***Preliminary Program***

***Advances in Optics for Biotechnology, Medicine and Surgery XVIII***

**May 18 - 22, 2025**

**Maryborough Hotel  
Cork, Ireland**

**Conference Co-Chairs:**

**Stefan Andersson-Engels, Tyndall National Institute, Ireland**

**Summer Gibbs, Oregon Health and Science University, USA**

**Melissa Skala, Morgridge Institute for Research, USA**

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**Sunday May 18, 2025**

17:30 – 18:30 Conference check-in

18:30 – 19:30 Welcome reception

19:30 – 21:00 Dinner

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**Monday, May 19, 2025**

07:30 – 08:30 Breakfast and Discussion Time

08:30 – 08:40 Conference Welcome – Conference Liaison and Chairs

**Session 1: Light Sheet Microscopy**

Session Chair: Kishan Dholakia, University of Adelaide

08:40 – 09:10 **TBA**

Kylie Dunning, University of Adelaide, Australia

09:10 – 09:40 **TBA**

Kishan Dholakia, University of Adelaide, Australia

09:40 – 10:10 Coffee Break and Networking

**Session 2: Wavefront shaping**

Session Chair: Kevin Tsia, University of Hong Kong

10:10 – 10:40 **TBA**

YoungKuen (Paul) Park, Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology, Korea

10:40 – 11:10 **TBA**

Puxiang Lai, Hong Kong Polytechnic University

11:10 – 11:40 **TBA**

Kevin Tsia, University of Hong Kong

11:40 – 12:10 **Quick-fire session**

Poster presenters, Two minutes and one slide each

12:10 – 13:40 Lunch and Networking

**Session 3: Optics in Women’s Health**

Session Chair: Jessica Ramella-Roman, Florida International University, USA

13:40 – 14:10 **TBA**

Irina Larina, Baylor College of Medicine, USA

14:10 – 14:40 **TBA**

Kristin Myers, Columbia University, USA

14:40 – 15:10 **TBA**

Tatiana Novikova, Ecole Polytechnique, France

15:10 – 15:40 **TBA**

Jessica Ramella-Roman, Jessica Ramella-Roman, Florida International University, USA

15:40 – 17:30 Coffee Break and **Poster Session I**

**Monday, May 19, 2025 (continued)**

**Session 4: Photodynamic Therapy**

Session Chair: Lothar Lilge, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Canada

17:30 – 18:00 **TBA**

Layla Pires, Texas A&M University, USA

18:00 – 18:30 **TBA**

Anne-Laure Bulin, Inserm, France

18:30 – 19:00 **TBA**

Dominic Robinson, Erasmus University Medical Center, the Netherlands

19:00 – 20:30 Dinner and Networking

20:30 – 22:00 Social Hour / Poster discussions

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

07:30 – 08:30 Breakfast and Networking

**Session 5: Surgical guidance**

Session Chair: Lei Wang, Oregon Health and Science University, USA

08:30 – 09:00 **Clinical implementation of optical spectroscopy**

Theo Ruers, The Netherlands Cancer Institute

09:00 – 09:30 **TBA**

Ethan LaRochelle, QUEL Imaging, USA

09:30 – 10:00 **Improving surgical outcomes with NIR nerve-specific contrast agents**

Lei Wang, Oregon Health and Science University

10:00 – 10:30 **Mechanical Imaging of Embryos with Reverberant Optical Coherence Elastography and Brillouin Spectroscopy**

Kirill Larin, University of Houston, USA

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break and Networking

**Session 6: Early disease diagnostics I**

Session Chair: Mark Niedre, Northeastern University, USA

11:00 – 11:30 **TBA**

Mikaela Balu, University of California, Irvine, USA

11:30 – 12:00 **Hemodynamic-based early detection of treatment efficacy in brain and breast with diffuse optics**

Regine Choe, University of Rochester, USA

12:00 – 12:30 **TBA**

Ariane Garrett, Boston University, USA

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch and Networking

**Session 7: Early disease diagnostics II**

Session Chair: Martin Leahy, University of Galway, Ireland

14:00 – 14:30 **Tethered Instrument for Continuous Fluorescence Detection and Counting of Circulating Cancer Cells in Awake, Freely Moving Mice**

Mark Niedre, Northeastern University, USA

14:30 – 15:00 **Photoacoustic stem cell and vesicle tracking in small and large animals using optimized gold nanostars**

Martin Leahy, University of Galway, Ireland

15:00 – 15:30 **Translating Surgical AI Research into Medical Devices**

Danail Stoyanov, University College London, UK

15:45 – 20.30 **Excursion to Kinsale**

15:45 Bus departs for Kinsale

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025 (continued)**

16:20 – 20:00 Free time to explore Kinsale including dinner on your own

20:00 – 20:40 Bus back to hotel (leaving Kinsale 20:00)

20:40 – 22:00 Social Hour / Poster discussions

**Wednesday, May 21, 2025**

07:30 – 08:30 Breakfast and Networking

**Session 8: Neurophotonics**

Session Chair: Turgut Durduran, Institute of Photonic Sciences

08:30 – 09:00 **TBA**

Tiffany Ko, University of Pennsylvania, USA

09:00 – 09:30 **TBA**

Ilias Tachtsidis, University College London, UK

09:30 – 10:00 TBD

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break and Networking

**Session 9: Machine learning**

Session Chair: Randy Bartels, Morgridge Institute for Research, USA

10:30 – 11:00 **TBA**

Kevin Dean, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, USA

11:00 – 11:30 **TBA**

Bryan Plummer, Boston University, USA

**Session 10: Photoacoustics I**

Session Chair: Mallidi Srivalleesha, Tufts University

11:30 – 12:00 **Monitoring of immune responses/stemcells**

Kelsey Kubelick, University of Virginia, USA

12:00 – 12:30 **Photoacoustics for women’s health**

Carolyn Bayer, Tulane University, USA

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch and Discussion Time**

**Session 11: Photoacoustics II**

Session Chair: Mallidi Srivalleesha, Tufts University

14:00 – 14:30 **TBA**

Rui Cao, Case Western Reserve University

14:30 – 15:00 **Clinical applications of photoacoustics in melanoma**

Aboma Merdasa, Lund University, Sweden

15:00 – 15:30 **Multi-modality, nanoparticle imaging**

Yung Shen Chen, Illinois University, USA

15:30 – 17:00 Coffee Break and **Poster Session II**

**Wednesday, May 21, 2025 (continued)**

**Session 12: Nonlinear microscopy**

Session Chair: Melissa Skala, Morgridge Institute for Research, USA

17:00 – 17:30 **Label-free multiphoton imaging of metabolic changes during immunotherapy in vivo**

Alexa Heaton, Morgridge Institute for Research, USA

17:30 – 18:00 **TBA**

Lingyan Shi, University of California San Diego, USA

18:00 – 18:30 **TBA**

Randy Bartels, Morgridge Institute for Research, USA

18:45 – 19:45 **Reception with** **Irish music, Orangery**

19:45 – 21:45 **Conference Banquet**

**Thursday, May 22, 2025**

07:30 – 09:00 Breakfast and Networking

**Session 13 Clinical guidance and endoscopy**

Session Chair: Nicholas Durr, Johns Hopkins University, USA

09:00 – 09:30 **Intraoperative dual-aperture fluorescence imaging in head and neck cancer patient surgeries: optimization of a system to detect insufficient surgical margins**

Ken Tichauer, Illinois Institute of Technology, USA

09:30 – 10:00 **TBA**

Leo Shmuylovich, Washington University in St. Louis, USA

10:00 – 10:30 **TBA**

Christine O'Brien, Washington University in St. Louis, USA

10:30 – 11:00 **TBA**

Nicholas Durr, Johns Hopkins University, USA

11:00 Coffee break and boxed lunches available

Check-out (by 12 Noon) and Departures

11:30 – 14:00 Optional Lab tour at Tyndall National Institute for those interested