants, 2 bars, extensive meeting space.

€195 per night twin or double room including full breakfast, service and tax

€170 per night single occupancy including full breakfast, service and tax.

#### **Burlington Hotel:**

4\* large modern hotel closer to the city centre. Large attractive bar, 2 restaurants, extensive meeting space.

€195 per night twin or double room including full breakfast, service and tax

€170 per night single occupancy including full breakfast, service and tax.

Bus stops outside Hotel for UCD campus.

#### **Montrose Hotel:**

3\* business hotel 5 minutes walk from UCD campus

€125 per net twin or double room including full breakfast, service and tax.

€105 per night single occupancy including full breakfast, service and tax.

#### **Guesthouses and Bed/Breakfast:**

There a number of guesthouses and bed/breakfasts situated around UCD campus. For a listing of guesthouses and bed/breakfast search the web site of the Irish Tourist Board and look for accommodation in Dublin/South in the areas of Ballsbridge, Donnybrook or Merrion Road, at <http://www.ireland.travel.ie/>

Guesthouses and Bed/breakfasts, must be booked by the delegates themselves.



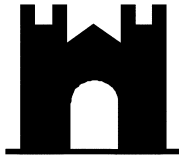
## Social Programme

### Sunday 31st August 2003:

- 09.00 - 10.15**      **Official Opening**
- 14.00 - 16.30**      **Tour A: Panoramic City Tour: Optional €25**  
See all the major sights and hear the history and folklore of the city on this delightful coach tour with top local English speaking guide.
- 19.30 - 20.30**      **Civic Reception hosted by The Lord Mayor of Dublin**
- 20.30 - 22.30**      **Irish Evening in the Students Centre**  
(cost incl. in Registration Fee)

### Monday, 1st September 2003:

- 09.30 - 13.00**      **Tour B: South coast tour Optional €25**  
Discover the scenic beauty of the south coast of Dublin Bay by coach with a guided of the south coast of Dublin, driving via Dalkey and the Vico Road and eventually in land into the Dublin Mountains and a little shopping opportunity at Avoca Woolen Mills.
- 09.30 - 13.30**      **Tour C: North Coast Tour Optional €30**  
We drive along the north coast with your English speaking guide to Howth Head the highest point on Dublin Bay, past the fishing village of Howth and continue on the coast past the world-famous Portmarnock Golf Course to the charming village of Malahide. Here we visit historic Malahide Castle to enjoy the history, art and antiques of this important castle in Irish history.



**20.00 - 21.30 State Reception in Dublin Castle**  
**Hosted by Irish Minister for Health**  
**including drinks and savouries**

**Tuesday, 2nd September 2003:**

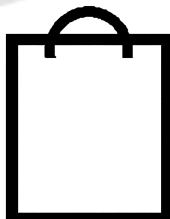
**09.30 - 13.30 Tour D: Historical visits in city centre Optional €40**  
Comprehensive Dublin discovery with English speaking guide with visits to Trinity College to see the Book of Kells, a 6th century manuscript and a national treasure, we visit Dublin Castle and St Patrick's Hall, not only in the heart of the city, but in the heart of the history of Dublin. We visit St. Patrick's Cathedral where Dean Swift was once the Dean of the Cathedral. Visits included in Tour Cost.

**19.30 - 20.00 Drinks reception.**

**20.00 - 23.30 Conference Banquet in O'Reilly Hall, UCD**  
**including Entertainment.**  
(Cost included in Registration Fee)

**Wednesday 3rd September 2003:**

**Free for shopping after lunch.**



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