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Mr Owen Metcalfe, Associate Director, Institute of Public Health in Ireland, leads on health promotion, youth, elderly and gender targeted programmes. He directs the cross-cutting area of HIA and leads on the communications brief.



Ms Gail Findlay, Coordinator, London Health Commission, is responsible for strategic development and management and plays a key role in the London Health Commission HIA programme. Special interests include health inequalities, social determinants of health and community development.



Dr Josep Figueras, Director, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, has worked with major multilateral organisations including the European Commission and the World Bank. He is a member of several advisory and editorial boards and has served as advisor in more than twenty five countries within the European region and beyond. His research focuses on comparative health system and policy analysis.



Dr Ross Marshall, National Environment Assessment Service Manager, for the Environment Agency England and Wales is a past President of the International Association for Impact Assessment and a Senior Research Fellow at the David Livingstone Centre for Sustainable Development, Strathclyde University. He also sits on the Institute of Environmental Management & Assessment's Technical Committee.



Dr Catherine Ross, Director, Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development, Georgia Institute of Technology, has written and published extensively on transportation planning, urban and regional planning, and the environment.



Ms Dianne Katscherian, Head of HIA, Department of Health, Western Australia, has an educational, public health and environmental science background. She holds an adjunct Lecturer position in Environmental Science at Murdoch University and works collaboratively with the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health Impact Assessment at Curtin University.



Ms Mary Harney TD, Minister for Health and Children, Republic of Ireland, was appointed in September 2004, and reappointed following the 2007 General Election. Previously, she was Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, making history as the first woman to hold the title of Tánaiste and also to serve a second successive term.



Mr Fintan Hurley, Scientific Director, Institute of Occupational Medicine, Scotland, is active in the IOM's new Centre for HIA. Since the early 1990s he has been strongly involved in quantifying the public health effects of outdoor air pollution. He recently led on HIA methodology for the Cost-Benefit Analysis of the European Commission's flagship Clean Air for Europe (CAFE) Programme. He chairs the quantification subgroup (QUARK) of the UK Government Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants.



Ms Anthea Cooke, Associate, London Observatory and a Director of Inukshuk Consultancy, has worked at national, regional and local level on policies, programmes and projects designed to improve health and wellbeing and has led numerous HIA programmes. She is active in developing best practice in HIA screening toolkits and recent work includes co-developing a toolkit for Mental Wellbeing Impact Assessment.



Dr Emer O'Connell, EPA Doctoral Fellow, School of Public Health and Population Science, University College Dublin, recently completed her Doctorate, 'Environmental Burden of Disease assessment for exposure to lead, outdoor air pollution and unsafe drinking water for Republic of Ireland', which has developed her professional interest in the role of impact assessment tools to facilitate evidence-based decision making.



Ms Joan Devlin, Programme Director, Belfast Healthy Cities, a partnership organisation that has responsibility for implementing the World Health Organization 'Healthy City requirements' in Belfast. She is a member of the Executive Committee of both ACOVO and Age Concern and a founder member of the Community Development & Health Network.



Dr Matthias Wismar, Health Policy Analyst, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies. Currently his research focuses on HIA and on good governance and stewardship in terms of health policy formulation and implementation. Other research interests include European integration, mental health, health care policy and health promotion and prevention.



Prof Paul Hunt, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health was appointed in 2002. As Special Rapporteur, he endeavours to help States and other actors better promote and protect the right to health with a particular focus on poverty and discrimination. An independent expert, he undertakes country missions and reports to the UN General Assembly and the UN Human Rights Council. He is a Professor in law, and member of the Human Rights Centre, at the University of Essex, England and Adjunct Professor at the University of Waikato, New Zealand.

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- Provide practical opportunities to increase knowledge and understanding of HIA
- Showcase HIA work being undertaken in Ireland and internationally
- Consider and demonstrate the evidence for the effectiveness of HIA
- Provide opportunities to network with international delegates and speakers



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Plenary Session 1		Parallel Session 1				Parallel Session 2				Plenary Session 2			
9.00 – 10.00	10.00 – 11.15	11.15 – 11.45	11.45 – 1.15		1.15 – 2.15	2.15 – 3.45				3.45 – 4.15	4.15 – 5.30		
Registration	<p>Opening address <i>Conference Hall</i></p> <p><i>Dr Michael McBride</i>, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Northern Ireland</p> <p>Healthy Public Policy and HIA <i>Conference Hall</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Dr John Devlin</i>, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health and Children, Ireland</p> <p>Keynote speakers: <i>Mr Owen Metcalfe</i>, Associate Director, Institute of Public Health in Ireland</p> <p><i>Ms Gail Findlay</i>, Co-ordinator, London Health Commission</p> <p><i>Dr Josep Figueras</i>, Director, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies</p>	Break and poster viewing	<p>Healthy Public Policy – Strand 1 <i>Conference Hall</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Mr David Moloney</i>, Department of Health and Children, Ireland</p> <p>1.1.1 The Health Impact Assessment and practices of public health actors in support of healthy public policies. <i>Louise St-Pierre</i>, National Collaborating Centre on Healthy Public Policy, Quebec</p> <p>1.1.2 Health Impact Assessment on EU policies at the EASP. <i>Inés García Sánchez</i>, Health Observatory in Europe, EASP, Spain</p> <p>1.1.3 HIA and Health in all Policies: Supporting municipalities in the Netherlands. <i>Joop ten Dam</i>, Netherlands Institute of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention</p> <p>1.1.4 Can HIA be embedded within Policy Formulation in Ireland? An Investigation into the Utilisation of HIA Knowledge. <i>Monica O'Mullane</i>, University College Cork</p>	<p>Healthy Public Policy – Strand 2 <i>La Touche Room</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Ms Colleen Williams</i>, Department of Health, England</p> <p>1.2.1 Health Impact Assessment in new member states and accession countries. <i>Gabriel Gulis</i>, University of Southern Denmark</p> <p>1.2.2 Supporting Cities to Implement HIA. <i>Máire McCotter</i>, Belfast Healthy Cities</p> <p>1.2.3 Use of Health Impact Assessment in the United States: 27 Case Studies 1999 – 2007 <i>Andrew L. Dannenberg</i>, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta</p> <p>1.2.4 Institutionalising HIA in Latin Switzerland and Quebec: trends and similarities. <i>Nicola Cantoreggi</i>, Health Department, Geneva</p>	<p>Healthy Public Policy – Strand 3 <i>President's Suite</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Dr Margaret Douglas</i>, NHS Lothian, Scotland</p> <p>1.3.1 HIA and Healthy Public Policy. <i>Teresa Lavin</i>, Institute of Public Health in Ireland</p> <p>1.3.2 Em - Bed with HIA in Liverpool! <i>Sophie Grinnet</i>, Liverpool City Council</p> <p>1.3.3 HIA to be embedded or not to be embedded, that's the question. <i>Kerstin Månsson</i>, Helsingborg Municipality, Sweden</p> <p>1.3.4 Fuelling the revolution: HIA as a cornerstone of public health service planning at Southern Health. <i>Emma Bruce</i>, Southern Health, Australia</p>	<p>Workshop <i>Bedford Suite</i></p> <p>1.4.1 The Politics of Healthy Policies. Redesigning Health Impact Assessment to integrate health in public policy. <i>Marleen Bekker</i>, Institute of Health Policy and Management, Netherlands</p>	Lunch and poster viewing	<p>Sustainable Development <i>Conference Hall</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Mr Martin Birley</i>, Birley HIA, London</p> <p>2.1.1 Quantification, acceptability and sustainable water management options in the UK - the role of Health Impact Assessment. <i>Lorna Fewtrell</i>, University of Wales</p> <p>2.1.2 HIA and sustainability: The experience of using HIA in Waste Management Planning in Wales. <i>Liz Green</i>, Welsh Health Impact Assessment Support Unit</p> <p>2.1.3 Road traffic noise induced health effects on children - Feasibility study of quantifying the health impacts. <i>Odile Mekel</i>, Institute of Public Health, Germany</p> <p>2.1.4 Health Impact Assessment in physical planning for sustainable development. Preserve urban green areas or develop them? <i>Ida Knutsson</i>, Swedish National Institute of Public Health</p>	<p>Evidence – Strand 1 <i>La Touche Room</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Dr Brid Farrell</i>, Southern Health and Social Services Board, Northern Ireland</p> <p>2.2.1 Community Health Impact Assessment for Community Health Ambassadors. <i>Soraya Meah</i>, Liverpool Primary Care Team</p> <p>2.2.2 Engaging the Community in HIA: the highs and lows of making it fit for purpose. <i>Salim Vohra</i>, IOM Centre for Health Impact Assessment, United Kingdom</p> <p>2.2.3 HIA for Stansted Airport – what's the evidence? <i>Roger Barrowcliffe</i>, Environmental Resources Management United Kingdom</p> <p>2.2.4 Intersectorality and use of evidence in six EU-funded Health Impact Assessment (HIA) projects. <i>Rainer Fehr</i>, Institute of Public Health, Germany</p>	<p>Evidence – Strand 2 <i>President's Suite</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Dr Mary Mahoney</i>, University of Gloucestershire, United Kingdom</p> <p>2.3.1 Exploring the complexities of translating evidence within the HIA - The Victorian experience. <i>Jessica McCormick</i>, Monash University, Australia</p> <p>2.3.2 Health impact of transport initiatives: using the evidence for Health Impact Assessment. <i>Margaret Douglas</i>, NHS Lothian, Scotland</p> <p>2.3.3 Health impact reviews for HIA. <i>Claire Higgins</i>, Institute of Public Health in Ireland</p> <p>2.3.4 Local Knowledge: Any value in the HIA Evidence Base? <i>Marcus Chilaka</i>, Keele University, United Kingdom</p>	<p>Workshop <i>Bedford Suite</i></p> <p>2.4.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment: the most important public health legislation. <i>Ben Cave</i>, Ben Cave Associates, United Kingdom</p>	Break and poster viewing	<p>Intersectoral Working in HIA <i>Conference Hall</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Dr John Kemm</i>, Director, West Midlands Public Health Observatory</p> <p>Keynote speakers: <i>Dr Ross Marshall</i>, National Environment Assessment Service (NEAS) Manager for the Environment Agency England and Wales</p> <p><i>Dr Catherine Ross</i>, Director, Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development, Georgia Institute of Technology</p> <p><i>Ms Dianne Katscherian</i>, Head of HIA, Department of Health, Western Australia</p>

Plenary Session 3		Parallel Session 3				Plenary Session 4		
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Poster viewing	<p>Ministerial Welcome <i>Conference Hall</i></p> <p><i>Ms Mary Harney TD</i>, Minister for Health and Children, Ireland</p> <p>Evidence for HIA <i>Conference Hall</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Dr Jane Wilde CBE</i>, Chief Executive, Institute of Public Health in Ireland</p> <p>Keynote speakers: <i>Mr Fintan Hurley</i>, Scientific Director, Institute of Occupational Medicine, Scotland</p> <p><i>Ms Anthea Cooke</i>, Associate, London Observatory and Director, Inukshuk Consultancy</p> <p><i>Dr Emer O'Connell</i>, EPA Doctoral Fellow, School of Public Health and Population Science, University College Dublin</p>	Break and poster viewing	<p>Diverse Approaches <i>Conference Hall</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Mr Brian Neeson</i>, Health Services Executive, Ireland</p> <p>3.1.1 HIA of the Victorian Drought Social Recovery Strategy (DSRS): Serendipitous or strategic? <i>Mary Mahoney</i>, University of Gloucestershire, United Kingdom</p> <p>3.1.2 Building in Health: Assessing the potential effects on health of a strategic urban extension in Devon. <i>Ben Cave</i>, Ben Cave Associates, United Kingdom</p> <p>3.1.3 The influence of vertical deviation of a 10-storey apartment building in Katowice, Poland on selected mental functions of its occupants: HIA case study. <i>Joanna Kobza</i>, Medical University of Silesia, Katowice and Bytom, Poland</p> <p>3.1.4 Applying HIA within Local Government: The Victorian Experience. <i>Jessica McCormick</i>, Monash University, Australia</p>	<p>Future Steps for Practitioners <i>La Touche Room</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Dr Eva Elliott</i>, Welsh Health Impact Assessment Unit</p> <p>3.2.1 Positively Influencing the Determinants of Health – Practical Contributions that can be made by Population Health. <i>Jacky Jones</i>, Health Service Executive West</p> <p>3.2.2 HIA: An idea whose time has come but are we ready for the onslaught? Findings from a North West Regional Scoping Study. <i>Debbie Fox</i>, University of Liverpool</p> <p>3.2.3 Developing capacity for Health Impact Assessment: can e-learning solve the problem? <i>Margaret Douglas</i>, NHS Lothian, Scotland</p> <p>3.2.4 Quality, Competence and Capacity. <i>Hilary Dreaves</i>, University of Liverpool</p>	<p>Tools and Methodology <i>President's Suite</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Dr Catherine Hayes</i>, Health Service Executive, Ireland</p> <p>3.3.1 The development of National 'Health in Strategic Environmental Assessment Guidance'. <i>Paul Fisher</i>, Health Protection Agency, United Kingdom</p> <p>3.3.2 Geographical Information Systems (GIS) as a tool for aiding Health Impact Assessment. <i>Shaukat Ali</i>, Sandwell Primary Care Trust, United Kingdom</p> <p>3.3.3 HIA and Sustainability Appraisal: comparing and contrasting the two methodologies – is there added value from HIA? <i>Erica Ison</i>, Public Health Resource Unit, Oxford</p> <p>3.3.4 An intersectoral collaboration to develop Mental Well-being Impact Assessment toolkit. <i>Anthea Cooke</i>, Inukshuk Consultancy, United Kingdom</p>	<p>Workshop <i>Bedford Suite</i></p> <p>3.4.1 Human Rights and HIA workshop. <i>Alex Scott-Samuel</i>, University of Liverpool</p>	Lunch and poster viewing	<p>Embedding HIA: Sustainable Approaches <i>Conference Hall</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Dr Alex Scott-Samuel</i>, Director, IMPACT, University of Liverpool</p> <p>2008 International HIA Conference Planning Group</p> <p>Keynote speakers: <i>Ms Joan Devlin</i>, Director, Belfast Healthy Cities</p> <p><i>Dr Matthias Wismar</i>, Health Policy Analyst, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies</p> <p><i>Prof Paul Hunt</i>, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health</p> <p>Closing address <i>Conference Hall</i></p> <p><i>Mr Owen Metcalfe</i>, Associate Director, Institute of Public Health in Ireland</p>

The conference organisers would like to extend a warm welcome to all delegates.

This is the first time the International HIA conference has been hosted in Ireland and we are delighted to have the use of such a historic setting as our conference venue. Dublin Castle has been on this site since 1204. It was a seat of British rule until 1922 and is now a major Irish landmark and a site of significant Government activity.

A drinks reception will commence at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16th with dinner served at 8.00pm in St Patrick's Hall which is situated in the State Apartments, Dublin Castle. St Patrick's Hall is one of the most significant and prestigious public rooms in Ireland. This is where Irish Presidents are inaugurated and other important State functions are held including state banquets for visiting Heads of State. Dublin Castle staff will be available at the drinks reception before the meal to answer any questions you may have about the Castle.

