Introduction of speakers

Simon Harris TD
Minister for Health
Introduction of speakers

Tom Lynch
Chair CRDI Board
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Dermot Kelleher
Dean of the Faculty of Medicine
University of British Columbia
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Martin O’Donnell
CRDI Board Director & Professor of Translational Medicine, NUI Galway
Launch of Strategic Plan

• Collaborative work of CRDI
• Its leadership role
• Tackling issues the partners cannot or should not be doing individually
The significant and demonstrable benefits of clinical research include

- Better outcomes for the patients we serve;
- Better use of scarce resources;
- Advantages of combining clinical care with research within the healthcare setting;
- Advantages in recruitment and retention of clinical staff;
- Development of academic clinical career pathways;
The significant and demonstrable benefits of clinical research include

• Enhanced abilities of clinical care staff to evaluate the results of published clinical studies and their application in clinical care;
• and, for a country such as Ireland where the life sciences industry is so well developed, a further and significant differentiating factor in developing and embedding that sector, with associated employment, Exchequer tax revenues etc.
Success requires the combined efforts of

- Policy makers right across Government,
- Research funders,
- Development agencies,
- Training bodies,
- Patients,
- and industry,

...to deliver on this ambitious agenda.
A very short snapshot of some of the work my CRDI colleagues are engaged with

Activities across:
• Biobanking,
• iPROSPECT and IPCOR,
• Our partnership in the SFI funded CÚRAM Partnership, and
• Our support for the administration of funding from the HRB to the IRNN.
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Corporate Enabling of Clinical Research:
- Governance
- Sponsorship & Quality
- Insurance
- Contracts/Legal
- Budgets
- Clinician engagement and support
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HRB funded Clinical Research Coordination Ireland:

• The National Clinical Study Feasibility Programme;
• The Quality Working Group and Mutual Recognition Policy for quality processes across the network; and
• Consultation and advisory service on regulatory pathways and the conduct of clinical research in all fields, to both academia and industry.
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- Over 15 years of experience in collaborative communication and training, including development of E-Learning.
- Manages the new Wellcome - HRB Irish Clinical Academic Training (ICAT) programme
Strategic Plan 2017 – 2021

Mission

*To advance patient care and health service delivery by supporting the development of clinical and translational research across our partner academic institutions, their medical schools and associated hospitals.*
Strategic Plan 2017 – 2021

Vision

To be an effective and innovative force for the development of clinical and translational research in Ireland, and to be recognised, both nationally and internationally, as a model of organisational excellence focused on advancing evidence based patient care and network coordination.
Strategic Plan 2017 – 2021

Values

Our values are:
Acting in the best interests of patients; Operating to the highest standards of scientific rigour and quality; Behaving with integrity and impartiality; Promoting research, innovation, openness to change and continual learning; Treating stakeholders and each other with dignity and respect at all times.
Strategic Plan 2017 – 2021

Strategic Goals:

1. Advance the development of a sophisticated, coordinated clinical and translational research partnership across our partner academic institutions, their medical schools and associated hospitals.
2. Develop and support clinical and translational research infrastructure and delivery.
3. Develop and support clinical trials delivery.
4. Develop and support education and training.
5. Develop capability across network partners and CRDI.
6. Advocate for adequate funding for the development of clinical and translational research.
Strategic Goal 1:

Advance the development of a sophisticated, coordinated clinical and translational research partnership across our partner academic institutions, their medical schools and associated hospitals.

- Partner institutions and the CRDI network
- Expand partner institutions
- Hospital Groups, hospitals and Community Health Organisations
- Patients
- Industry partnerships
- Other stakeholders
Strategic Goal 2:

Develop and support clinical and translational research infrastructure and delivery.

- Facilities and Staffing
- Networks
- Biobanking/Registries
- Ethics approval structures/services
- Socio economic analysis of benefits of clinical research
Strategic Goal 3:

Develop and support clinical trials delivery.

- Number, Recruitment and Impact
- Medicines, Medical Devices and Diagnostics
Strategic Goal 4:

Develop and support education and training.

- Attract, train and retain world class researchers in Ireland
- Shared Graduate programmes
- Accreditation
- CME/CPE requirements
Strategic Goal 5:

Develop capability across network partners and CRDI.

- Clinical, Scientific, Technical, Managerial and Communications competencies
- Representing Ireland in clinical and translational research infrastructures/networks in Europe and Internationally Including ECRIN and PEDCRIN
- Enabling provision for any additional areas of collaboration that may be agreed upon from time to time
Strategic Goal 6:

Advocate for adequate funding for the development of clinical and translational research.

- Raising awareness with Government, funding agencies, industry and philanthropic donors
- Monitoring funding calls
- Providing support to funding applications
- Partnering and/or leading funding applications
- Administering awarded funding across the partners
IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN

Assumptions and risks

• Government policy will continue to actively support, develop and fund research.
• Challenge of both core funding and programme funding
• Availability and retention of staff and experts
• That other stakeholders in our sphere of activity will actively collaborate with CRDI in advancing our mission, to the benefit of patients and the health system generally.