

## BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

### Chairman

**Dr. Ruth Barrington** is Chief Executive of the Molecular Medicine Ireland. She was previously Chief Executive of the Health Research Board. She was awarded an honorary degree in laws by the National University of Ireland, Maynooth in May 2005 and is a Trustee of *The Irish Times*. She is author of a number of publications including "*Health, Medicine and Politics in Ireland, 1900-1970*" which is the seminal work for health policy makers on the history of health care in Ireland.

### Speakers

**John Armstrong** is an actuary and health economist. He is a member of the Council of the Society of Actuaries in Ireland. He is an associate lecturer in health policy in the Institute of Public Administration and at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam and holds an active research link with the Australian National University in Canberra. He works with Vhi Healthcare and has advised the World Bank, the WHO and the Inter-American Development Bank in over twenty different countries on aspects of health reform primarily in relation to health financing. This has included such diverse countries as Bosnia, Kosovo, Egypt, Jamaica, Suriname and South Africa.

**Stephen Birch** is a Professor in the Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics at McMaster University in Ontario, Canada. He has a particular interest in the evaluation of models for the funding and delivery of health care. He has served as a consultant with the WHO and the World Bank on health care financing projects in Malaysia, India and the North West Territories. His main research interest is in the economics of health care systems particularly the issues of equity, resource allocation and alternative delivery models.

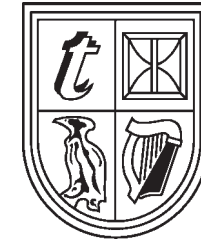
**Mikkel Larsen** is an actuary working with Codan in Copenhagen. Codan is one of the largest insurers in

Scandinavia covering multiple countries and many different types of business. He manages a large portfolio of health insurance business in Denmark. He was educated in Københavns University where he specialised in financial and actuarial mathematics.

**Alan Maynard** is Professor of Health Economics and Director of the York Health Policy Group in the Department of Health Sciences, University of York. He is also an Honorary Professor of Health Economics at the University of Aberdeen, Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics and Adjunct Professor in the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia. He was Founding Director of the Centre for Health Economics at the University of York (1983-95) and Founding Editor of *Health Economics*, a specialist journal. He has worked as a consultant for the WHO, the World Bank, and the UK Government's Department for International Development in a number of countries. He is Chair of the York NHS Health Services Trust and has been involved in NHS management since 1983.

**Enne Osinga** is an actuary and founder of Osinga Consult, a consulting group specialising in health disability, retirement and other employee benefits in the Netherlands. Previously he was a European Partner with Mercers for 10 years and a member of the Board of Directors of IZA Nederland, the health insurance company for civil servants for 13 years. Enne has a Masters degree in econometrics from the University of Groningen and a Masters degree in actuarial science from the University of Amsterdam. He is a member of the Actuarial Society in The Netherlands.

**Sarah Thomson** is a research fellow in health policy at LSE Health and the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies. She also contributes to teaching in the Department of Social Policy at the LSE and is an associate editor of the journal *Health Economics, Policy and Law*. Sarah's research focuses on health systems and health care reform, with particular emphasis on health financing policy in high and middle-income countries.



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***More for less?***  
*Lessons from Abroad for  
Funding Irish Healthcare*

**Half Day Seminar  
Tuesday morning  
September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009**

**Conrad Hotel  
Earlsfort Terrace  
Dublin 2**

## INTRODUCTION

The financial challenges for the Irish health care system have never been greater. In the current economic environment, severe pressure on the public finances will result in many difficult choices and they are likely to have wide-ranging implications for the public health sector. At the same time, the capacity of the private sector to provide ancillary financing may diminish. The debate over how best to finance the Irish health system has ebbed and flowed over many years but is brought very sharply into focus by the current financial crisis.

This seminar, jointly organised by the Society of Actuaries in Ireland and the Institute of Public Administrations, is very timely. It will explore different options to health care financing from the practical experience of a number of countries. To consider this question we have assembled a group of world renowned experts on health financing with wide-ranging experience from many different countries that are grappling with many of the same problems as Ireland.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This seminar will be of interest to policymakers, healthcare professionals, social partnership organisations, non-profit organisations, patient groups, healthcare providers and users, as well as actuaries, economists and social scientists.

**Date** Tuesday morning 22 September 2009

**Venue** Conrad Hotel, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2

**Fee** €100 Corporate fee  
€75 Individual fee

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## SEMINAR PROGRAMME

- 08:00** **Registration and coffee**
- 08:30** **Opening address**  
Mary Harney, T.D., Minister for Health & Children
- 08:45** **Chairman's opening remarks**  
Ruth Barrington, Chairman

### Tax-based Systems

- 09:00** **The NHS Experience**  
Alan Maynard, University of York
- 09:30** **The Danish Experience**  
Mikkel Larsen, Codan Insurance, Denmark
- 10:05** **Questions & Answers**

### Insurance-based Systems

- 10:10** **The Canadian Experience**  
Stephen Birch, McMaster University, Canada
- 10:40** **Coffee**
- 11:00** **The Dutch Experience**  
Enne Osinga, Osinga Consult, The Netherlands
- 11:30** **Questions & Answers**

### Reform Health Financing

- 11:35** **Lessons for Ireland**  
John Armstrong, Associate Lecturer, IPA
- 11:55** **The European Experience**  
Sarah Thomson, London School of Economics
- 12:25** **Panel Discussion**
- 12:45** **Summary**  
Ruth Barrington, Chairman
- 13:00** **Light Lunch**

## RESERVATION FORM

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