INSTITIÚID TEICNEOLAÍOCHTA NA GAILLIMHE-MAIGH EO
GALWAY-MAYO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Tuarascáil Bhliantúil
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1. Réamhrá

1. Introduction

1.2 Ráiteas an Uachtaráin

Is mór an onóir dom Tuarascáil Bhliantúil GMIT don bhliain acadúil 2019/20 a chur i láthair. Ba bhliain í sin inar tharla paindéim an choróinvíris i mí an Mhárta 2020, rud ba chúis le dúshláin nach raibh romhainn riamh cheana. D'oibrigh an fhoireann agus na neacha léinn den chuid ba mhó as baile ar feadh an chuid eile den tréimhse sin, agus chuaigh pobal GMIT i mbun saothair chun ár ngníomhaíochtaí teagaisc, foghlama agus taighde a choinneáil ar siúl, agus iad ag tacú ag an am céanna leis an gcúis náisiúnta i dtéarmaí sláinte poiblí.

D'ainneoin an chíor thuathail, chuaigh GMIT chun cinn i gcónaí le linn na bliana seo caite, agus muid ag druidim níos gaire dár gcomhpháirtithe i gComhghuaillíocht Chonnacht-Uladh agus dírithe ar ár gcomhsprioc chun Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta a bhaint amach.

Mar institiúid neach léinnláraithe, cabhraíonn na sonraí ó Oifig an Chláraitheora agus Gnóthaí Acadúla linn ár bpobal féin a thuiscint níos fearr. Bhronnamar 1,760 dámhachtain ar fad in 2019, agus cuimsithe iontu bhí ionrollú de 75% foghlaimeoir lánaimseartha tríú leibhéal, 11% i mbun clár rfhoghlama agus 10.4% go páirtaimseartha mar aon le níos lú ná 4% i mbun staidéir i gcomhair cáilíochtaí printíseachta. Bhí móramh mór dár bhfoghlaimeoirí lánaimseartha ionrollaithe i gcláir chéimeanna onóracha ag Leibhéal 8 (72.5%) agus bhí 3% ag tabhairt faoi staidéar iarchéime.

Is léir an t-éileamh leathan tíreolaíoch atá againn i gcónaí san 64.5% dár n-iontógáil a tháinig as Connachta, 16.5% as Laighin, 10.5% as an Mhumhain agus 8.5% as Ulaidh.

B'iomaí buaicphointe a bhí againn mar institiúid i gcaitheamh na bliana, agus an-chuid éachtaí foirne agus neacha léinn. Bronnadh Gradam an Uachtaráin don tSármhaitheas i dTeagasc ar Rachel McCarthy agus an Dr Liam Morris, agus bronnadh Comhaltachtaí Oinigh ar an bhfiontraí agus eolaí Evelyn O'Toole, ar an eacnamaí an tOllamh John Fitzgerald, ar an ealaíontóir Andrew Pike agus ar an innealtóir/taighdeoir bogearraí an Dr Camelia Chira.

Ba líonmhar agus ba éagsúil iad ár rannpháirtíocht sheachtrach agus gníomhaíochtaí for-rochtana a chuimsigh comhdhálacha foirne agus neacha léinn as disciplíní éagsúla chomh maith le rannpháirtíocht le raon pobal. Chuireamar lenár gcomhpháirtíocht le comhlachtaí spóirt amhail Rugbaí Chonnacht, agus, den chéad uair riamh don choláiste, nocht GMIT féiniúlacht nua spreagúil lena gníomhaíochtaí spóirt sna campais uile, a thug foirne neacha léinn agus daoine aonair le chéile faoi bhranda spóirt amháin: 'GMIT Falcons'.

1.2 President's Statement

It is a great honour to present the GMIT Annual Report for the 2019/20 academic year. This was a year marked by the Coronavirus pandemic in March 2020, leading to challenges we have never faced before. Staff and students worked predominantly from home for the remainder of this time, and the GMIT community rallied to keep our teaching, learning and research activities underway, while supporting the national cause in terms of public health.

Notwithstanding all the upheaval, GMIT continued to thrive throughout the past year, drawing closer to our Connacht-Ulster Alliance partners as we strived to achieve our joint goal of becoming a Technological University.

As a student-centred institution, the data from our Office of Registrar and Academic Affairs helps us better understand our own community. We conferred 1,760 awards in total in 2019. Our enrolments comprised 75% full-time third-level learners, with 11% engaged in eLearning programmes and 10.4% part-time, and just under 4% studying for an apprenticeship qualification. A large majority of our full-time learners were enrolled in honours degree programmes at Level 8 (72.5%), with 3% undertaking postgraduate study. Our wide geographic appeal continued to be demonstrated by the fact that 64.5% of our intake came from Connacht, 16.5% from Leinster, 10.5% from Munster and 8.5% from Ulster.

As an institute, we had many highlights during the year, and many staff and student achievements. The President's Award for Teaching Excellence was awarded to Rachel McCarthy and Dr Liam Morris, and Honorary Fellowships were conferred on entrepreneur and scientist Evelyn O'Toole, economist Professor John Fitzgerald, artist Andrew Pike and software engineer/researcher Dr Camelia Chira.

Our external engagement and outreach activities were many and varied, and included staff and student conferences hosted in various disciplines as well as engagement with a range of communities. We extended our partnership with sporting bodies such as Connacht Rugby, and, in a first for the college, GMIT unveiled an exciting new identity for its sports activities across all campuses, bringing student teams and individuals together under one sports brand: 'GMIT Falcons'.

Ba bhliain í inar thug an Rialtas tacaíocht láidir dóibh siúd a bhí dífhostaithe i ngeall ar an bpaindéim dhomhanda, nuair a deonadh €4.7 do GMIT le haghaidh 31 cúrsa uas-scileála agus tiontaithe faoin Tionscnamh Springboard agus Human Capital 2020 de chuid ÚAO, a raibh ocht gcinn díobh sin ar líne go hiomlán.

Rinne ár bhfoireann Taighde agus Nuálaíochta cláir New Frontiers a sheachadadh sa dá Mhol Nuálaíochta i nGaillimh agus Maigh Eo, agus chuir EMPOWER, clár fiontraíochta na mban, lena seachadadh níos forleithne ná Gaillimh, Maigh Eo agus Ros Comáin leis na contaetha eile Sligeach, Dún na nGall agus Liatroim a chuimsiú.

Chonacthas fás leanúnach i ngníomhaíocht taighde go foriomlán nuair a fuair Gateway Leighis agus Innealtóireachta (MET) GMIT €840,000 mar mhaoiniú Rialtais chun saoráid úrscothach tástála iomháithe leighis a thógáil ar mhaithe leis an gcéad ghlúin eile teicneolaíochtaí leighis a fhorbairt.

Cuireadh fáilte roimh fhorbairt freisin i gcúrsaí bonneagair nuair a rinneadh iarratais ar chead pleanála a cuireadh isteach d'fhoirgneamh úrscothach ar champas na Gaillimhe chun freastal ar chláir a sheachadadh sna disciplíní Eolaíocht, Teicneolaíocht, Innealtóireacht agus Matamaitic (STEM).

Ar deireadh, is mian liom buíochas croí a ghlacadh lenár neacha léinn, ár bhfoireann agus ár bpáirtithe leasmhara. Ina n-éagmais, ní bheadh dul chun cinn agus forbairt GMIT indéanta. Ba mhaith liom freisin an deis seo a thapú chun mo bhuíochas a chur in iúl dár mBord Rialaithe agus dár gCathaoirleach, Cormac MacDonncha, as a gcuid oibre agus tiomantais i rith na bliana. Táim ag tnúth le cuid mhaith tuarascálacha dearfacha eile sna blianta atá amach romhainn.

Míle buíochas le gach éinne.

An Dr Orla Flynn
Uachtarán, Institiúid Teicneolaíochta na Gaillimhe-Maigh Eo

In a year of strong government support for those unemployed due to the global pandemic, GMIT was awarded €4.7m for 31 upskilling and graduate conversion courses under the HEA's 2020 Springboard and Human Capital Initiative, eight of which are fully online.

Our Research and Innovation team delivered New Frontiers programmes in iHubs in both Galway and Mayo, and EMPOWER, the women's entrepreneurship programme, saw its delivery extended beyond Galway, Mayo and Roscommon to include counties Sligo, Donegal and Leitrim.

We saw continued growth in research activity overall with GMIT's Medical and Engineering Technologies (MET) Gateway receiving €840,000 in government funding to build a state-of-the-art medical imaging test facility for the development of next generation medical technologies.

There was welcome development also on the infrastructure front, with an application for planning permission submitted for a new state-of-the-art building at the Galway campus to cater for the delivery of programmes in the disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

Finally, I would like to extend thanks and sincere gratitude to all our students, staff and stakeholders, without whom the progress and development of GMIT would not be possible. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to our Governing Body and our Chair, Mr Cormac MacDonnacha, for their work and commitment during the year. I look forward to many more positive reports in the years to come.

Míle buíochas le gach éinne.

Dr Orla Flynn
President, Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology

1.3 Ráiteas Misin agus Físe

FÍS

Cuirfidh GMIT eispéaras bunathraitheach ollscoile ar fáil dár neacha léinn, agus ár gcéimithe á gcumhachtú againn chun cion iomlán a thabhairt d'fheabhsú sóisialta, eacnamaíochta agus cultúrtha na sochaí.

Tá mar aidhm againn infheistiú i bhfoghlaim fheidhmeach, teagasc agus timpeallachtaí taighde den scoth a léiríonn na fíor-riachtanais atá ag gnó, fiontraíocht agus gairmeacha inár réigiún.

MISEAN

D'fhonn eispéaras bunathraitheach ollscoile a chur ar fáil dár neacha léinn, is é a dhéanfaidh GMIT:

- Rochtain agus deiseanna a chur ar fáil do phobal éagsúil neach léinn
- Baill foirne thréitheacha a mhealladh, a choinneáil, agus tacú leo
- Na hIdirghníomhaíochtaí dearfacha foirne-neach léinn atá againn a choinneáil
- Infheistiú i dtaighde nuálach agus i dteagasc agus foghlaim fheidhmeach
- Comhoibriú le gníomhaireachtaí rialtais, leis an bhfiontraíocht agus leis an bpobal
- Céimithe féinmhuiníneacha, gairmiúla agus sciliúla a fhorbairt a bheidh in ann a gcion a thabhairt mar shaoránaigh dhomhanda

1.3 Mission and Vision Statement

VISION

GMIT will provide our students with a transformative university experience, empowering our graduates to fully contribute to the social, economic and cultural betterment of society.

We aim to invest in excellent learning, teaching and research environments, reflecting the real needs of business, enterprise and the professions in our region.

MISSION

To provide students with a transformative university experience, GMIT will:

- Enable access and opportunity for a diverse student community
- Attract, retain and support highly talented staff
- Maintain our positive staff-student interactions
- Invest in innovative research and applied teaching and learning
- Collaborate with government agencies, enterprise and the community
- Develop confident, professional, knowledgeable and skilled graduates who are equipped to contribute as global citizens

2. Rialachas

2. Governance

Baill an Bhord Rialaithe

Governing Body Members

Líne Chúil
David Leahy, BOOGR, an Dr Eleanor Rainsford, Ion. Foirne, an Dr Michael Hannon Clár. agus Leas-Uacht. do Ghnóthaí Acad., an Dr Rick Officer, Leas-Uacht. Taighde & Nuál., Tom Grady Uas., BOOMSL

Líne Thosaigh
Gareth Roe Uas., Ion. Foirne, Cormac MacDonncha Cathaoirleach, an Dr Orla Flynn Uachtarán, an Comh. Moegie Maher BOOGR, Mary McGinley Uas. KPMG

Baill in easnamh ón bhfótó
An Comh. Terry O'Flaherty BOOGR
An Comh. Colm Keaveney BOOGR
Maureen Walsh Uas. IBEC
An Comh. Paul Murphy BOOLC
Siobhán Kennedy Uas. Innealtóirí Éireann
Joe Cunningham Uas. ICTU
Michael Geoghegan Uas. Ion. Foirne
Ricarda Bolle Uas. Aontas na Mac Léinn
Colin Kearney Uas. Aontas na Mac Léinn
Maria Ruddy Uas. Cónaidhm Óstán na hÉireann
Proinsias Ní Ghrainne Uas. Lárionad Scannán na Gaillimhe

Nóta: Déanann roinnt ball cianfhreastal ar na cruinnithe.

Back Row
Mr David Leahy, GRETB, Dr Eleanor Rainsford, Staff Rep, Dr Michael Hannon Reg and VP for Acad Affairs, Dr Rick Officer, VP Research & Innovation, Mr Tom Grady, MSLETB

Front Row
Mr Gareth Roe, Staff Rep, Mr Cormac MacDonncha Chair, Dr Orla Flynn President, Cllr Moegie Maher GRETB, Ms Mary McGinley KPMG

Members missing from the photo
Cllr Terry O'Flaherty GRETB
Cllr Colm Keaveney GRETB
Ms Maureen Walsh IBEC
Cllr Paul Murphy LCETB
Ms Siobhán Kennedy Engineers Ireland
Mr Joe Cunningham ICTU
Mr Michael Geoghegan Staff Rep
Ms Ricarda Bolle Students Union
Mr Colin Kearney Students Union
Ms Maria Ruddy Irish Hotels Federation
Ms Proinsias Ni Ghráinne Galway Film Centre

Note: A number of members attend the meeting remotely.

Rialachas

Bunaíodh an Bord Rialaithe faoi Acht na gColáistí Teicniúla Réigiúnacha, 1992 go 2001 agus sannadh feidhmeanna breise faoi Acht na nInstitiúidí Teicneolaíochta 2006. Tá an Bord Rialaithe freagrach don Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta agus tá sé freagrach as dea-rialachas a chinntiú. Tá an Bord Rialaithe comhfhreagrach as gníomhaíochtaí na hInstitiúide a threorú agus a stiúradh agus comhlíonann sé na príomhfheidhmeanna: treo straitéiseach a athbhreithniú agus a threorú agus mórphleananna gníomhaíochta, polasaithe agus gnáthaimh riosca, pleananna bliantúla agus gnó, spriocanna feidhmíochta a leagan amach, monatóireacht a dhéanamh ar chur i bhfeidhm agus feidhmíocht na hInstitiúide, agus maoirseacht a dhéanamh ar chinntí mórchaiteachais agus infheistíochta. Gníomhaíonn an Bord Rialaithe ar bhonn lánfheasach agus eiticiúil, le hintinn mhaith, le díograis agus cúram cuí, agus ar son an leasa is fearr don Institiúid, agus aird mar is cuí á tabhairt ar a fhreagrachtaí dlí agus ar na cuspóirí a shocraíonn an Rialtas. Tá mar aidhm ag an mBord Rialaithe cloí le prionsabail scothchleachtais phoiblí ina chuid gníomhaíochtaí féin agus leis an úsáid a bhaineann sé as coistí.

Plean Straitéiseach, Cláir Bhliantúla agus Buiséad

Thug Bord Rialaithe na hInstitiúide faoi mheasúnú ar fheidhmíocht iarbhír, trí thagairt do Phlean Straitéiseach agus Buiséad na hInstitiúide agus ina dhiaidh sin d'fhaomh Clár Bliantúil agus Buiséad don Institiúid.

Oibríocht an Bhord Rialaithe, Feidhmeanna Forchoimeádta agus Cinntí atá Tarmligthe don Bhainistíocht

Tá comhfhreagracht ar Bhord Rialaithe na hInstitiúide as gníomhaíochtaí na hInstitiúide a threorú a chomhlíonann Cód Rialachais an ÚAO. Is feidhmeanna agus cinntí bainistíochta gach feidhm agus cinneadh nach bhfuil liostaithe go sonrach laistigh den Chód Rialachais (Aguisín B, Feidhmeanna Forchoimeádta, Feidhmeanna Reachtúla agus Riachtanais Rialála).

Comhlíonadh Chód Caiteachais Phoiblí

Deimhníonn Cathaoirleach Bhord Rialaithe na hInstitiúide go gcloíonn GMIT leis na gnéithe ábhartha den Chód Caiteachais Phoiblí agus go gcinntíonn an Bord Rialaithe go bhfuil córais agus gnáthaimh láidre éifeachtacha i bhfeidhm chun comhlíonadh leis na prionsabail ábhartha agus le treoirlínte an Chód um Chaiteachas Poiblí. Féadfaidh GMIT a dhearbhú go gcomhlíontar na Treoirlínte um Bhreithmheas agus Bhainistiú Tograí Caipitil de réir mar is iomchuí. Tá beartaithe ag an Institiúid a gnáthaimh Tionscadail Chaipitil a leasú chun dáta faoi chríoch R2 2021.

Governance

The Governing Body was established under the Regional Technical Colleges Act, 1992 to 2001 and additional functions were assigned under the Institutes of Technology Act 2006. The Governing Body is accountable to the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science and is responsible for ensuring good governance. The Governing Body is collectively responsible for leading and directing the Institute's activities and fulfils key functions, including: reviewing and guiding strategic direction and major plans of action, risk management policies and procedures, annual budgets and business plans, setting performance objectives, monitoring implementation and Institute performance, and overseeing major capital expenditure and investment decisions. The Governing Body acts on a fully informed and ethical basis, in good faith, with due diligence and care, and in the best interest of the Institute, having due regard to its legal responsibilities and the objectives set by Government. The Governing Body seeks to comply with best practice public principles in its own activities and its use of committees.

Strategic Plan, Annual Programmes and Budget

The Institute's Governing Body has formally undertaken an evaluation of actual performance, by reference to the Institute's Strategic Plan and Budget and has subsequently approved an Annual Programme and Budget for the Institute.

Governing Body Operation, Reserved Functions and Decisions Delegated to Management

The Institute's Governing Body is collectively responsible for leading and directing the Institute's activities in compliance with the THEA Code of Governance. All functions and decisions that are not specifically listed within the Code of Governance (Appendix B, Reserved Functions, Statutory Functions and Regulatory Requirements) are functions and decisions of management.

Compliance with Public Spending Code

The Chairperson of the Institute's Governing Body confirms that GMIT adheres to the relevant aspects of the Public Spending Code and that the Governing Body has ensured that robust and effective systems and procedures are in place to ensure compliance with the relevant principles, requirements, and guidelines of the Public Spending Code. GMIT can confirm that the Guidelines for the Appraisal and Management of Capital Proposals are being adhered to where appropriate. The Institute plans to update its Capital Project procedures by end of Q2 2021.

Cruinnithe an Bhord Rialaithe

Le linn na tréimhse ó 1 Meán Fómhair 2019 go 31 Lúnasa 2020 chas an Bord Rialaithe ar a chéile ar dheich n-ócáid ar leith ar na dátaí seo a leanas:

26 Meán Fómhair 2019

31 Deireadh Fómhair 2019

28 Samhain 2019

12 Nollaig 2019

30 Eanáir 2020

27 Feabhra 2020

26 Márta 2020

28 Bealtaine 2020

25 Meitheamh 2020

27 Lúnasa 2020

Fíor 1.1: Cruinnithe a ndearnadh freastal orthu le linn na bliana dar críoch 31 Lúnasa 2020

	Bord Rialaithe
Líon na gcruinnithe	**10**
Cormac MacDonncha	9/10
Michael Hannon	5/6
Mary Howard	5/7
Gareth Roe	10/10
Joe Cunningham	5/10
Mary Rogers	6/7
Karey McHugh	1/10
Niall McNelis	5/7
Michael Maher	8/10
David Leahy	8/10
Jayne Cooley	7/8
Aaron Burke	8/8
Michael Vaughan	6/7
Michael Geoghegan	10/10
Maire Ni Chionna	7/7
Tom Grady	7/10
Mary McGinley	8/10
Celestine Rowland	1/7
Michael Lally	7/7
Saidhbh McIntyre	2/2
Orla Flynn	4/4
Maria Ruddy	3/3
Siobhan Kennedy	3/3
Colm Keaveney	3/3
Eleanor Rainsford	3/3
Paul Murphy	3/3
Maureen Walsh	3/3
Terry O'Flaherty	2/3
Gillian Buckley	0/1
Victor O'Loughlin	2/2

Chuaigh téarma an bhord rialaithe a bhí ann in éag i Márta 2020, agus ceapadh bord rialaithe nua in Aibreán 2020. Reachtáladh deich gcruinniú den bhord rialaithe laistigh den bhliain acadúil, seacht gcinn leis an mballraíocht a bhí ann go dtí sin agus trí cinn le ballraíocht an bhord rialaithe nua. Léirítear sin sna cumraíochtaí éagsúla sa tábla thuas.

Governing Body Meetings

During the period from 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020 the Governing Body met on ten separate occasions on the following dates:

26th September 2019

31st October 2019

28th November 2019

12th December 2019

30th January 2020

27th February 2020

26th March 2020

28th May 2020

25th June 2020

27th August 2020

Figure 1.1: Meetings Attended during year ended 31 August 2020

	Governing Body
Number of meetings	**10**
Cormac MacDonncha	9/10
Michael Hannon	5/6
Mary Howard	5/7
Gareth Roe	10/10
Joe Cunningham	5/10
Mary Rogers	6/7
Karey McHugh	1/10
Niall McNelis	5/7
Michael Maher	8/10
David Leahy	8/10
Jayne Cooley	7/8
Aaron Burke	8/8
Michael Vaughan	6/7
Michael Geoghegan	10/10
Maire Ni Chionna	7/7
Tom Grady	7/10
Mary McGinley	8/10
Celestine Rowland	1/7
Michael Lally	7/7
Saidhbh McIntyre	2/2
Orla Flynn	4/4
Maria Ruddy	3/3
Siobhan Kennedy	3/3
Colm Keaveney	3/3
Eleanor Rainsford	3/3
Paul Murphy	3/3
Maureen Walsh	3/3
Terry O'Flaherty	2/3
Gillian Buckley	0/1
Victor O'Loughlin	2/2

In March 2020 the existing governing body's term expired, and a new governing body was formed in April 2020. There were ten governing body meetings held within the academic year, seven with existing membership and three with the new governing body membership. This is reflected in the different divisors in the above table.

Bainistiú Riosca

Déanann an Bord Rialaithe creat bainistithe riosca na hInstitiúide a fhaomhadh agus déanann monatóireacht ar a éifeachtacht, faomhadh agus maoirseacht ar Pholasaí Bainistithe Riosca GMIT, ar a n-áirítear athbhreithnithe struchtúraithe agus tréimhsiúla agus nuashonraithe ar Chlár Riosca Chorparáidigh na hInstitiúide ag an bhFoireann Feidhmeanach Bainistithe. Cuimsíonn an t-athbhreithniú seo measúnú ar na príomhrioscaí, rátáil riosca agus maolaithe gaolmhara ar gach ceann de na rioscaí atá leagtha amach i gClár Riosca Chorparáidigh na hInstitiúide.

An Coiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca

Is é an Bord Rialaithe a leagann amach na Téarmaí Tagartha don Choiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca agus cuimsíonn siad soláthar i leith:

- Ballraíocht
- Riachtanais tuairiscithe
- Údarás chun imscrúdaithe
- Cruinnithe – am, láimhseáil agus minicíocht
- Riachtanais faisnéise
- Luach ar airgead
- Rialachas agus freagrachtaí maidir le:
- Bainistiú Riosca
- Rialú Inmheánach
- Iniúchadh Inmheánach
- Iniúchadh Seachtrach
- Athbhreithniú ar a éifeachtacht féin

Tá Cathaoirleach an Bhord Rialaithe sásta gur chomhlíon an Coiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca a ról go héifeachtach agus gur chomhlíon sé na riachtanais maidir le minicíocht na gcruinnithe sa bhliain acadúil seo. Féach Fíor 1.2 thíos le haghaidh sonraí na gcruinnithe a reáchtáladh le linn na bliana.

Risk Management

The Governing Body approves the Institute's risk management framework and monitors its effectiveness, approval and oversight of GMIT's Risk Management Policy, including structured and periodic reviews and updates to the Institute Corporate Risk Register by the Executive Management Team. This review includes an assessment of the principal risks, risk rating and associated mitigations for each of the risks set out in the Institute Corporate Risk Register.

Audit and Risk Committee

The Terms of Reference for the Audit and Risk Committee are set by the Governing Body of the Institute and include provision regarding:

- Membership
- Reporting requirements
- Authority to investigate
- Meetings – timing, conduct and frequency
- Information requirements
- Value for money
- Governance and responsibilities regarding:
- Risk management
- Internal control
- Internal audit
- External audit
- Review of its own effectiveness

The Chairperson of the Governing Body is satisfied that the Audit and Risk Committee has discharged its role effectively and efficiently and has met the requirements with regard to frequency of meetings in this academic year. See figure 1.2 below for details of meetings held during the year.

Cruinnithe Coiste eile

Féach Fíor 1.2 thíos le haghaidh sonraí na gcruinnithe a reáchtáladh le linn na bliana.

Fíor 1.2: Cruinnithe a ndearnadh freastal orthu le linn na bliana dar críoch 31 Lúnasa 2020

Other Committee Meetings

See figure 1.2 below for details of meetings held during the year.

Figure 1.2: Meetings Attended during year ended 31 August 2020

	Fochoiste Champas Mhaigh Eo Mayo Campus Subcommittee	Fochoiste Airgeadais Finance Subcommittee	Fochoiste EDI (Comhionannas, Éagsúlacht & Ionchuimsiú) EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) Subcommittee	Fochoiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca Audit and Risk Committee
Líon Cruinnithe | Number of Meetings	4	6	2	4
Joe Cunningham				3/3
David Leahy				3/4
Cliona Pierse				4/4
Jerry O' Leary				3/3
Siobhan Kennedy				1/1
Michael Maher	4/4	6/6		
Michael Hannon	3 /4	4/4		
Orla Flynn		2/2		
Michael Geoghegan	2/4	4/6		
Paul Shelly		6/6		
Hannah Kiely		6/6		
Mary Howard		4/4		
Michael Lally	4/4	2/2		
Maria Ruddy		2/2		
Mary McGinley			2/2	4/4
Anne Scott			2/2	
Jacqueline McCormack			2/2	
Jayne Cooley			2/2	
Michael Vaughan			2/2	
Cormac MacDonncha	4/4			
Gary Tobin	2/3			
Tom Grady	1/1			
Neville McClenaghan	4/4			
Clodagh Geraghty	4/4			
Mark Garavan	4/4			
Mike Devane	4/4			
Lorna Elms	2/4			
Peter Hynes	4/4			
Tom Canavan	4/4			
Kevin Higgins	4/4			
Catherine Donoghue	0/4			
Aaron Burke	0/4			
Tom Grady	2/4			

Chuaigh téarma An Choiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca in éag laistigh den bhliain. Léirítear é sin sna cumraíochtaí éagsúla sa tábla thuas.

The Audit and Risk Committee and Finance Subcommittee term expired within the year. This is reflected in the different divisors in the above table.

Ballraíocht na Comhairle Acadúla

An Dr Orla Flynn (Cathaoirleach)
An Dr Michael Hannon (Rúnaí)
An Dr Séamus Lennon
Carmel Brennan Uas.
An Dr Edna Curley
Caroline Clarke Uas.
Celine Curtin Uas.
An Dr Edna Curley
Jacinta Dalton Uas.
An Dr Seán Duignan
An Dr Maura Fitzsimons
Marie Finnegan Uas.
An Dr Des Foley
An Dr Carine Gachon
Michael Gill Uas.
An Dr Carine Ginty
An tOllamh Graham Heaslip
An Dr Pauline Logue-Collins
Deirdre Lusby Uas.
Gerard MacMichael Uas.
Hugh McBride Uas.
An Dr Eugene McCarthy
An Dr Mark McCarthy
An Dr Ian McLoughlin
An tOllamh Neville McCleneghan
Marion McEnroy-Higgins Uas.
An Dr Ian McLoughlin
Debbie Molloy Uas.
An Dr Robert Mooney
An Dr Liam Morris
An Dr Oliver Mulryan
An Dr Róisín Nash
Mary Nestor Uas.
Cáit Noone Uas.
An Dr Francesco Noci
An Dr Ian O'Connor
Trish O'Connell Uas.
An Dr Katie O Dwyer
Aedín Ó hEocha Uas.
An Dr Rick Officer
An Dr Cormac Quigley
An Dr Eleanor Rainsford
An Dr Gareth Roe
Mary Rogers Uas.
An Dr Lisa Ryan
An Dr Paddy Tobin
John Scahill Uas.
Margaret Waldron Uas.
An Dr Maggie Wood

Ionadaithe Aontas na Neach Léinn

Uachtarán Aontas na Neach Léinn
Leas-Uachtarán don Oideachas
Leas-Uachtarán do Champas Mhaigh Eo

Academic Council Membership

Dr Orla Flynn (chair)
Dr Michael Hannon (Secretary)
Dr Seamus Lennon
Ms Carmel Brennan
Dr Edna Curley
Ms Caroline Clarke
Ms Celine Curtin
Dr Edna Curley
Ms Jacinta Dalton
Dr Sean Duignan
Dr Maura Fitzsimons
Ms Marie Finnegan
Dr Des Foley
Dr Carine Gachon
Mr Michael Gill
Dr Carine Ginty
Professor Graham Heaslip
Dr Pauline Logue-Collins
Ms Deirdre Lusby
Mr Gerard MacMichael
Mr Hugh McBride
Dr Eugene McCarthy
Dr Mark McCarthy
Dr Ian McLougलin
Prof Neville Mc Cleneghan
Ms Marion McEnroy-Higgins
Dr Ian McLoughlin
Ms Debbie Molloy
Dr Robert Mooney
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Students' Union Reps

GMIT SU President
Deputy President for Education
SU VP for the Mayo Campus

Foireann Shinsearach – 31/08/2020

Uachtarán:
An Dr Orla Flynn

Leas-Uachtarán do Ghnóthaí Acadúla & Cláraitheoir:
Dr Michael Hannon

Leas-Uachtarán d'Airgeadas & Gnóthaí Corparáideacha:
Jim Fennell Uas.

Leas-Uachtarán do Thaighde & Nuálaíocht:
An Dr Rick Officer

Oifigeach COVID:
An Dr Séamus Lennon

Leabharlannaí:
Margaret Waldron Uas.

Bainisteoir Seirbhísí Neacha Léinn:
Debbie Molloy Uas.

Bainisteoir Acmhainní Daonna:
Tony McDonogh Uas.

Bainisteoir Airgeadais:
Edel O'Connor Uas.

Bainisteoir Foirgneamh agus Eastát:
David Lee Uas.

Bainisteoir Seirbhísí Ríomhaire:
Donal McGinty Uas.

Stiúrthóir Forbartha Iarchéime & Gairmiúla:
An Dr Ian O'Connor

Bainisteoir Rannpháirtíochta Idirnáisiúnta:
John Joe O'Farrell Uas.

Bainisteoir Tionscadal CCU:
An Dr Shirley Wrynn

Bainisteoir Comhionannais, Éagsúlachta & Ionchuimsithe:
Mary Nestor Uas.

Cláraitheoir Cúnta:
Aedín Ó hEocha Uas.
Carmel Brennan Uas.

Campais na Gaillimhe

Scoil Staidéar Gnó

Ceann na Scoile:
An tOllamh Graham Heaslip

Ceann na Roinne Gnó:
Deirdre Lusby Uas.

Ceann na Roinne Cuntasaíochta & Córas Faisnéise:
Eamon Walsh Uas.

Scoil na hInnealtóireachta

Ceann na Scoile:
Gerard Mac Michael Uas.

Ceann na Roinne Foirgníochta & Innealtóireachta Sibhialta:
Mary Rogers Uas.

Ceann na Roinne Leictreonaice:
Des O'Reilly Uas.

Ceann na Roinne Innealtóireachta Meicniúla/Tionsclaíochta:
An Dr Carine Gachon

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Vice-President for Academic Affairs & Registrar:
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Mr Jim Fennell

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Mr Eamon Walsh

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Head of School:
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Mr Des O'Reilly

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Scoil Idirnáisiúnta Óstáin na Gaillimhe

Ceann na Scoile:
Cáit Noone Uas.

Ceann na Roinne Ealaíona Cócaireachta & Tionscal Seirbhíse:
Jacinta Dalton Uas.

Ceann na Roinne Teangacha, Daonnachtaí, Oidhreachta & Turasóireachta:
Diarmuid Ó Conghaile Uas.

Scoil Eolaíochta:

Ceann na Scoile:
An Dr Desmond Foley

Ceann na Roinne Eolaíochta:
An Dr Séamus Lennon

Ceann na Roinne Matamaitice & Ríomhaireachta:
An Dr Seán Duignan Uas.

Ceann na Roinne Eolaíochta Nádúrtha:
An Dr Lisa Ryan

Scoil Deartha & Ealaíon Cruthaitheach (Cluain Mhuire)

Ceann na Scoile:
An Dr Paddy Tobin

Ceann na Roinne Ealaíon Cruthaitheach & na Meán:
Celine Curtin Uas.

Campas Leitir Fraic

Ceann na Roinne:
Paul Leamy Uas.

Campas Mhaigh Eo

Ceann Champas Mhaigh Eo:
An tOllamh Neville McClenaghan

Ceann na Roinne Altranais:
Justin Kerr Uas.

Ceann na Roinne Gnó, Daonnachtaí agus Teicneolaíochta:
Michael Gill Uas.

Galway International Hotel School

Head of School:
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School of Science

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Head of Department of Mathematics and Computing:
Dr Sean Duignan

Head of Department of Natural Science:
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School of Design & Creative Arts (Cluain Mhuire)

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Ms Celine Curtin

Letterfrack Campus

Head of Department:
Mr Paul Leamy

Mayo Campus

Head of GMIT Mayo Campus:
Prof Neville McClenaghan

Head of Department of Nursing:
Mr Justin Kerr

Head of Department of Business, Humanities and Technology:
Mr Michael Gill

3. Plean Forbartha Straitéisí

3. Strategic Development Plan

Ceapadh an Dr Orla Flynn mar Uachtarán GMIT

Chuir GMIT fáilte roimh theacht an Dr Orla Flynn mar Uachtarán GMIT ar 18 Márta i lár phaindéim COVID-19. Bhí an Institiúid, amhail soláthróirí eile ardoideachais ar fud na hÉireann, dírithe ar shláinte agus dea-bhail a 7,000 neach léinn agus 700 ball foirne a chosaint le linn di a bheith ag obair go crua chun leanúnachas gnó agus oideachais a chinntiú sna campais go léir i nGaillimh agus Maigh Eo.

A luaithe an ról glactha ag an Dr Flynn ná bhí sí i mbun cumarsáide leanúnaí leis na neacha léinn agus baill foirne trí mheán nuashonruithe físeáin agus rphoist maidir le comhairle sláinte poiblí, tacaíochtaí sláinte meabhrach, athruithe ar sheachadadh agus measúnuithe cúrsaí agus sláine acadúil.

"Tráthanna eisceachtúla iad seo agus is í an phríomhthosaíocht atá againn ná sláinte ár gcuid neach léinn, foirne agus pobal agus muid ag iarraidh na croísheirbhísí don fhoireann agus na neacha léinn a choinneáil. Ba mhaith liom aitheantas a thabhairt do na sáriarrachtaí a rinne gach duine ina leith sin in GMIT go dáta," a dúirt an Dr Flynn.

Dúirt Cormac MacDonncha, Cathaoirleach Bhord Rialaithe GMIT: "Is ábhar ríméid dom fáilte a chur roimh an Dr Orla Flynn mar Uachtarán nua GMIT. Ta sí ag teacht ar uair a dtáinig feabhas suntasach le deireanas ar ár bhfeidhmíocht ar bhealaí iomadúla agus muid ar tí roinnt forbairtí an-dearfacha. Tá na hacmhainní aici chun an fhoireann a threorú agus muid ag seoladh tríd an tráth an-dúshlánach seo agus ar aghaidh chun rath úr a bhaint amach. Ar son na neach léinn agus na foirne agus an Bhord Rialaithe, ba mhaith liom aitheantas a chur in iúl as an obair iontach atá á déanamh ag foireann iomlán GMIT agus iad i ngleic leis na dúshláin gan réamhshampla atá romhainn amach."

Tháinig an Dr Orla Flynn chuig GMIT ó Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Chorcaí, áit a raibh sí ina Leas-Uachtarán do Ghnóthaí Seachtracha ar feadh na sé bliana seo caite. Tá taithí 20 bliain ag an Dr Flynn i róil bhainistíochta oideachais ag CIT áit a raibh sí i gceannas ar Choláiste Ealaíne agus Deartha Crawford ar feadh ocht mbliana tar éis di tréimhsí rathúla a chaitheamh mar Cheann Scoil na nDaonnachtaí agus mar Cheann Roinn na Meán Cumarsáide. Roimhe sin bhí sí ina léachtóir i Roinn na Matamaitice agus na Ríomhaireachta ag CIT ar feadh 13 bliain.

Tá cáilíochtaí fochéime agus iarchéime i bhFisic Mhatamaiticiúil agus Eolaíocht Ríomhaire ag an Dr Flynn ó Choláiste Ollscoile Chorcaí, MA i mBainistíocht Oideachais ó WIT agus PhD ó Ollscoil Luimnigh. Faoi láthair tá sí ar bhoird HEAnet agus Féile Lár-Shamhraidh Chorcaí.

Dr Orla Flynn appointed President of GMIT

GMIT welcomed the arrival of Dr Orla Flynn as President of GMIT on 18 March in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Institute, like other higher education providers across Ireland, was focusing on protecting the health and wellbeing of its 7,000 students and 700 staff while working hard to ensure continuity of business and education provision across all campuses in Galway and Mayo.

Upon assuming the role, Dr Flynn was in constant communication with both students and staff, with video and email updates on public health advice, mental health supports, changes to course delivery and assessments, and academic integrity.

"These are exceptional times and the health of our students, staff and communities is our top priority while supporting the various teams across the Institute who are striving to maintain core services for staff and students alike. I want to acknowledge the sterling efforts that have been undertaken in this regard by everyone in GMIT to date", said Dr Flynn.

Cormac MacDonncha, Chair of the GMIT Governing Body, said: "I am very pleased to welcome Dr Orla Flynn as the new President of GMIT. She arrives at a time where the Institute has seen a significant improvement in our performance in recent times on many fronts and is now poised for some very positive developments. She has the capabilities to lead the team as we navigate through these very challenging times and on to new successes. On behalf of our students, staff and Governing Body, I would like to acknowledge the excellent work being done by the entire team at GMIT in rising to meet the unprecedented challenges facing us".

Dr Orla Flynn joined GMIT from Cork Institute of Technology, where she held the position of Vice President for External Affairs for the last six years. Dr Flynn has 20 years' experience in education management roles at CIT where she led the CIT Crawford College of Art and Design for eight years following successful periods as Head of School of Humanities and Head of Department of Media Communications. Prior to this she was a lecturer in the Department of Mathematics and Computing at CIT for 13 years.

Dr Flynn holds undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications in Mathematical Physics and Computer Science from University College Cork, an MA in Management in Education from WIT and a PhD from the University of Limerick. She is currently a director on the boards of HEAnet and Cork Midsummer Festival.

3.1 Teagasc agus Foghlaim

Deontar €4.7m ar GMIT le haghaidh 25 Cúrsa Uas-Scileála agus Tiontaithe Céimithe faoi Thionscnamh Springboard agus Human Capital (HCI) 2020

Deonadh €2.6m de mhaoiniú ar GMIT faoi Springboard 2020 an ÚAO agus €2.02m faoi Philéar 1 den Tionscnamh Human Capital (HC1) chun 25 cúrsa uas-scileála a sheachadadh ó Shamhain 2020, ar a n-áirítear trí chúrsa nua Springboard agus sé chúrsa nua Piléar 1 HC1.

Cuireadh 573 ionad ar fad ar fáil ar 25 cúrsa Scileanna Springboard/TF GMIT, agus bhí seacht gcinn de na cúrsaí sin ar líne go hiomlán. Bhí 308 ionad ar fáil ar na sé chlár nua HC1, agus ceann amháin de na cláir sin ar líne go hiomlán.

Rinneadh deich gcinn de na 25 clár Springboard/TF a thairiscint ag campas Mhaigh Eo GMIT.

Is iad na trí chúrsa Springboard atá faofa le deireanas ná an Teastas in Uathoibriú Tionsclaíoch, Teastas i Mapáil Dhigiteach, agus Teastas i dTógáil Pobal Digiteach Cúraim Sláinte.

Dúirt Uachtarán GMIT an Dr Orla Flynn: "Is cinnte go bhfuil ríméad orainn le toradh an ghlao seo agus cuirimid fáilte roimh an bhfógra inniu. Teastaíonn uaim a chur in iúl cé chomh tábhachtach is a bheidh na dámhachtainí seo – go háirithe ag an bpointe ama seo – do na rannpháirtithe, don tionsclaíocht, agus don réigiún níos leithne. Is mian liom freisin aitheantas a thabhairt don obair chrua a rinne comhghleacaithe ar fud na hInstitiúide a rinne an toradh seo a sheachadadh do GMIT; tugann a gcuid comhpháirtíochtaí leanúnacha lenár bpáirtithe leasmhara iomadúla seachtracha táscaire láidir maidir le rath sa todhchaí."

Dúirt an Dr Ian O'Connor, Comhordaitheoir HC1 GMIT: "Is cúis mhór áthais dom na torthaí HC1 a fógraíodh inniu. Cuirfidh na cláir nua seo, a ceapadh i gcomhar le comhpháirtithe tionscail agus a fuair tacaíocht ónár bhFóram Réigiúnach Scileanna, deiseanna uas-scileála ar fáil do chéimithe i réimsí amhail TF, Tógáil Dhigiteach, Anailísíocht Sonraí, Eolaíocht Bhithchógaisíochta agus Inbhuaine. Beidh GMIT mar chomhpháirtí freisin le Cumann MedTech na hÉireann do chlár Leibhéal 8 i nGnóthaí Rialála d'earnáil na bhfeistí leighis. Ba mhaith liom mo chomhghleacaithe acadúla a mholadh as na cláir seo a fhorbairt."

3.1 Learning and Teaching

GMIT Awarded €4.7m for 25 Upskilling and Graduate Conversion Courses under HEA's 2020 Springboard and Human Capital Initiative (HCI)

GMIT was awarded funding of €2.68m under the HEA's Springboard+2020 and €2.02m under Pillar 1 of the Human Capital Initiative (HCI) to deliver 25 upskilling programmes from November 2020, including three new Springboard courses and six new HCI Pillar 1 courses.

In total, 573 places were made available on GMIT's 25 Springboard/ICT Skills courses, with seven of these courses fully online. On the six new HCI programmes 308 places were available, with one of these programmes fully online.

Ten of the 25 Springboard/ICT programmes were offered on the GMIT Mayo campus.

The three newly approved Springboard courses are the Certificate in Industrial Automation, Certificate in Digital Mapping, and Certificate in Building Digital Healthcare Communities.

GMIT President Dr Orla Flynn said: "Clearly we are delighted with the outcome of this call and we welcome the announcement today. I want to signal how important these awards will be – especially at this point in time - for participants, for industry, and for the wider region. I also want to acknowledge the hard work of colleagues across the Institute who delivered this result for GMIT; their ongoing partnerships with our many external stakeholders gives a strong indicator of future success."

Dr Ian O'Connor, GMIT HCI Co-ordinator, said: "I am delighted with the HCI results announced today. These new programmes, devised in collaboration with industry partners, and supported by our Regional Skills Forum, will provide graduates with opportunities to upskill in areas such as ICT, digital construction, data analytics, biopharmaceutical science and sustainability. GMIT will also partner with the Irish MedTech Association for a new Level 8 programme in Regulatory Affairs for the medical device sector. I would like to pay tribute to my academic colleagues and their industry partners for developing these programmes."

Tugann an tOllamh John Fitzgerald de chuid ESRI Aoi-Léacht in GMIT

Thug an tOllamh John Fitzgerald, ollamh taca san Eacnamaíocht ag Coláiste na Tríonóide Baile Átha Cliath agus iarollamh taighde ag an Institiúid Taighde Eacnamaíochta agus Sóisialta, a léacht bhliantúil ar 'The Irish economy and policy challenges' do neacha léinn gnó GMIT ar champas GMIT na Gaillimhe Dé Máirt, 15 Deireadh Fómhair.

Is ball de Choimisiún Bhanc Cheannais na hÉireann é an tOllamh Fitzgerald agus den Sain-Phainéal Neamhspleách a bhunaigh an Roinn Cumarsáide, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha.Is ball comhthofa é ag an ESRI ó Shamhain 2014 agus roimhe sin bhí sé ina Ollamh Taighde ag an ESRI agus ina Chomhordaitheoir Cláir don Réimse Taighde Maicreacnamaíochta.

Is é a deir an léachtóir le gnó GMIT Marie Finnegan, Scoil Ghnó GMIT: "Bíonn an tOllamh Fitzgerald thar barr agus é ag cur coincheapa eacnamaíochta i láthair ar bhealach an-sorochtana. Beidh sé ag caint faoi fheidhmíocht gheilleagar na hÉireann agus faoi na dúshláin ghaolmhara polasaí san am neamhchinnte seo."

ESRI's Professor John Fitzgerald Delivers Guest Lecture in GMIT

Professor John Fitzgerald, adjunct professor in Economics at Trinity College Dublin and former research professor at the Economic and Social Research Institute, delivered his annual lecture on 'The Irish economy and policy challenges' to GMIT business students in GMIT's Galway campus on Tuesday, 15 October.

Professor Fitzgerald is a member of the Commission of the Central Bank of Ireland and of the Independent Expert Panel established in 2014 by the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources. He has been a research affiliate at the ESRI since November 2014 and prior to that was a research professor at the ESRI and Programme Co-ordinator of the Macroeconomics Research Area.

GMIT economics lecturer Marie Finnegan, GMIT School of Business, says: "Professor Fitzgerald is excellent at communicating economic concepts in a very accessible way. He will be talking about the performance of the Irish economy and the associated policy challenges at this uncertain time."

An tOllamh John Fitzgerald

Professor John Fitzgerald

Cuireann an Chéad Ghrúpa Cúrsa Nua Printíseachta Teicneora Déantúsaíochta i gCrích

Chuir an chéad chohórt de neacha léinn GMIT ar an gclár nua Ibec Printíseacht Teicneora Déantúsaíochta an cúrsa i gcrích agus fuair siad a dTeastais Ghnóthachtála Ibec ag searmanas a d'eagraigh Ibec in Óstán Galmont i nGaillimh.

Bhí 29 printíseach ag baint na céime amach ag searmanas Ibec as na trí Institiúid Teicneolaíochta, Institiúid Teicneolaíochta na Gaillimhe-Maigh Eo (GMIT), Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Chorcaí (CIT) agus Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Luimnigh (LIT) mar aon le 16 cuideachta, ionadaithe ón Údarás um Ard-Oideachas, SOLAS, agus na Soláthróirí réigiúnacha Oideachais i láthair.

Ba í Scoil na hInnealtóireachta de chuid GMIT an príomhpháirtí acadúil i ndearadh agus seachadadh chúrsa nuálaigh nua náisiúnta printíseachta dhá bhliain Ibec a thugann na trí Institiúid eile freisin. Deir cathaoirleach chlár printíseachta GMIT, an Dr Paul O'Dowd: "Is rud úrnua é in Éirinn cáilíocht innealtóireachta a fháil trí mhodh na printíseachta agus is ábhar gliondair dúinn céad chéimithe an chúrsa a fheiceáil as cuideachtaí amhail Boston Scientific, Gaillimh, agus Zimmer Biomet as Órán Mór.

First Group Complete New Manufacturing Technicians Apprenticeship Course

The first cohort of GMIT students on the new Ibec Manufacturing Technician Apprenticeship programme completed the course, receiving their Ibec Certificates of Achievement at a ceremony organised by Ibec in the Galmont Hotel, Galway.

At the Ibec ceremony were 29 graduating apprentices from three Institutes of Technology – Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT), Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) and Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT) along with a total of 16 companies, representatives from the Higher Education Authority, SOLAS, and the regional Education Providers.

GMIT's Engineering School was the lead academic partner in the design and delivery of this innovative new two-year national Ibec apprenticeship course, which is also delivered by the three other Institutes. GMIT apprentice programme chair, Dr Paul O'Dowd, says: "Getting an engineering qualification by the apprenticeship mode is brand new in Ireland and we are delighted to see our first graduates of this course from companies such as Boston Scientific Galway and Zimmer Biomet of Oranmore.

Táimid ag obair le printísigh as cuideachtaí eile atá bunaithe in iarthar na hÉireann amhail Valeo, Caragh Precision, Creganna, Merit Medical, M & M Qualtech, MSA Safety, Synecco, Eire Composites agus Cambus Medical. Ar na cuideachtaí atá bunaithe i Maigh Eo dár gcuid tá McHale's, Fort Wayne Metals agus Multipackaging Solutions. Déanann neacha léinn taisteal chuig GMIT don chlár as Siemens i mBaile Átha Cliath, Abbott sa Longfort, Robotics and Drives de chuid an Mhuilinn gCearr, BD Medical as Dún Laoghaire agus Key Plastics as Bré."

"Tagann na cuideachtaí atá bainteach as an speictream ar fad ó Thionscail Mheánacha is Beaga Éireannacha go cuideachtaí ilnáisiúnta agus cuimsíonn siad raon éagsúil déantúsaíochta ardteicneolaíochta ó innealra talmhaíochta, comhpháirteanna aeraspáis agus ceamaraí uathghluaisneacha go glúine athsholáthair, steintíní croí agus braiteoirí gáis," a deir an Dr O'Dowd.

Dúirt Sinéad Keogh, Stiúrthóir Medtech agus Innealtóireachta Ibec: "Is nuachóiriú radaiceach í an Phrintíseacht Innealtóireachta Déantúsaíochta ó na printíseachtaí traidisiúnta agus tugann sí bealaí nua chuig thionscail ardteicneolaíochta déantúsaíochta. Ba mhaith liom comhghháirdeas a chur in iúl do na 29 printíseach as a n-éacht mar aon leis na gnólachtaí i nGaillimh atá ag glacadh páirte, ar a n-áirítear Boston Scientific, Fort Wayne Metals agus Zimmer Biomet. Is uathúil é an clár seo atá bunriachtanach chun déantúsaíocht den chéad ghrád a chinntiú in Éirinn."

Dúirt Gerard Mac Michael, Ceann Scoil na hInnealtóireachta, GMIT: "Cuireann an cheannasaíocht sa pharadaím foghlama úrnua seo GMIT i dtús cadhnaíochta san Oideachas Innealtóireachta in Éirinn. Táimid ag tnúth le fáilte a chur roimh ár gcéad chohórt eile de phrintísigh Teicneora Innealtóireachta Déantúsaíochta i Meán Fómhair 2020."

Is iad Grúpa Medtech Ibec a chuir an clár nua, atá á threorú ag tionscal, chun cinn agus iad faoi stiúir ag Barry Comerford, POF Cambus Medical, An Spidéal. D'fhorbair GMIT an clár acadúil i gcomhar le comhpháirtithe tionscail agus IT Luimnigh, IT Chorcaí agus IT Shligigh. Tá an Roinn Innealtóireachta Meicniúla agus Tionsclaíche ag GMIT ag bainistiú sheoladh an chláir sna hInstitiúidí Teicneolaíochta eile.

"Is é an rud a scarann an phrintíseacht dáiríre ó bhealaí gairme ná an tslí ina bhfaigheann na neacha léinn a gcuid eolais trí mhodh cruthaithe foghlama, trí thaithí a leanúint, trí léachtaí rangsheomra agus oiliúint ar an jab le cuideachtaí den chéad ghrád. Mar iarphrintíseach airm, is eol dom ó thaithí pearsanta an fiúntas a bhaineann leis an bprintíseacht. Ní fheileann an bealach traidisiúnta acadúil; don uile dhuine. Is bunchloch dhaingean iad an saothrú agus an fhoghlaim in éineacht do ghairm ar bith."

We are also working with apprentices from other west of Ireland-based companies such as Valeo, Caragh Precision, Creganna, Merit Medical, M&M Qualtech, MSA Safety, Synecco, Eire Composites and Cambus Medical. Our Mayo-based companies include McHale's, Fort Wayne Metals and MultiPackaging Solutions. Students are also traveling to GMIT for the programme from Siemens in Dublin, Abbott in Longford, Robotics and Drives of Mullingar, BD Medical of Dun Laoghaire and Key Plastics from Bray."

"Companies involved cross the full spectrum from Irish SMEs to large multinationals and cover a diverse range of high-technology manufacturing, from agricultural machinery, aerospace components and automotive cameras to replacement knees, cardiac stents and gas-detectors," adds Dr O'Dowd.

Ibec Medtech & Engineering Director Sinead Keogh says: "The Manufacturing Engineering Apprenticeship is a radical modernisation from the traditional apprenticeships, offering new routes to high-tech manufacturing industries. I would like to congratulate the 29 graduates on their achievement along with participating businesses in Galway which include Boston Scientific, Fort Wayne Metals and Zimmer Biomet. This unique programme is essential to future proof Ireland's world-class manufacturing."

Gerard Mac Michael, Head of the School of Engineering at GMIT, said: "Leadership in this breakthrough learning paradigm puts GMIT at the forefront of Engineering Education in Ireland. We are looking forward to welcoming our next cohort of Manufacturing Engineering and Manufacturing Technician apprentices in September 2020."

The new industry-led programme has been driven by Ibec's MedTech Group and a consortium led by Barry Comerford, CEO of Cambus Medical in Spiddal. The academic programme was developed by GMIT in cooperation with industry partners and Limerick IT, Cork IT and IT Sligo. The Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering at GMIT is currently managing the roll-out of the programme in the other Institutes of Technology.

"What really separates an apprenticeship from other career routes is the way students gain their knowledge by following a proven method of experiential learning, through classroom lectures and on the job training with world-class companies. As an ex-army apprentice, I know from personal experience how far an apprenticeship can take you. The traditional academic route is not for everyone. Earning and learning is a solid foundation for any career."

Baill Foirne GMIT in éineacht le Printísigh agus Meantóirí Déantúsaíochta Boston Scientific Galway

C go D: Gerard Mac Michael, Ceann Scoil na hInnealtóireachta, GMIT; an Dr Paul O'Dowd, Cathaoirleach Clár Printíseachta, GMIT; Margaret Geraghty, Innealtóir Sinsearach Déantúsaíochta, Boston Scientific; Keith O'Hara, Innealtóir Sinsearach Déantúsaíochta, Boston Scientific, Janusz Kujawski, Teicneoir Printíseachta Boston Scientific; Brendan Glavey, Teicneoir Printíseachta Boston Scientific; Gerry Keane, Teicneoir Printíseachta Boston Scientific; Declan Hynes, Teicneoir Printíseachta Boston Scientific; Owen Hynes, Meantóir Boston Scientific; an Dr Carine Gachon, Ceann na Roinne Innealtóireachta agus Tionsclaíche, GMIT; an Dr Patrick Delassus, Lárionad Teicneolaíochtaí Leighis agus Innealtóireachta (MET), GMIT

GMIT Staff with Boston Scientific Galway Manufacturing Engineering Apprentices and mentors

L to R: Gerard MacMichael, Head of School of Engineering, GMIT; Dr Paul O'Dowd, Apprenticeship Programme Chair, GMIT; Margaret Geraghty, Senior Manufacturing Engineer, Boston Scientific; Keith O'Hara, Senior Manufacturing Engineer, Boston Scientific, Janusz Kujawski, Boston Scientific Apprenticeship Technician; Brendan Glavey, Boston Scientific Apprenticeship Technician; Gerry Keane, Boston Scientific mentor; Declan Hynes, Boston Scientific Apprentice Technician; Owen Hynes, Boston Scientific mentor; Dr Carine Gachon, Head of Dept Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, GMIT; Dr Patrick Delassus, Medical and Engineering Technologies (MET) Centre, GMIT.

Sparánacht Nua chun Sochair do Neacha Léinn sa Teicneolaíocht Ailtireachta in GMIT

Chuaigh sparánacht nua a d'fhógair MOY Materials an seimeastar seo caite chun tairbhe do neacha léinn sa Teicneolaíocht Ailtireachta sa Roinn Innealtóireachta Foirgníochta agus Sibhialta in GMIT. Bhuaigh neach léinn sa bhliain dheiridh sa Teicneolaíocht Ailtireachta, Pierce Kirrane, arbh as Dún Mór na Gaillimhe ó thús é, an chéad sparánacht, agus bhronn Liz McGonigal, Stiúrthóir Margaíochta agus Cumarsáide, MOY Materials an sparánacht ag fáiltiú le deireanas sa choláiste.

Ba chuid d'infheistíocht san oideachas de €10,000 í Sparánacht MOY ag Moy Materials i gcoláistí ardoideachais rannpháirteacha agus aidhm aici naisc níos láidre a chruthú le neacha léinn agus iad ag bogadh isteach sa bhliain dheiridh agus sa láthair oibre.

Dúirt Mary Rogers, Ceann na Roinne Innealtóireachta Foirgníochta & Sibhialta: "Is cúis ríméid do GMIT a bheith ina comhpháirtí le MOY chun tacú le neacha léinn an cheathrú bliain den Teicneolaíocht Ailtireachta. Is leathnú í an sparánacht ar an gcomhcheangal atá forbartha ag MOY leis an gcoláiste le linn na ndeich mbliana seo caite trí dhuaiseanna neacha léinn, urraíocht ar chomórtais tionscadail agus cuir i láthair tionscail."

Dúirt Cathal Quinn, Stiúrthóir Tráchtála Domhanda, MOY Materials: "Tá áthas ar leith orainn ár gclár sparánachta a sheoladh agus tá súil againn go réiteoidh sé an bealach le haghaidh teicneolaithe ailtireachta tiomnaithe sa todhchaí."

New Bursary to Benefit Architectural Technology Students in GMIT

Architectural Technology students in GMIT's Department of Building & Civil Engineering benefited from a new bursary announced this semester by Moy Materials. The first bursary was won by final year Architectural Technology student Pierce Kirrane, originally from Dunmore, Galway, who was presented with the bursary by Liz McGonigal, Marketing and Communications Director, Moy Materials, at a reception in the college recently.

The Moy Bursary was part of a €10,000 education investment by Moy Materials in participating Higher Education educational colleges, and was aimed at creating and building stronger connections for students as they move into their final year and the workplace.

Mary Rogers, Head of Dept of Building & Civil Engineering says: "GMIT is delighted to partner with Moy in supporting our fourth-year students of Architectural Technology. The bursary has been an extension of an affiliation Moy has developed with the college over the past ten years through student awards, project competition sponsorships and industry presentations."

Cathal Quinn, Global Commercial Director, Moy Materials, said: "We are especially excited to launch our bursary programme which we hope will help pave the way for dedicated architectural technologists of the future."

Rinne Institiúid Ríoga Ailtirí na hÉireann (RIA) agus Institiúid na dTeicneolaithe Ailtireachta Cairte (CIAT) clár na Teicneolaíochta Ailtireachta ag GMIT a chreidiúnú, faoina dtugtar aitheantas foirmiúil do chéimithe mar Theicneolaithe Ailtireachta inniúla laistigh den earnáil.

Dul Chun Cinn sna Pleananna d'Fhoirgneamh Úrscothach Nua ag GMIT Gaillimh

Bhí áthas ar GMIT a fhógairt go raibh iarratas pleanála curtha isteach ar fhoirgneamh nua úrscothach ar champas na Gaillimhe chun freastal ar sheachadadh clár sna disciplíní Eolaíocht, Teicneolaíocht, Innealtóireacht agus Matamaitic (STEM).

Beidh an foirgneamh de 5,000 méadar cearnach atá beartaithe suite ar an taobh thoir de champas na Gaillimhe ar aghaidh Bhóthar Bhaile Bháin amach. Cóiriú a bheidh ann do rangsheomraí, saotharlanna, seomraí cruinnithe, saotharlanna taighde, seomraí seimeanáir, oifigí agus hallaí léachta.

Tá tacaíocht á fáil ag an bhforbairt atá beartaithe faoi Thionscadal Éireann 2040 agus forbraíodh í ag GMIT i gcomhar leis an Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna, leis an Údarás um Ard-Oideachas agus an Áisíneacht Náisiúnta Airgeadais Forbartha (NDFA). Faoi Chlár Comhpháirtíocht Phoiblí Phríobháideach an Údaráis um Ard-Oideachas (HEPP), roghnaíodh 11 Institiúid Ardoideachais, GMIT san áireamh, don mhaoiniú i réimsí éagsúla ar a n-áirítear STEM.

Dúirt Cormac MacDonncha, Cathaoirleach Bhord Rialaithe GMIT: "Tá gliondar orm cloch mhíle lóisteáil an iarratais pleanála a mharcáil ar an tionscadal spreagúil seo do GMIT. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghlacadh le gach éinne a raibh baint acu leis ar fud GMIT, an tÚdarás um Ard-Oideachas, an Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna, an Áisíneacht Náisiúnta Airgeadais Forbartha agus an fhoireann deartha as an obair a rinne siad chun an tionscadal tábhachtach seo a thabhairt go dtí an pointe seo. Táim ag tnúth leis an lá nuair a osclófar an áisíneacht úrscothach atá ar chaighdeán ollscoile a dhéanfaidh freastal ar neacha léinn STEM ar feadh na mblianta fada."

Dúirt Uachtarán Gníomhach GMIT, an Dr Michael Hannon: "Cuirfidh an foirgneamh go mór leis an obair atá déanta againn agus muid ag dul chun cinn le bheith ainmnithe mar Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta don iarthar agus iarthuaisceart, mar aon lenár gcomhpháirtithe i gComhghuaillíocht Chonnacht-Uladh."

"Tháinig méadú gasta ar líon na neach léinn atá i mbun staidéir ar chláir STEM le blianta anuas agus cuirfidh an bonneagar d'ardcháilíocht agus é trealmhaithe leis an teicneolaíocht is déanaí chomh maith le cuir chuige sholúbtha do teagasc agus don fhoghlaim feabhas mór ar eispéaras foghlama na neach léinn."

Bhí an fhoireann deartha á stiúradh ag na hAiltirí Taylor McCarney atá bunaithe in iarthar na hÉireann.

The Architectural Technology programme at GMIT was professionally accredited by the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI) and the Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT), and graduates are formally recognised as competent Architectural Technologists within the sector.

Plans Progress for New State-of-the-art STEM Building at GMIT Galway

GMIT was delighted to announce it had submitted a planning application for a new state-of-the-art building at the Galway campus to cater for the delivery of programmes in the disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

The proposed 5,500 square metre building will be located on the eastern side of the Galway campus facing the Ballybane Road. It will accommodate classrooms, laboratories, meeting rooms, research labs, seminar rooms, offices and lecture theatres.

The proposed development is supported under Project Ireland 2040 and has been developed by GMIT in association with the Department of Education and Skills, the Higher Education Authority (HEA) and the National Development Finance Agency (NDFA). Under the Higher Education Public Private Partnership (HEPPP) programme, 11 Higher Education Institutes including GMIT were earmarked for the funding across a variety of areas including STEM.

Cormac MacDonncha, Chairman of GMIT Governing Body, said "I'm delighted to mark the milestone of the planning permission lodgement on this exciting project for GMIT. I would like to thank all involved across GMIT, the Higher Education Authority, the Department of Education and Skills, the National Development Finance Agency and the design team for their work in bringing this important project to this point. I'm looking forward to the day we will open this state-of-the-art, university-standard facility, which will serve GMIT's STEM students for years to come."

Dr Michael Hannon, Acting President of GMIT, said "The new building will greatly enhance our work in progressing towards designation as a Technological University for the west and northwest, together with our partners in the Connacht-Ulster Alliance (CUA)."

"Our numbers studying STEM programmes have increased rapidly in recent years and this high-quality infrastructure, equipped with the latest technology and innovative and flexible approaches to teaching and learning, will greatly enhance our students' learning experience."

The design team was led by west of Ireland-based Taylor McCarney Architects.

Déanann GMIT MSc Nua sna Meáin Dhigiteacha agus sa Margaíocht atá Ailínithe le Tionscal a Thairiscint

Bhí áthas ar GMIT clár úrnua páirtaimseartha iarchéime a fhógairt, Máistir Eolaíochta sna Meáin Dhigiteacha agus Margaíocht, ar cuireadh tús lena sheachadadh in Eanáir 2020. Tá an cúrsa dhá bhliain Leibhéal 9 feiliúnach dóibh siúd ag a bhfuil bunchéim i ndisciplín ar bith agus ar mhian leo cáilíocht iarchéime a bhaint amach sa tacar sainscileanna dinimiciúla a bhfuil an-éileamh orthu.

Déantar an cúrsa iarchéime 90-chreidmheas i bhformáid chumaisc a chuimsíonn léachtaí beo ar líne, grúpobair fhíorúil, tionscadal taighde agus gan freastal ach ar dhá lá sa mhí ar thimpeallacht rangsheomra/saotharlainne.

Is céim struchtúrtha máistir taighde é seo atá deartha agus ailínithe le múnla na céime máistir de chuid na hOllscoile Teicneolaíche nua mar a thagraítear di in Acht na nO.T. 2018.

Dírítear sa chéad chéim den chlár seo go láidir ar theicneolaíochtaí nuálacha margaíochta teagmhálacha tógáil láithreáin gréasáin agus optamú a chur i bhfeidhm.

Dúirt cathaoirleach an chláir, an Dr Jasmine McGinn, go bhfuil an t-éileamh ar an gcúrsa seo doiciméadaithe go maith, go háirithe scileanna MarTech (teicneolaíocht margaíochta). De bhreis air sin, bíonn deacrachtaí ag 75% de na cuideachtaí beaga/meánacha in úsáid bogearraí agus i gcur i bhfeidhm scileanna digiteacha chun táirgiúlacht ghnó a fheabhsú, in anailís a dhéanamh ar shonraí custaiméara, agus i gcur chun cinn láithreachta ar líne.

GMIT Mayo Offers New Industry-Aligned Part-Time MSc in Digital Media and Marketing

GMIT Mayo was pleased to announce a brand-new part-time postgraduate programme, the Master of Science in Digital Media and Marketing, which commenced delivery in January 2020. The two-year Level 9 course is suitable for those who hold a primary degree in any discipline and wish to gain a postgraduate qualification in this dynamic, high-demand skills set.

The 90-credit postgraduate course is delivered in a blended format comprising online, live lectures, group virtual work, research project and attendance on only two days per month in a classroom/lab environment.

This is a structured research master's, designed in line with the new Technological University master's degree model as referenced in the TU Act, 2018.

The first stage of this programme is focused heavily on hands-on application of innovative marketing technologies and website building and optimisation.

Programme chair Dr Janine McGinn said the demand for this course, in particular MarTech (marketing technology) skills, is well documented. Also, 75% of SMEs struggle to use software and apply digital skills to improve business productivity, analyse customer data, and promote an online presence.

Tráthnóna Faisnéise maidir le 'Conairí Chuig GMIT' le haghaidh Breisoideachais agus Neach Léinn Lánfhásta

Sa phictiúr tá neacha léinn a chuir an Teastas Iarchéime Springboard sna Meáin Dhigiteacha agus sa Margaíocht (Leibhéal 9, 30 creidmheas) i gcrích ag Campas Mhaigh Eo, in éineacht lena léachtóirí.

Pictured are students who completed the Springboard Postgraduate Certificate in Digital Media and Marketing (Level 9, 30 credits) at the Mayo Campus, with their lecturers.

D'óstaigh GMIT tráthnóna oscailte le haghaidh Breisoideachais, IAT, agus neach léinn lánfhásta ar mhian leo dul ar aghaidh chuig chúrsaí oideachais tríú leibhéal in GMIT. Chuir ócáid 'Conairí chuig GMIT' faisnéis ar fáil maidir le cúrsaí lánaimseartha CAO, cúrsaí páirtaimseartha agus ar líne atá ar fáil i ngach campas de chuid GMIT i nGaillimh agus Maigh Eo.

Tugadh cainteanna cuimsitheacha le haghaidh céimithe chúrsaí breisoideachais agus neach léinn lánfhásta ar conas cur isteach ar GMIT, réamheolas ar chúrsaí

Information Evening on 'Pathways to Gmit' for Further Education and Mature Students

GMIT hosted an open evening for Further Education, PLC and mature students interested in progressing to third-level education courses in GMIT. The 'Pathways to GMIT' event provided information about full-time CAO courses, part-time and online courses on offer in all GMIT's campuses in Galway and Mayo.

There were comprehensive talks for graduates of further education courses and mature students on how to apply to

páirtaimseartha agus ar líne, tacaíochtaí do neacha léinn, agus caint faoi ghairmeacha, agus bhí comhairleoirí gairmeacha ar fáil i gcomhair comhairliúchán aonair le linn an tráthnóna.

Dúirt Lorraine Cunningham, Oifigeach Idirchaidrimh Scoileanna: "Tá deiseanna den scoth againn le haghaidh neach léinn a rinne staidéar ar chúrsaí leibhéal 5 agus 6, de bhrí go leagann cúrsa Breisoideachais (FET) nó Iar-Ardteistiméireachta (PLC) síos bunchloch iontach le haghaidh staidéir tríú Leibhéal. Is buntáiste é a bhaineann le cúrsa FET nó PLC a bheith déanta roimh fhreastal ar thríú leibhéal go múineann sé do na neacha léinn an tábhacht a bhaineann le pleanáil, ullmhúchán, dea-chumarsáid agus oibriú de réir spriocanna. Bíonn an claonadh i neacha léinn lánfhásta freisin na scileanna sin a bheith forbartha acu i ngeall ar a thaithí ar an saol."

Dúirt Emily King, Oifig Céimithe agus Forbartha Gairmiúla GMIT: " Déanaimid raon de dheiseanna foghlama ar feadh an tsaoil a thairiscint atá dírithe d'fhonn ligean do dhaoine uas-scileáil a dhéanamh agus freagairt do dhúshláin láthair oibre an lae inniu. Ar na deiseanna áirítear neart cúrsaí Springboard + páirtaimseartha nó ar líne a thagann leis an teoiric is nua-aimseartha a chomhcheanglaíonn ailíniú le tionscal le scileanna riachtanacha praiticiúla."

Tugann Acadúlaithe GMIT Breac-Chuntas aAr Thionchar na Teicneolaíochta Blocshlabhra ar Ghairm na Cuntasaíochta

D'fhoilsigh Cuntasóirí Cairte na hÉireann alt le beirt acadúlach i Scoil Ghnó GMIT faoi theicneolaíocht Bhlocshlabhra agus an tionchar atá aici ar ghairm na cuntasaíochta in Éirinn. Shainaithin an t-alt, leis na léachtóirí Fearghal McHugh agus an Dr Trevor Clohessy, conas a athróidh Blocshlabhra agus a chuid teicneolaíochtaí scileanna daoine, próisis, córais agus struchtúr chleachtas cuntasaíochta mar a fheidhmítear faoi láthair do bheart ar bith a bhaineann le faisnéis a thaifeadadh.

Tugann an t-alt breac-chuntas ar na himpleachtaí móra a bhaineann le teicneolaíocht Bhlocshlabhra dóibh siúd san earnáil agus go háirithe conas mar a thugann sí deis mhargaidh dóibh siúd nach bhfuil baint acu léi. Cuirtear leis an deis sin nuair a chomhtháthaíonn intleacht shaorga le Blocshlabhra, a luann na húdair.

Sainmhíníonn an Institiúid Náisiúnta um Chaighdeáin agus Teicneolaíocht (NIST) Blocshlabhra mar "mórleabhair dhigiteacha atá friteagmháil go follasach agus frithsheasmhach a fhorfheidhmítear ar bhealach dáilte (i.e. gan stór lárnach agus de ghnáth gan údarás lárnach (i.e. banc, cuideachta, nó rialtas)". Ag a mbunleibhéal cuireann siad ar chumas phobal úsáideoirí a gcuid idirbheart a thaifeadadh i gcomh-mhórleabhar laistigh den phobal sin, ionas, faoi chúinsí gnáthoibríochta an líonra bhlocshlabhra, nach féidir idirbheart ar bith a athrú a luaithe a bhíonn sé foilsithe.

"Sainaithníonn an t-alt s'againne, atá bunaithe ar thaighde a foilsíodh roimhe seo roinnt sciltacar bog agus crua teicneolaíochta a bheidh bunriachtanach do chuntasóirí agus neamhchuntasóirí sa todhchaí. Mar shampla, beidh ar

GMIT, an introduction to GMIT's part-time and online courses, student supports, and a careers talk, with careers advisors also available for individual consultations throughout the evening.

Lorraine Cunningham, GMIT Schools Liaison Officer, said "We have excellent opportunities for students who have studied Level 5 and 6 courses, because doing a Further Education (FET) or Post-Leaving Certificate (PLC) course lays a fantastic foundation for third level study. An advantage of having an FE/PLC course prior to attending third level is that it teaches students the importance of planning, preparation, good communication and working to deadlines. Mature students also tend to have developed these skills due to their life experience."

Emily King, GMIT's Graduate and Professional Development Office, said "We offer a focused range of life-long learning opportunities to allow people to upskill and respond to the challenges of the modern workplace. Opportunities include a host of Springboard+, part-time and online courses that combine the most up-to-date industry-aligned theory with essential practical skills."

GMIT Academics Outline Impact of Blockchain Technology on Accountancy Profession

Chartered Accountants Ireland published an article by two academics in the GMIT School of Business about Blockchain technology and its impact on the accounting profession in Ireland. The article, by lecturers Fearghal McHugh and Dr Trevor Clohessy, identified how Blockchain and its technologies will change the people skills, processes, systems and the structure of accounting practice currently applied to any transactions involved in the recording of any information.

The article outlined how Blockchain technology has big implications for those in the sector but, significantly, gives a market opportunity to those who are not. This opportunity is further enhanced when artificial intelligence integrates with Blockchain, the authors state.

Blockchain is defined by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) as "tamper evident and tamper resistant digital ledgers implemented in a distributed fashion (i.e. without a central repository) and usually without a central authority (i.e. a bank, company, or government)." At their basic level, they enable a community of users to record transactions in a shared ledger within that community, such that under normal operation of the blockchain network no transaction can be changed once published.

"Our article which is based on previous published research has identified a number of soft and hard technological skill sets which will be pivotal to both accountants and non-accountants in the future. For instance, accountant will

chuntasóirí a bheith in ann léamh agus ionchur a bheith acu i gcruthú conarthaí cliste sa todhchaí. Tá na sciltacair sin corpraithe cheana isteach sa chúrsa ar líne de chuid GMIT Springboard Blockchain for Business ar cuireadh tús leis in Eanáir na bliana seo (2020). Fuair muid taithí ón gcúrsa sin atá an-dearfach agus a d'aibhsigh an gá leanúnach le hoiliúint sa réimse."

Rinne GMIT MSc Nua i nDearadh & Nuálaíocht atá Comhdheartha le Tionscal a Thairiscint

Chomhoibrigh sé roinn ar fud GMIT le raon leathan grúpaí earnála tionscail agus seirbhíse chun cúrsa úrnua iarchéime a fhorbairt, an Máistir Eolaíochta i nDearadh & Nuálaíocht, agus tús lena sheachadadh i Meán Fómhair 2020.

Rinne foireann ildisciplíneach as ranna laistigh de na Scoileanna Innealtóireacht, Gnó agus Dearadh & Ealaíona Cruthaitheacha an cúrsa a dhearadh tar éis dul i gcomhairle le hionadaithe IDA agus roinnt cuideachtaí a raibh Thermo King agus Avaya san áireamh iontu.

Thug an cúrsa dhá-bhliain aghaidh ar an nganntanas scileanna in iarthar na hÉireann a bhí aibhsithe i dtuarascálacha amhail ' Creat Náisiúnta Pleanála: Tionscadal Éireann 2040', a mhíníonn an Dr Gabriel J Costello, Innealtóir Cairte agus léachtóir i Roinn na hInnealtóireachta Meicniúla agus Tionsclaíche, agus Cathaoirleach an MSc.

"Baineann an chéim máistir leas as cur chuige 'foghlama trí thaithí' atá arna spreagadh ag fealsúnacht deartha Scoil Stanford, a imríonn tionchar atá ag dul i méid in Institiúidí Ardoideachais ar fud an domhain. Le cois na hinnealtóireachta traidisiúnta agus oideachas deartha táirge, tá 'smaointeoireacht deartha' á cur i bhfeidhm i ndisciplíní amhail gnó, dlí, leigheas, na heolaíochtaí sóisialta agus na daonnachtaí," a deir an Dr Costello.

"San uair dhúshlánach seo, beidh gá le scileanna sa chruthaitheacht agus nuálaíocht chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar na dúshláin reatha gnó agus sochaí. Is le haghaidh fostaithe ar mhian leo uas-scileáil a dhéanamh i réimsí deartha agus nuálaíochta an cúrsa Leibhéal 9 agus iad ag leanúint dá gcuid oibre go páirt- nó go lánaimseartha. Beidh sé tairbheach do raon leathan earnálacha amhail medtech, teicneolaíocht, talmhaíocht, dearadh, déantúsaíocht, na tionscail seirbhíse agus an earnáil phoiblí."

Déanann Neacha Léinn Leitir Fraic GMIT Soitheach Cuimhneacháin Brataí le haghaidh Dáil Éireann

Le deireanas chuir grúpa neach léinn ón dara bliain atá i mbun staidéir don BSc i nDearadh agus Déantús Troscáin in Litir Fraic GMIT, An Lárionad Náisiúnta Barr Feabhais i nDearadh & Teicneolaíocht Troscáin, tionscadal i gcrích i gcomhar le Bord na nOibreacha Poiblí (OPW). Ar bhonn débhliantúil, comhoibríonn Roinn Troscáin an OPW le GMIT agus neacha léinn sa dara bliain ar thionscadal chun píosa troscáin a tháirgeadh atá téamaithe go sonrach agus é

need to be able to read and also have input into the creation of smart contracts in the future. These skill sets have already been incorporated into an online GMIT Springboard Blockchain for Business course which commenced in January this year (2020). Our experience from this course has been very positive and has highlighted the sustained need for training in the area."

GMIT Offered New MSc in Design & Innovation Co-Designed with Industry

Six departments across GMIT collaborated with a wide range of industry and service sector groups to develop a ground-breaking new postgraduate course, the Master of Science in Design & Innovation, commencing delivery in September 2020.

The course was designed by a multidisciplinary team from departments within the Schools of Engineering, Business, and Design & Creative Arts following consultation with representatives from the IDA and several companies that included Thermo King and Avaya.

The two-year course addressed skills shortages in the west of Ireland as highlighted in reports such as 'The National Planning Framework: Project Ireland 2040', explains Dr Gabriel J Costello, Chartered Engineer and lecturer in the Dept of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, and Chair of the MSc.

"The masters employs a 'learning by doing' approach inspired by the Stanford d.school's design philosophy, which is increasingly influential in Higher Educational Institutes around the world. In addition to traditional engineering and product design education, 'design thinking' is now being applied across disciplines such as business, law, medicine, the social sciences and humanities," says Dr Costello.

"In these challenging times, addressing current business and societal challenges will require skills in creativity and innovation. The Level 9 course is for employees who want to upskill in the areas of design and innovation while continuing to work part-time or full-time. It will be beneficial to a broad number of sectors such as medtech, technology, agri, design, manufacturing, the service industries and the public sector."

GMIT Letterfrack Students Design and Make Flag Memorial Vessel for Dáil Éireann

A group of second year students studying on the BSc (Hons) in Furniture Design and Manufacture in GMIT Letterfrack, the National Centre for Excellence in Furniture Design & Technology, recently completed a project with the Office of Public Works (OPW). On a bi-annual basis the OPW Furniture Division works with GMIT and their second year students on a project to produce a themed piece of furniture made from locally and

déanta as ábhair ata foinsithe go háitiúil agus inbhuaine. Ba i gcomhoibriú leis an Oireachtas chun 'Soitheach Cuimhneacháin Brataí' a dhearadh a bhí an tionscadal.

Bhí mar dhúshlán ag coimre an OPW píosa samhlaíoch agus suthain a dhearadh agus a dhéanamh i gcrua-adhmad Éireannach a chuimsíonn íogaireacht a chuspóra le linn dó an bhratach náisiúnta a chosaint. Tá an bhratach laistigh den soitheach ionadaíoch do cheann a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ar foluain ag 33 Meal Phort Láirge, an áit ar chroch Thomas Francis Meagher, tírghráthóir Éireannach agus ginearál airm Meiriceánach agus Gobharnóir Montana an bhratach thrídhathach ar 7 Márta 1848.

Agus taighde á chur i bhfeidhm ar chomhthéacs stairiúil na Brataí Náisiúnta agus faisnéis á húsáid ó Fhundúireacht Thomas F. Meagher, dhréachtaigh na neacha léinn na chéad tograí. Lig an t-aischothú a chuir an OPW ar fáil do mhionleasú a dhéanamh chun tograí dearaidh deiridh a fhorbairt agus a dhéanamh. Ar 30 Eanáir rinneadh cur i láthair i dTeach Laighean don Cheann Comhairle agus baill foirne an Oireachtais. Chuir raon, éagsúlacht agus cáilíocht na dtograí gliondar ar gach duine.Chinn painéal measúnaithe rangú na dtograí, agus measadh gurbh é an soitheach a rinne an neach léinn Maighréad Bussmann as Béal Átha an Trí Liag, Co. Shligigh an píosa ab fhearr.

Tugann Maighréad Bessmann a soitheach cuimhneacháin agus taispeána le haghaidh bhratach na hÉireann don Cheann Comhairle Seán Ó Fearghail

Maighréad Bussmann presents her Irish flag memorial and display vessel to Ceann Comhairle Seán Ó Fearghaíl (Photo: osheaphotography.com).

Dúirt Anthony Clare, léachtóir i Leitir Fraic GMIT, gur eispéaras saibhir oideachasúil a bhí ann do na neacha léinn. "Is deis foghlama é do na neacha léinn a bheith rannpháirteach i dtionscadal beo le coimre sainnithe agus ionchais chliaint a bheadh deacair a mhacasamhlú trí ghnáth-theagasc ranga. Cuireadh go mór le leibhéal eolais agus gairmiúlachta na neach léinn maidir le gach réimse idirghníomhaíochta agus rannphháirtíochta le cliant, mar aon lena scileanna láithreoireachta. I dtionscadal den tábhacht seo is criticiúil iad dearadh agus déantús an aschuir dheiridh, agus dhírigh sé sin aire bhreise ar na mionsonraí go léir ina dtogra deiridh. Tá creidiúint mhór tuillte ag na neacha léinn agus iad páirteach in eispéaras a mhairfidh fad agus is beo iad, is dóigh liom."

Is Lárionad Náisiúnta Barr Feabhais é Leitir Fraic GMIT a chuireann cláir onóracha go leibhéal céime ar fáil i ndearadh agus déantús troscáin, déantúsaíocht troscáin agus adhmadóireacht ailtireachta, déantúsaíocht dhigiteach troscáin agus oideachas múinteora. Tugann céimithe a gcion agus imríonn tionchar ar réimsí troscáin agus dearadh táirge adhmaid, oideachas, teicneolaíocht agus déantúsaíocht ar bhealaí atá nuálach, cruthaitheach agus sofhreagrach d'fhorbairt leanúnach gheileagar na hÉireann.

sustainably sourced materials. The project was in collaboration with the Oireachtas to design a 'Flag Memorial Vessel'.

The OPW brief challenged the students to design and make an imaginative and timeless piece in Irish hardwood that embraces the sensitivity of its purpose while also enveloping and protecting the National Flag. The flag within the vessel is representative of one that would have flown at 33 The Mall, Waterford where Thomas Francis Meagher, the Irish patriot and US army general and Governor of Montana, first flew the tricolour flag on the 7th of March 1848.

Applying research on the historical context of the National Flag and using information from the Thomas F. Meagher Foundation, the students drafted initial proposals. Feedback provided by the OPW allowed refinement to develop and make final design proposals. On 30 January a presentation was made in Leinster House to the Ceann Comhairle and staff members of the Oireachtas, where all were delighted by the range, diversity and quality of the proposals put forward. A judging panel determined a ranking of proposals, and the vessel made by student Maighréad Bussmann from Ballintrillick in Co Sligo was deemed the top-ranking piece.

Anthony Clare, lecturer in GMIT Letterfrack, said this has been a rich educational experience for the students. "To participate in a live project with a defined brief and client expectations affords the students a learning opportunity that is hard to replicate through normal class teaching. The students' level of knowledge and professionalism around all areas of client interaction and engagement has been significantly enhanced, along with their presentation skills. In a project of this significance the design and making of the final output is critical, and this has further focused attention to all details in their final proposal. The students deserve great credit and they have been involved in an experience I am sure they will carry with them for the rest of their lives".

GMIT Letterfrack is a National Centre of Excellence that provides honours degree level programmes in furniture design and manufacture, furniture making and architectural woodworking, furniture and digital manufacturing and teacher education. Graduates contribute to and influence the fields of furniture and wood product design, education, technology and manufacture in ways that are innovative, creative and responsive to the ongoing development of the Irish economy.

Bíonn caidreamh fadbhunaithe ag Leitir Fraic GMIT le tionscal an troscáin Éireannaigh agus táirgí adhmaid agus naisc aige le coláistí san Eoraip agus i SAM. Lena chois sin, déanann sé comhpháirtíocht le raon leathan cuideachtaí forásacha agus ard-déantúsaíochta atá suite ar fud an domhain mar chuid den ghné shubstaintiúil socrúcháin oibre (intéirneacht) i ngach clár tionscail.

Tá an barr feabhais i gcroílár chur chuige neach léinnlaraithe don teagasc agus don fhoghlaim laistigh de Leitir Fraic GMIT. Baineann céimithe raon príomhscileanna amach atá nasctha lena rogha cláir, agus an bhéim ar an bhfoghlaim thionscadal-bhunaithe d'ardcháilíocht.

GMIT Letterfrack has well-established relations with the Irish furniture and wood products industry and has links with colleges in Europe and the USA. In addition, it partners with a broad range of progressive and advanced manufacturing companies located throughout the world, as part of a substantial work placement (internship) element of all industry programmes.

Excellence is at the core of a student-centred approach to teaching and learning within GMIT Letterfrack. Graduates attain a range of key skills linked to their programme choice, with an emphasis on high-quality, project-based learning.

3.2 Taighde, Forbairt agus Nuálaíocht

An Chéad Uirlis Inrianaitheachta Bia Mara ar Domhan Seolta ag Cuibhreannas Faoi Stiúir GMIT

Bhí mar thoradh ar staidéar ag foireann ilinstitiúideach taighde a bhí á treorú ag Institiúid Teicneolaíochta na Gaillimhe-Maigh Eo (GMIT), i gcomhoibriú le hOllscoil Náisiúnta na Gaillimhe (NUIG), gur forbraíodh an chéad uirlis eolaíoch inrianaitheachta sligéisc.

Bhí an taighde á threorú ag an Dr Conor Graham de chuid Lárionad Taighde Fionnuisce agus Mara GMIT i gcomhar leis an Dr Liam Morrison, Domhaneolaíocht agus Muireolaíocht, Institiúid Uí Riain, NUI Gaillimh. Rinneadh an taighde freisin i gcomhar le hÚdarás Sábháilteachta Bia na hEorpa, Údarás Sábháilteachta Bia na hÉireann, Coláiste Ollscoile Baile Átha Cliath agus Institiúid na Mara.

Dúirt an t-eolaí ceannais, an Dr Conor Graham de chuid GMIT: "Le blianta beaga d'éirigh tomhaltóirí níos eolaí i gcúrsaí bia, agus inrianaitheachta táirge á lorg acu. Cé go bhfuil a leithéid d'uirlisí ann don talmhaíocht, go dtí seo ní raibh aon chóras eolaíoch ann chun táirgí sligéisc feirmeoireachta agus fiáine a rianú siar go dtí a bhfoinse."

"Is tionscal Eorpach é dobharshaothrú sligéisc amhail diúilicíní agus oisrí agus iascaireachtaí fiáine le haghaidh muiríní, rásúréisc agus breallaigh ar fiú na milliúin é in Éirinn, a thacaíonn leis na mílte post i bpobail tuaithe mara feadh ár gcóstaí. Bhí mar aidhm ag an taighde seo an chéad uirlis eolaíoch inrianaitheachta dhébhlaoscach a chruthú le haghaidh táirgí in Éirinn chun an bia inbhuaine go héiceolaíoch seo a chur chun cinn."

Dúirt an Dr Liam Morrison de chuid NUI Gaillimh: "I gcomhthéacs phobail dhaonna a bhíonn ag síormhéadú, is mó agus is mó mar a bhraithimid ar bhia mara mar fhoinse próitéine agus cothaithigh riachtanacha eile. Is cuid suntasach den táirgeadh foriomlán domhanda iad sligéisc as pobail fhiáine agus dobharshaothrú, agus bhí mar aidhm ag an gcomhoibriú taighde seo sonraí a aimsiú chun tacú le polasaí maidir le sábháilteacht bia mara, sláinte agus cosaint na timpeallachta."

Bhain an uirlis uathach seo leas as méarlorgaireacht riandúile ar fíocháin bhoga shligéisc agus sliogán chun láthair fhómhair mhuslaí agus muiríní a shainaithint agus le rath de 100%, ar a n-áirítear diúilicíní a tógadh as dhá láthair atá díreach 6km óna chéile laistigh den aon bhá amháin.

3.2 Research, Development and Innovation

World's First Seafood Traceability Tool Launched by GMIT-led Consortium

A study by a multi-institutional research team led by Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT), in collaboration with the National University of Ireland Galway (NUIG), resulted in the development of the world's first scientific shellfish traceability tool.

The research was led by Dr Conor Graham of the GMIT Marine and Freshwater Research Centre in collaboration with Dr Liam Morrison, Earth and Ocean Sciences, Ryan Institute, NUI Galway. The research was also conducted in association with the European Food Safety Authority, the Food Safety Authority of Ireland, University College Dublin and the Marine Institute.

Lead scientist, Dr Conor Graham of GMIT, said: "In recent years consumers have become more food conscious, seeking traceability of produce. While such tools exist for agriculture, until now no scientific system existed to trace both farmed and wild shellfish produce to their source."

"The aquaculture of shellfish such as mussels and oysters and the wild fisheries for scallops, razorfish and clams is a multi-million Euro industry in Ireland, supporting thousands of jobs in rural maritime communities around our coasts. This research aimed to create the world's first bivalve shellfish scientific traceability tool for Irish produce to promote this ecologically sustainable food".

Dr Liam Morrison of NUI Galway said: "In the context of an ever-expanding human population, we are increasingly relying on seafood as a source of protein and other essential nutrients. Shellfish from wild populations and aquaculture account for a significant portion of overall global production, and this research collaboration was aimed at obtaining data to support policy on seafood safety, health and environmental protection."

This unique tool used trace elemental fingerprinting of shellfish soft tissues and shells to identify the harvest location of blue mussels and scallops with 100% success, including mussels reared from two sites located just 6km apart within one bay.

Deontas de €840,000 do GMIT do Shaoráid Tástála Nua Feistí Leighis

Fuair Teicneolaíochtaí Leighis agus Innealtóireachta (MET) Gateway GMIT €840,000 mar mhaoiniú Rialtais le saoráid tástála úrscothach íomháithe leighis a thógáil chun an chéad ghlún eile de theicneolaíochtaí leighis a fhorbairt.

Is ceann de 15 Teicneolaíocht Gateway de chuid Fhiontraíocht Éireann atá dírithe ar thionscal é Gateway MET GMIT atá suite laistigh d'Institiúidí Teicneolaíochtaí Ardoideachais in Éirinn. Maoiníonn Clár Líonraí Teicneolaíochta Gateway idirghníomhaíochtaí idir tionscal áitiúil agus náisiúnta agus na hInstitiúidí Teicneolaíochta/Ollscoileanna Teicneolaíochta agus é mar aidhm aige leibhéal na n-idirghníomhaíochtaí idir na nIíT/OT agus tionscal in Éirinn a mhéadú. Cuimsíonn na torthaí atá beartaithe don chlár: níos mó cuideachtaí a bheith ag dul i mbun Taighde & Forbartha, inniúlacht déantúsaíochta píolótaí le haghaidh forbartha táirge/próisis, feabhas ar inniúlachtaí bailíochtaithe agus tástála teicneolaíochta, giniúint leaba tástála agus feabhas ar acmhainn oiliúna le haghaidh príomhbhall foirne ar theicneolaíochtaí éiritheacha.

Bhí saineolas uathúil Theicneolaíocht Gateway GMIT dírithe ar réitigh cheannródaíocha, tionscadal-dírithe a chur ar fáil le haghaidh gnólachtaí beaga agus meánacha sna hearnálacha MedTech, innealtóireachta agus domhaneolaíochta. Beidh an infheistíocht nua sa tsaoráid úrscothach íomháithe leighis ar fáil go luath in 2020.

Dúirt an Dr Eugene McCarthy, Stiúrthóir Acadúil MET ag GMIT: "Tharla leibhéal suntasach ar fhás agus chomhoibriú ag MET san earnáil MedTech óna thús in 2016. Cuirfidh ár saoráid atá maoinithe le deireanas tairiscint fíor-uathúil ar fáil don tionsclaíocht. Cuirfidh sé ar chumas comhpháirtithe MET a gcuid teicneolaíochtaí nuálacha a mheasúnú ar threalamh ceannródaíoch nach bhfuil le fáil go héasca lasmuigh de thimpeallachtaí cliniciúla."

Dúirt an tAire Gnó, Fiontair agus Nuálaíochta, Heather Humphreys TD: "Is é atá mar aidhm againn éiceachóras fiontraíochta láidir a thógáil as speictream leathan pobal acadúil, taighde agus gnó. Tacaíonn an ciste go díreach le tionscadail atá ag éirí ón talamh aníos. Is iad na hiarratasóirí rathúla atá fógraithe inniu tionscadail taighde tithíochta agus tionscnaimh ceannródaíocht nuálaíochta. Táim sásta go bhfuil an acmhainn iontu tionchar fíor agus buan a imirt ar fhorbairt na fiontraíocht ar leibhéal réigiúnach agus náisiúnta araon."

"Trí Future Jobs na hÉireann, ár gcreat uile-Rialtais le hullmhú do gheilleagar na todhchaí, ba mhaith linn go mbeadh Éire i dtús cadhnaíochta i nglacadh leis an teicneolaíocht. Tacóidh an Ciste Caipitil Trealaimh le hInstitiúidí Teicneolaíochta agus OT Bhaile tha Cliath chun trealamh a cheannach a bhaineann le teicneolaíochtaí nua agus is céim bhreise é i dtreo an uaillmhian sin a bhaint amach," a dúirt an tAire Humphreys.

Agus é ag labhairt faoin bhfógra, dúirt Mark Whelan, Bainisteoir Ceannacháin Teicneolaíochta Gateway ag Fiontraíocht Éireann: "Tugann an cistiú seo do

GMIT MET Awarded €840,000 for New Medical Device Testing Facility

GMIT's Medical and Engineering Technologies (MET) Gateway received €840,000 in Government funding to build a state-of-the-art medical imaging test facility for the development of next generation medical technologies.

GMIT's MET Gateway is one of 15 industry-focused Enterprise Ireland Technology Gateways located within Ireland's Technological Higher Education Institutions. The Technology Gateway Network Programme funds interactions between local and national industry and the Institutes of Technology/Technological Universities and aims to increase the levels of interaction between the IoTs/TUs and industry in Ireland. The intended outcomes of the programme include: more companies engaging in R&D, pilot manufacturing capability for new product/process development, enhanced technology validation and testing capabilities, testbed generation and enhanced training potential for key industry staff on emerging technologies.

MET Technology Gateway's unique expertise focused on providing cutting-edge, industry focused solutions for SMEs and larger organisations across the MedTech, engineering and life sciences sectors. The new investment in the state-of-the-art medical imaging facility will be available in early 2020.

Dr Eugene McCarthy, Academic Director of MET at GMIT, said: "MET has seen a significant level of growth and collaboration with the MedTech sector since its inception in 2016. Our newly funded facility will provide a truly unique offering to industry. It will enable MET's industry partners to evaluate their innovative technologies on cutting-edge equipment not readily available outside clinical environments".

Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation Heather Humphreys, TD, said: "Our aim is to build on our strong enterprise ecosystem from across the wide spectrum of academia, research and business communities. This fund directly supports projects that are emerging from the ground up. The successful applicants announced today are housing research projects and initiatives at the cutting edge of innovation, and I am confident that they have the potential to make a real and lasting impact on enterprise development at both a regional and national level."

"Through Future Jobs Ireland, our whole-of-Government framework to prepare for the future economy, we want Ireland to become a leader in technology adoption. This Capital Equipment Fund will support Institutes of Technology and TU Dublin in buying equipment relating to new technologies and is another step towards realising this ambition," added Minister Humphreys.

Speaking about the announcement, Mark Whelan, Technology Gateway Programme Manager at Enterprise

Theicneolaíocht Gateway deis chun teicneolaíochtaí nua a cheannach i réimsí amhail réaltacht mhéadaithe agus fíorúil, róbataic shoghluaisteach agus múnlú. Tá cuntas teiste cruthaithe i rannpháirtíocht le tionscal ag na hiarratasóirí rathúla, agus cuideoidh an trealamh nua chun an idirghníomhaíocht le tionscal a mhéadú agus cuirfidh sé le luach earnáil na ngnólachtaí beaga agus meánacha in Éirinn."

Tá Empower, Clár Fiontraíochta na mBan, le Seoladh i dTrí Chontae Eile

Cionroinneadh maoiniú de €300,000 do EMPOWER, clár fiontraíochta na mban, a seachadtar i Moil Nuálaíochta GMIT do mhná i nGaillimh, Maigh Eo agus Ros Comáin chun seachadadh an chláir rathúil a leathnú go contaetha Shligigh, Dhún na nGall agus Liatroma.

Ba chuid an maoiniú de chionroinnt fhoriomlán buiséid de €1.5m chun comhionannas inscne agus imeascadh imirceora a chur chun cinn. D'fhógair an tAire Cirt agus Comhionannais, Charlie Flanagan TD, agus David Stanton TD, Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Cirt agus Comhionannais le freagracht as Imeascadh, Inimirce agus Comhionannas, le haghaidh cúig sholáthraí tionscadal fiontraíochta mná ar fud na tíre (agus EMPOWER ina measc).

Faoi láthair seachadann Moil Nuálaíochta GMIT EMPOWER in iarthar na hÉireann agus é á bhainistiú ag Maria Staunton, a deir: "Ciallaíonn an maoiniú nua seo go mbeidh EMPOWER in ann a léaslorg a mhéadú chun Sligeach, Dún na nGall agus Liatroim a chuimsiú. Ciallaíonn sé gur féidir linn an clár nuálach seo a sheachadadh anois do mhná trínár n-institiúidí comhpháirtíochta i gComhghuaillíocht Chonnacht-Uladh – IT Shligigh agus IT Leitir Ceanainn.

"Chuir muid EMPOWER ar bun thiar in 2017 mar fhreagra ar an éileamh sa réigiún agus ó shin i leith tá muid báite faoi iarratais ó mhná agus iad ag iarraidh tabhairt faoin gclár seo. Tá 64 gnólacht bunaithe ó shin ag mná a chuir an cúrsa i gcrích, agus 146 duine fostaithe go lánaimseartha sna gnólachtaí sin mar aon le seachtar go páirtaimseartha. Tá cáilíochtaí tríú leibhéal ag 94% de na rannpháirtithe sa chúrsa. Dá bhrí sin bheartaigh muid ar iarratas eile a chur isteach le haghaidh EMPOWER agus deonadh maoiniú dúinn. Tá muid ag tnúth len é a sheoladh amach do mhná ó na trí chontae breise."

Tá dhá chuid i gClár EMPOWER. Tús EMPOWER, do mhná le smaoineamh sa luathstaid nó atá i ngnó, atá ceaptha chun smaointe nuálacha a thástáil maidir lena nglacadh ag an margadh.

Bhí Fás EMPOWER dírithe ar mhná atá i ngnó cheana féin (2 bhliain+) agus scála agus fás uathu trí thacaíocht a chur ar fáil dóibh ó phiaraí, meantóirí agus eiseamláirí.

Ireland, said "this funding allows our Technology Gateway the opportunity to purchase new technologies in areas such as augmented and virtual reality, mobile robotics and moulding. Successful applicants have a proven track record in industry engagement, and the new equipment will assist in increasing their interaction with industry and add value to the SME sector in Ireland."

Empower Women's Entrepreneurship Programme to be Rolled Out to Three More Counties

EMPOWER, the women's entrepreneurship programme delivered in GMIT's Innovation Hubs to women in Galway, Mayo and Roscommon, was allocated over €300,000 in funding to extend delivery of the successful programme to counties Sligo, Donegal and Leitrim.

The funding was part of an overall €1.5m budget allocation to promote gender equality and migrant integration. It was announced earlier this week by the Minister for Justice and Equality Charlie Flanagan and David Stanton, TD, Minister of State at the Department of Justice and Equality with responsibility for Integration, Immigration and Equality, for a total of five female entrepreneurship projects providers (EMPOWER being one) across the country.

EMPOWER is currently delivered in the west of Ireland by GMIT iHubs and is managed by Maria Staunton, who says: "This new funding means that EMPOWER will be able to increase its footprint to include Sligo, Donegal and Leitrim. It means we can now also deliver this innovative programme to women through our partner institutes in the Connacht-Ulster Alliance (CUA) - IT Sligo and Letterkenny IT.

"We set up EMPOWER back in 2017 in response to demand in the region and have since been inundated with requests from women seeking to undertake this programme. Sixty-four businesses have been set up by women who completed the course, with 146 people employed full-time in these businesses and seven part-time. Third-level qualifications are held by 94% of the programme participants. We therefore decided to submit another application for EMPOWER and were awarded the funding. We are looking forward to rolling it out to women from the three additional counties."

The EMPOWER Programme has two components. EMPOWER Start, for females with an early stage idea or in business, was designed to test innovative ideas for market acceptance .

EMPOWER Growth focused on women who are already in business (2 years +) and are looking to scale and grow by providing support from peers, mentors and role models.

Cuireann CCU Fáilte Roimh Chomhairleoirí Seachtracha chun Tacaíocht a Thabhairt dá Tionscadal um Acmhainn Foghlama Solúbtha agus Digití

Tá acmhainn foghlama digití agus solúbtha na bhfoirne agus na neach léinn de chuid na Chomhghuaillíochta Connacht-Uladh (CCU) de GMIT, LYIT agus IT Shligigh á tógáil ar na hocht gcampas dá gcuid san Iarthar agus san Iarthuaisceart d'fhonn na coinníollacha a chomhlíonadh lena bheith ainmnithe mar Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta (OT).

Tá €2.8m deonaithe don 'Tionscadal Deiseanna Nuálacha ag Bunathrú Oideachais', ar a dtugtar iNOTE faoin gCiste Nuálaíochta agus Bunathraithe Oideachais an Údaráis um Ard-Oideachas chun na roghanna solúbtha foghlama nua seo a fhorbairt sna trí institiúid. Déanann Tionscadal iNOTE ailíniú leis na príomhspriocanna córais don Chóras Ardoideachais 2018-2020 agus is freagairt dhíreach orthu iad.

Ag cruinniú de Choiste Stiúrtha iNOTE in Oifigí an ÚAO, Baile Átha Cliath, d'fhógair an fhoireann tionscadail go raibh triúr sainchomhairleoirí sheachtracha tar éis dul ar an gcoiste – an Dr Jim Murray, Stiúrthóir Gnóthaí Acadúla, ÚAO, an Dr Terry McGuire, Stiúrthóir an Fhóraim Náisiúnta d'Fheabhsú Teagaisc agus Foghlama, agus Marie Lyons, Leas-Uachtarán USI do Réigiún na Teorann, Lártíre & an Iarthair.

Deir an Dr Seán Duffy, Bainisteoir Tionscadail LYIT agus CCU agus Ceann Tionscadal iNOTE: "Tá áthas orainn triúr comhairleoirí sheachtracha a bheith in éineacht linn a imreoidh príomhról i bhforbairt an tionscadail seo. Is fiontar é tionscadal comhoibritheach iNOTE ar mhórscála agus cuideoidh sé go mór le comhpháirtithe CCU chun na riachtanais is gá le bheith ina hOllscoil Teicneolaíochta a chomhlíonadh."

Léiríonn Staidéar Nua atá á Stiúrú ag GMIT Leibhéil Ardaithe de Thruailleáin Sheasmhacha sna Grampair a Bhíonn Sáinnithe in Éirinn

Is speiceas íocónach iad grampair in aigéin an domhain.Tá siad i mbarr an slabhra bia freisin agus tá siad in ann truailleáin sheasmhacha a chomhdhlúthú go leibhéil an-arda, mar a léiríonn staidéar nua a rinne GMIT agus Foras na Mara.

Léirigh an staidéar atá foilsithe sa Marine Pollution Bulletin leibhéil an-arda de thruailleáin sheasmhacha i gceithre mhíol mhóra sháinnithe, a d'fhéadfadh a bheith níos airde ná an tairseach tocsaineachta agus ina chúis le héifeachtaí suntasacha sláinte. Ní heol cén ról a d'fhéadfadh comhdhlúthuithe arda de thruailleáin sheasmhacha a imirt ina gcúis fhéideartha báis.

Rinne foirne GMIT agus Fhoras na Mara anailís ar shamplaí de bhlonag as trí ghrampar a bhí sáinnithe i nGaillimh, Maigh Eo agus Port Láirge idir 2010 agus 2017, ceann acu a bhí torrach le féatas garthéarmach, a ndearnadh sampláil air freisin.

CUA Welcomes External Advisers to Support its Flexible Learning and Digital Capability Project

The Connacht-Ulster Alliance (CUA) of GMIT, LYIT and IT Sligo are building the digital and flexible learning capability of staff and students in its eight campuses in the West and North West in its efforts to meet the criteria to apply for Technological University (TU) designation.

The 'Innovative Opportunities Transforming Education Project', known as iNOTE, has been awarded €2.8m funding under the Higher Education Innovation and Transformation Fund to develop these new flexible learning options in the three institutes. The iNOTE project aligns with, and will form a direct response to, the key system objectives for the Higher Education System 2018-2020.

At a meeting of the iNOTE Steering Committee in the THEA Offices, Dublin, the project team announced that three external expert advisers had joined the committee - Dr Jim Murray, Director of Academic Affairs, THEA, Dr Terry McGuire, Director, National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, and Marie Lyons, USI, VP for the Border, Midlands & Western Region.

Dr Seán Duffy, LYIT CUA Project Manager and iNOTE Project Lead, says: "We are delighted to have been joined by three external advisers who will play a key role in the development of this project. The iNOTE project is a large-scale collaborative undertaking and will greatly assist the CUA partners in meeting the requirements to become a technological university."

New Study Led By GMIT Shows Elevated Levels of Persistent Pollutants in Killer Whales Stranded in Ireland

Killer whales are an iconic species in the world's oceans. They are also at the top of the food chain and able to concentrate persistent pollutants to very high levels, as shown by a new study carried out by GMIT and the Marine Institute.

The study, published in the Marine Pollution Bulletin, has shown very high levels of persistent pollutants in four stranded killer whales, which may exceed the toxicity threshold and can lead to significant health effects. The role that high concentrations of persistent pollutants may have played in their possible cause of death is not known.

The GMIT and Marine Institute teams analysed blubber samples from three killer whales stranded in Galway, Mayo and Waterford between 2010 and 2017, one of which was pregnant with a near-term foetus, which was also sampled.

Is annamh a bhíonn grampair sáinnithe cé go bhfeictear go minic iad in uiscí na hÉireann. Tugann na samplaí seo deis mhaith chun na creachadóirí uachtair seo a scagadh le haghaidh raon truailleán. Léirigh an staidéar bithbhailiú de 16 défheinilí polaclóirínithe (PCBanna), seacht lasairmhoillitheach bróimínithe agus 19 lotnaidicíd orgánaclóirín.

Sháraigh comhdhlúthuithe de PCBanna i ngrampar amháin, a bhí sáinnithe ag Dumha Thuama, Co. Mhaigh Eo, an tairseach tocsaineachta de 17mg/kg.

Dúirt an t-údar sinsearach Moira Schlingermann, neach léinn PhD ag GMIT: "Cé go bhfuil na comhdhlúthuithe seo ard, tá na torthaí íseal a bheag nó a mhór ó pheirspictíocht dhomhanda, go háirithe i gcomparáid leis na grampair ó chóstaí feadh an Aigéin Chiúin thoir-thuaidh atá an-éillithe."

Tugtar truailleáin oidhreachta ar na héilleáin seo, de bhrí gur táirgeadh iad blianta ó shin agus go maireann siad sna huiscí mara dár gcuid. Ba spéisiúil linn freisin truailleáin 'éiritheacha' – ceimiceáin nua a dearadh le deireanas agus a scaoileadh isteach sa chomhshaol s'againne, nach eol dúinn cén éifeacht a bhaineann leo." Beidh Moira ag iniúchadh comhdhlúthuithe de na truailleáin éiritheacha seo i raon de speicis míl agus deilfe mar chuid dá PhD.

Dúirt an Dr Philip White de chuid GMIT, a rinne maoirseacht ar chuid mhaith den obair seo i saotharlanna Fhoras na Mara in Órán Mór, Co. na Gaillimhe i gcomhar leis an Dr Brendan McHugh ó Fhoras na Mara: "Cé go bhfuil leibhéal na dtruailleán seasmhach orgánach sna samplaí seo ard, is gá a thabhairt faoi deara gur gá tuilleadh staidéir a dhéanamh ar cibé dochar a dhéantar ar shláinte an ainmhí d'fhonn cainníochtú a dhéanamh ar atáirgeadh, imdhíonsochta agus sláinte fhoriomlán na n-ainmhithe. Chuige sin, leanfaidh GMIT de bheith ag soláthar tacaíochta anailísíochta don tionscadal d'fhonn breis eolais a fháil ar na héifeachtaí a bhaineann le comhdhúile seasmhacha, chomh maith le comhdhúile éiritheacha, ar ábhar imní iad, ar an speiceas míl cáiliúil seo a bhfuil an-chion air."

Mheas an Dr Simon Berrow, comh-mhaoirseoir ag GMIT agus POF ar an nGrúpa Míolta agus Deilfeanna na hÉireann (WDG), atá ag páirtmhaoiniú an PhD seo: "Is iad carnadh na dtruailleán seasmhach agus a n-éifeacht ar atáirgeadh na n-ainmhithe seo an bhagairt fhadtéarmach gan amhras atá roimh na speicis deilfeanna agus muca mara in ár gcuid aigéan. Caithfidh muid gach atá ar ár gcumas a dhéanamh chun cosc a chur leis na substaintí seo dul isteach sa chomhshaol mara agus sa slabhra bia, de bhrí a luaithe a théann siad isteach ann go mbíonn sé dodhéanta beagnach iad a bhaint as."

Luaigh an Dr Ian O'Connor de chuid an Lárionad Taighde Mara agus Fionnuisce ag GMIT: "Tá ríméad orm go bhfuil an saothar seo foilsithe. Seasann sé do leanúnachas an chomhoibrithe taighde atá ar siúl le fada le Foras na Mara agus an IWDG atá dírithe ar bhithéagsúlacht mara a chaomhnú trí fhreagairt na speiceas uisce ar thionchar daoine agus strusairí comhshaoil a mheasúnú."

Killer whales, though frequently sighted in Irish waters, rarely strand. These samples provide a great opportunity to screen these top predators for a range of pollutants. The study showed bio-accumulation of 16 polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), seven brominated flame retardants and 19 organochlorine pesticides.

Concentrations of PCBs in one killer whale, stranded at Doohoma, Co Mayo, exceeded the suggested toxicity threshold of 17mg/kg.

Senior author Moira Schlingermann, a PhD student at GMIT, said that "although these concentrations are high, the results are relatively low from a global perspective, particularly in comparison to the highly contaminated transient killer whales from coasts along the north-east Pacific Ocean".

"These contaminants are known as legacy pollutants, as they were produced decades ago and still persist in our marine waters. We are also interested in 'emerging' pollutants - new chemicals that have only recently been designed and released into our environment, and whose effects we do not yet understand". Moira will be exploring concentrations of these emergent pollutants in a range of whale and dolphin species as part of her PhD.

Dr Philip White of GMIT, who supervised much of this work in the Marine Institute laboratories in Oranmore, Co Galway in conjunction with Dr Brendan McHugh from the Marine Institute, said that "while the levels of persistent organic pollutants in these samples are high, it must be noted that whatever toll it takes on the animal's health must be further studied in order to properly quantify the effect on reproduction, immunosuppression and the overall health of the animals. To this end, GMIT will continue to provide analytical support to the project in the hopes of gaining a greater knowledge of the effects of persistent, as well as new and emerging, compounds of concern on this renowned and much-loved whale species'.

Dr Simon Berrow, co-supervisor at GMIT and CEO of the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group (IWDG), who are part-funding this PhD, suggested "the build-up of persistent pollutants and their effects on these animals reproduction are undoubtedly the biggest long-term threat they and species of dolphin and porpoise face in our oceans. We have to do everything we can to prevent these substances entering the marine environment and the food chain, because once in it, they will be almost impossible to remove."

Dr Ian O'Connor of the Marine and Freshwater Research Centre at GMIT stated: "I am delighted that this work has been published. It represents a continuation of our long running research collaboration with the Marine Institute and the IWDG focused on conserving marine biodiversity by assessing the response of aquatic species to human impacts and environmental stressors."

Iniúchann Taighdeoirí GMIT Ealaín na Seitheadóireachta Eiticiúla in Oideachas Eolaíochta Muirí

Tá maoiniú bronnta ar GMIT ag Comhairle Taighde na hÉireann chun tionscadal spreagúil eolaíochta for-rochtana a fhorbairt ar sheitheoireacht eiticiúil (ainmhithe a fuarthas marbh a líonadh agus a chaomhnú) chun feasacht a mhéadú ar éifeachtaí truailleáin ar éin mhara.

Tá mar aidhm ag an tionscadal, 'Ealaín na seitheadóireachta eiticiúla in oideachas eolaíochta muirí', úsáid a bhaint as teicnící nua a chomhcheanglaíonn ealaín agus eolaíocht chun aird a tharraingt ar na fadhbanna a bhíonn roimh éin mhara ina dtimpeallacht níos leithne. Beidh foireann ildisciplíneach i gceist, ealaíontóirí, seitheadóirí cláraithe agus na meáin, agus iad á dtreorú ag an Dr Katie O'Dwyer, léachtóir in Éiceolaíocht Uisce, Roinn na nEolaíochtaí Nádúrtha.

Cuimsithe san fhoireann tá Donal Mulcahy de chuid Glenameade Taxidermy agus Aurelien McEvoy-Jean de chuid East Coast Taxidermy, bitheolaí muirí agus ealaíontóir Sabine Springer, léiritheoir meán Peter Cutler agus eolaí GMIT Andrew Power, iad beirt as Crow Crag Productions, agus eolaithe GMIT na Drí Katie O'Dwyer, Ian O'Connor agus Heidi Acampora, agus iad uile bunaithe sa Lárionad Taighde Muirí agus Fionnuisce i gcampas GMIT ar Bhóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath.

Deir an Dr Katie O'Dwyer: "Tá áthas orainn an deis seo a bheith againn foireann chruthaitheach a thabhairt le chéile chun an tionscadal nua oideachasúil seo a dhéanamh. Chuir raon d'fhadhbanna a rinne an duine isteach ar na héin mhara a bheidh á n-úsáid againn ina dtimpeallacht nádúrtha, ar a n-áirítear truailliú plaisteach, truailliú ola agus fearas iascaireachta caillte."

"Trí thaispeántais a spreagann smaoineamh a chruthú ar bhás na n-ainmhithe, tá beartaithe againn caomhnú thimpeallacht na mara a chur chun cinn. Mar chuid den tionscadal, déanaimid físeán a aibhsíonn fadhbanna leanúnacha atá roimh éin mhara, mar aon le próiseas na seitheadóireachta eiticiúla agus a fheidhm in oideachas eolaíochta muirí."

"Trí na fadhbanna seo a aibhsiú trí mheán na healaíne agus na meán, tá súil againn léargas éigin a chaitheamh ar na réimsí tosaíochta ar a bhfuil Spriocanna Forbracha Inbhuaine na Náisiún Aontaithe dírithe."

Déanann GMIT an Bhaisc Dheiridh Scáthlán Aghaidh a Sheachadadh

Cé go bhféadfadh doirse an champais a bheith druidte, leanann an obair ar aghaidh. Le linn na n-aon seachtain déag ghearra seo caite, cuireadh dúshláin roimh fhoireann GMIT ar bhealaí eisceachtúla. Bhí orthu dul in oiriúint do bhealaí nua teagaisc agus measúnuithe ar líne, le linn dóibh a bheith gafa freisin sa chúlra ag tacú leis an troid in aghaidh COVID-19. Tugadh faoi roinnt tionscnamh ar a n-áirítear lárionad teagmhála rianaitheachta a oscailt, aerálaithe foinse oscailte a fhorbairt den chéad uair, le cois clúdaigh aghaidhe a tháirgeadh.

GMIT Researchers to Explore the Art of Ethical Taxidermy in Marine Science Education

GMIT has been awarded funding from the Irish Research Council to develop an exciting marine science outreach project on ethical taxidermy (stuffing and preserving animals found dead) to raise awareness of the effects of pollution on seabirds.

The project,'The art of ethical taxidermy in marine science education', aims to use new techniques marrying art and science to draw attention to issues facing seabirds in their wider environment. It will involve a multidisciplinary team of scientists, artists, registered taxidermists and media, led by GMIT's Dr Katie O'Dwyer, lecturer in Aquatic Ecology, Dept of Natural Sciences.

The team includes Donal Mulcahy of Glenameade Taxidermy and Aurelien McEvoy-Jean of East Coast Taxidermy, marine biologist and artist Sabine Springer, media producer Peter Cutler and GMIT scientist Andrew Power, both of Crow Crag Productions, and GMIT scientists Drs Katie O'Dwyer, Ian O'Connor and Heidi Acampora, all based at the Marine and Freshwater Research Centre in GMIT's Dublin Road campus.

Dr Katie O'Dwyer says: "We are very excited to have the opportunity to bring together a very creative team to produce this novel educational project. The seabirds we will be using were exposed to a range of man-made problems in their natural environment, including plastic pollution, oil pollution, and lost fishing gear."

"By creating thought-provoking displays highlighting the animals' demise, we plan to promote conservation of the marine environment. As part of the project, we will also produce a video highlighting ongoing issues facing seabirds, along with the process of ethical taxidermy and its application in marine science education."

"By highlighting these issues through art and media, we hope to shed some light on priority areas targeted in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: preventing and significantly reducing marine pollution, and sustainably managing and protecting marine and coastal ecosystems".

GMIT Delivers Last Batch of Face Visors

While the campus doors may be closed, the work goes on. Over the last eleven short weeks, GMIT staff have been challenged in exceptional ways. Whilst having to adapt to new ways of teaching and assessing online, they have also been engaged in the background supporting the fight against COVID-19. Several initiatives undertaken have included the opening of a contact tracing centre, pioneering the development of open source ventilators, in addition to the production of face coverings.

Ba thionscadal ar leith sciatha aghaidhe a tháirgeadh – 'GMIT Project Visor' – arna threorú ag an Dr Brian de Souza agus Eddie Dunbar de chuid na Roinne Innealtóireachta Meicniúla agus Tionsclaíche. Agus éileamh gan choinne agus láithreach os a gcomhair ar Threalamh Cosanta Pearsanta (PPE), thug an tionscadal aghaidh i dtosach ar PPE a tháirgeadh do shuíomhanna cúraim phríomhúil sular cuireadh leis chun riachtanais Ospidéil Ollscoile na Gaillimhe (OOG) a chomhlíonadh. Agus iad ag obair ó champas Bhóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath agus óna mbaile araon agus ó bhailte ar fud Cathair agus Contae na Gaillimhe, chóimeáil an bheirt léachtóirí, mar aon le hoibrithe deonacha GMIT agus a gclanna, breis is deich míle sciath aghaidhe.

"D'iarr muid foireann as laistigh de GMIT chun obair dheonach a dhéanamh don tionscadal i lár Aibreáin agus bhí iontas an domhain orainn leis an bhfreagairt. Bhí muid báite faoi na tairiscintí cabhrach a fuair muid," a deir Gerard Mac Michael, Ceann Scoil na hInnteoireachta GMIT. "Chuir an dea-thoil agus an bhraistint aontachta náire orainn."

"Laistigh de laethanta, bhí breis is 170 oibrí deonach againn, agus fuair muid roinnt tairiscintí tacaíochta ó ghnólachtaí áitiúla amhail Collins' Plastics i mBéal an Átha, a thairg a saoráid táirgthe plaisteach de 1,900 tr cr chun cabhrú leis an tionscadal, agus Standard Printers, Gaillimh, a thug dá gcuid saineolais, ábhar agus seirbhísí saor in aisce."

Agus í ag tagairt don tionscadal, deir Chris Kane Uas., Bainisteoir Ginearálta OOG: "Is dochreidte an tacaíocht a fuair muid ónár bpobal le linn na míonna seo thart. I mbeagán ama bhí orainn athrú ó bhun a dhéanamh ar an gcaoi ina ndearna muid cúram sláinte a sheachadadh agus chuile lá bíonn gá againn le líon mór PPE chun ár n-othair agus ár bhfoireann a chosaint. Tá muid an-bhuíoch dár bhfoireann agus de na hoibrithe deonacha as GMIT a tháirg sciatha aghaidhe dár gcuid ospidéal. Nuair a bhí géarghá agus dúbhshláin soláthair ann, rinne sé an-difríocht."

Chomh maith le OOG, cuireadh sciatha aghaidhe ar fáil do Chumann Radharceolaithe na hÉireann rud a chabhraigh chun radharceolaithe a athoscailt ar fud na tíúre. Tugadh sciatha aghaidhe freisin do charthanais áitiúla amhail Ability West, tithe altranais, cógaslanna agus lárionaid chúraim phríomhúil.

One particular project was the production of face shields – 'GMIT Project Visor' – led by Dr Brian de Souza and Eddie Dunbar of the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering. Faced with unprecedented and immediate demand for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), the project initially targeted the production of PPE for primary care settings before being subsequently expanded to meet the requirements of Galway University Hospitals (GUH). Working both from the Dublin Road campus and from homes all around Galway City and County, the two lecturers, together with GMIT volunteers and their families, assembled over ten thousand face shields.

"We initiated a call for staff within GMIT to volunteer for the project in mid-April and were astounded by the response. We were inundated with offers to help", says Gerard Mac Michael, Head of School of Engineering, GMIT. "The goodwill and sense of unity was humbling".

"Within days, we had over 170 volunteers, and received several incredible offers of support from local business such as Collins' Plastics in Ballina, who volunteered their 1,900 sq ft plastics production facility to assist the project, and Standard Printers, Galway, who donated their expertise, materials and services free of charge".

Commenting on the project, Ms Chris Kane, General Manager, GUH, says; The support of our community has been incredible over the past few months. In a very short amount of time we've had to completely change the way we deliver healthcare, and every day we need a large volume of PPE to protect our patients and our staff. We are very grateful to the staff and volunteers from GMIT who produced face shields for our hospitals. At a time of great need and supply challenges, it made a huge difference."

In addition to GUH, GMIT face shields have been supplied to the Association of Optometrists, Ireland, assisting with the safe reopening of opticians across the country. Face shields have also been supplied to local charities such as Ability West, nursing homes, pharmacies and primary care centres.

3.3 Idirnáisiúnú

Tá an tEolaí Idirnáisiúnta Spóirt an tOllamh Tim Gabbett chun Seimineár & Ceardlann a Sheachadadh in GMIT

Tabharfaidh an t-eolaí agus taighdeoir spóirt, an tOllamh Tim Baggett, a bhfuil cáil dhomhanda air, seimineár agus ceardlanna ar na topaicí 'Pain to Performance' agus Train Smarter and Harder'. Tá na himeachtaí á n-eagrú ag John Duggan, léachtóir ar an BSc (Onór) Eolaíocht agus Aclaíocht Spóirt, agus an Dr Lisa Ryan, Ceann Roinn na nEolaíochtaí Nádúrtha in GMIT.

Déanfaidh an tOllamh Gabbett plé faoi na modhanna traenála is déanaí le haghaidh lúthchleasaithe a gcuireann pian nó gortú as dóibh, agus faoin bpróiseas is gá chun go mbainfidh siad lán-fheidhmíocht amach.

Tá taithí 20 bliain ag an Ollamh Tim Gabbett agus é ag obair mar eolaí feidhmeach spóirt le lúthchleasaithe agus cóitseálaithe as raon leathan spóirt. Tá PhD aige i bhFiseolaíocht Dhaonna (2000), agus baint ar leith aici leis na héilimh fhisiceacha, cosc ar ghortaithe, agus fáil scileanna. Rinne sé obair le scoth-lúthchleasaithe idirnáisiúnta le linn roinnt Cluichí Commonwealth (2002 agus 2006) agus Cluichí Oilimpeacha (2000, 2004, agus 2008). Leanann sé de bheith ag obair mar chomhairleoir eolaíochta agus cóitseála spóirt le haghaidh roinnt foirne ardfheidhmíochta ar fud an domhain. Tá breis is 250 alt piara-athbhreithnithe foilsithe ag Tim agus rinne sé láithreoireachtaí ag breis is 400 comhdháil náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta. Tá sé tiomanta do thaighde den chéad scoth a dhéanamh ar féidir é a chur i bhfeidhm san fhíordhomhan chun tairbhe do chóitseálaithe agus lúthchleasaithe ardfheidhmíochta.

Tabharfaidh an tOllamh Tim Gabbett seimineár (30 Meán Fómhair) agus seimineár (1 Deireadh Fómhair) in GMIT.

Gnóthaigh an Taighdeoir GMIT an Dr Olga Lyashevska Ór agus Cré-Umha in Jiu-Jitsu agus Judo Brasaíleach

Tá baill foirne i Lárionad Taighde Mara agus Fionnuisce de chuid GMIT ag ceiliúradh an rath is déanaí a bhí ar a gcomhghleacaí an Dr Olga Lyashevska ag Craobh Domhanda Judo an Domhain sa Maroc, nuair a ghnóthaigh sí bonn cré-umha i nDeireadh Fómhair seo caite. Níos luaithe sa bhliain bhuaigh Olga bonn óir ag craobhacha Jiu-Jitsu Brasaíleach na hEorpa i mBarcelona sular sciob sí an bonn airgid i Lúnasa ag Craobhacha Máistir Jiu-Jitsu Brasaíleach an Domhain in Las Vegas.

3.3 Internationalisation

International Sports Scientist Professor Tim Gabbett to Deliver Seminar and Workshop in GMIT

Internationally renowned sports scientist and researcher Professor Tim Gabbett will deliver a seminar and workshop on the topics 'Pain to performance' and 'Train Smarter and Harder'. The events are being organised by John Duggan, lecturer on the BSc. (Hons) Sports and Exercise Science and Dr Lisa Ryan, Head of the GMIT Department of Natural Sciences.

Professor Gabbett will discuss the latest training methods for athletes experiencing pain or injury, and the processes required to return them to peak performance.

Professor Tim Gabbett has 20 years' experience working as an applied sport scientist with athletes and coaches from a wide range of sports. He holds a PhD in Human Physiology (2000) and has completed a second PhD in the Applied Science of Professional Football (2011), with special reference to physical demands, injury prevention, and skill acquisition. He has worked with elite international athletes over several Commonwealth Games (2002 and 2006) and Olympic Games (2000, 2004, and 2008) cycles. He continues to work as a sports science and coaching consultant for several high-performance teams around the world. Tim has published over 250 peer-reviewed articles and has presented at over 400 national and international conferences. He is committed to performing world-leading research that can be applied in the real world to benefit high performance coaches and athletes.

Professor Tim Gabbett will deliver a seminar (30 Sept) and seminar (1 Oct) in GMIT

GMIT Researcher Dr Olga Lyashevska Wins Gold, Silver and Bronze in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Judo

Staff in GMIT's Marine and Freshwater Research Centre in Galway are celebrating the latest success of their colleague Dr Olga Lyashevska at the World Judo Championship in Morocco, where she won the bronze medal this October. Earlier in the year Olga was a gold medallist at the European Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu championships in Barcelona before scooping the silver medal in August at the World Masters Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Championship in Las Vegas.

Chuaigh Olga le GMIT ceithre bliana ó shin mar staitisteoir éiceolaíoch agus scríobhann sí an cód chun patrúin spéisiúla nó spleáchais a léiriú i raon leathan sonraí. Tharraing a cuid anailísí agus mionsamhlacha ag an MFRC aird Gateway Teicneolaíochtaí Leighis agus innealtóireachta GMIT (MET), áit a bhfuil ról breise mar thaighdeoir forbartha sinsearach aici.

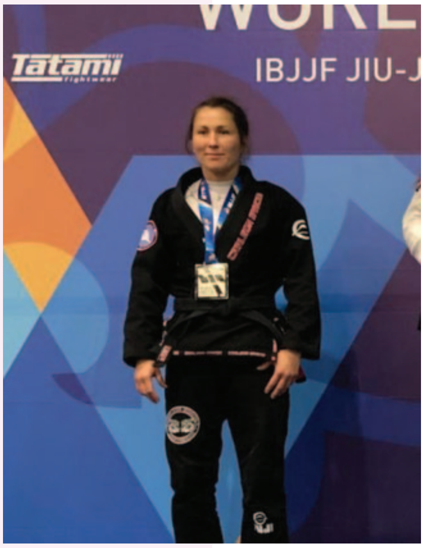
Is as an gCrimé ó thús d'Olga agus chuir sí tús le traenáil 15 bliain ó shin nuair a bhí sí ina neach léinn iarchéime san Ísiltír, áit ar ghnóthaigh sí an crios dubh sa judo gan ach cúig bliana a bheith caite aici ag traenáil. Tar éis cúig bliana eile ghnóthaigh Olga crios dubh sa jiu-jitsu, agus cáil mar chéile comhraic suntasach á tógáil aici i gcomórtais Eorpacha. Ní leor di a baint leis an iomaíocht sna healaíona míleata. Le linn na dtrí bliana go leith seo caite mhúin sí dhá rang in aghaidh na seachtaine i gcosaint jiu-jitsu ban ag giomnáisiam ealaíon míleata Point Blank Submissions na Gaillimhe.

"Dearg-ádh a bhí i gceist le jiu-jitsu agus judo a aimsiú. Níl a fhios agam cén chaoi a mbeadh ar mo shaol dá n-éagmais. Thosaigh sé go léir nuair a bhíos i mo neach léinn máistir in Eolaíochtaí Timpeallachta ag Ollscoil Wageningen. Bhí seachtain fhéin-teagaisc agam, rud a chiallaigh nach raibh na gnáthranganna ar siúl, ullmhúchán do na scrúduithe. Mar sin bhí breis ama le haghaidh spóirt. Le teann fiosrachta roghnaigh mé gníomhaíocht randamach ag lárionad spóirt na hollscoile agus bheartaigh triail a bhaint as. Scanrúil a bhí an chéad rang ach taitneamhach agus níor chuireas stop leis an traenáil ó shin."

Olga joined GMIT four years ago as an ecological statistician and writes the code to reveal interesting patterns or dependencies in a wide range of data. Her analyses and models at the MFRC caught the attention of GMIT's Medical and Engineering Technologies (MET) Gateway, where she has developed an additional role as senior researcher in data analytics.

Originally from Crimea, Olga started training 15 years ago when she was a postgraduate student in the Netherlands, and earned her black belt in judo after only five years of training. After another five years Olga won a black belt in jiu-jitsu, building a reputation as a serious opponent in European competitions. Her involvement in martial arts doesn't stop at competing. For the last three and a half years she has taught two classes a week in women's self-defence and jiu-jitsu at Galway's Point Blank Submissions martial arts gym.

"Finding jiu-jitsu and judo was pure luck. I don't know how my life would be without it. It all started when I was a master's student in Environmental Sciences at Wageningen University. I had a self-study week, meaning there were no regular classes, just preparation for the exams, so there was more time for sports. Out of curiosity I picked a random activity at the university sport centre and decided to give it a try. The first class was scary but fun and I haven't stopped training since".



An Dr Olga Lyashevska ag Craobhacha Máistir Jiu-Jitsu Brasaíleach in LA 2019

Dr Olga Lyashevska at World Master Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Championships in LA 2019

Forbairt agus Tacaíocht d'Fhiontraithe Mná

Is príomhthiomáinteoir í GMIT le tamall i dtaighde a dhéanamh agus acmhainní a tháirgeadh atá dírithe ar an nuálaíocht agus an fhiontraíocht a chur chun cinn ar fud phobail tuaithe na hEorpa, trí thionscadail iomadúla taighde Eorpacha agus idirnáisiúnta. Thaistil an Dr Lisa Ryan agus Maria McDonagh de chuid Roinn na nEolaíochtaí Nádúrtha, Scoil Eolaíochta agus Ríomhaireachta GMIT, chuig Timisoara na Rómáine chun ceann dá gCuid Tionscadal Eorpach reatha dar teideal 'Educate to Innovate: Developing and Sustaining Female Food Entrepreneurs' a chur i láthair, iarracht chomhoibritheach arna maoiniú ag Ciste Eorpach Erasmus+ Key Action 2.

Tá foireann GMIT ag obair i gcomhar le ceithre chomhpháirtí Eorpacha – Institiúid Oideachais Teicneolaíochta Bailtic (An Liotuáin), Confederazione Italiana Agricoltori Toscana (An Iodáil), Comunitatea Pentru Invatarea Permanenta (An Rómáin) agus an Lárionad Polainneach Comhairleach Feirme agus Oiliúna (An Pholainn) chun spriocanna an tionscadail a

Developing and Supporting Female Food Entrepreneurs

GMIT has become a key driver in conducting research and producing resources aimed at boosting innovation and entrepreneurship across Europe's rural communities through numerous European and international research projects. Dr Lisa Ryan and Maria McDonagh of the GMIT Department of Natural Sciences, School of Science and Computing, travelled to Timisoara, Romania to present one of their current European projects called 'Educate to Innovate: Developing and Sustaining Female Food Entrepreneurs', a collaborative effort funded by the European Erasmus+ Key Action 2 Fund.

The GMIT team is working with four European partners - Baltic Education Technology Institute (Lithuania), Confederazione Italiana Agricoltori Toscana (Italy), Comunitatea Pentru Invatarea Permanenta (Romania) and The Polish Farm Advisory and Training Centre (Poland) to deliver the project's objectives. The main aim of the Educate to Innovate project is to develop and support the growth of female food entrepreneurs by equipping

sheachadadh. Is é céad aidhm an tionscadail Educate to Innovate ná fás fhiontraithe bia mná a fhorbairt agus tacú leo trí oideachasóirí Oideachais Ghairmiúil agus Oiliúna (VET) a threalamhú le treoraí oideolaíochta nuálaí agus uirlis acmhainne, arb iad príomh-aschuir an tionscadail. Cuirfidh na haschuir sin an t-eolas agus na hábhair ar fáil d'oiliúnóirí VET chun oiliúint fhiontraíoch atá dírithe ar mhná agus é faoi thionchar ag fiontraithe bia a fhorbairt.

Tá an tionscadal Educate to Innovate le bheith curtha i gcrích i Márta 2021 le raon imeachtaí agus gníomhaíochtaí taighde le linn na bliana dár gcionn. Beidh na himeachtaí sin ar siúl ar fud na hEorpa agus beidh an chéad cheann díobh ar siúl in Varsá na Polainne ar 22 Bealtaine 2020. Tá na himeachtaí sin ar oscailt dóibh siúd uile a bhfuil baint acu le hearnáil agrai-bia na hEorpa. Tá breis eolais le fáil faoin tionscadal Educate to Innovate ar: https//www.nurtureher.eu/ chomh maith le Twitter, Facebook agus Instagram.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) educators with an innovative pedagogy guide and resource tool, which are the main outputs of the project. These outputs will provide VET trainers with the knowledge and materials required to develop female-focused entrepreneurial training influenced and delivered by food entrepreneurs. In summary, we call this entrepreneurs helping to develop entrepreneurs.

The Educate to Innovate project is due to be completed in March 2021 with a range of research events and activities over the course of the next year. These events will take place throughout Europe with the first in Warsaw, Poland on 22 May 2020. The events are open to all those involved in Europe's agri food sector. For further information on the Educate to Innovate project please visit https://www.nurtureher.eu/ as well as Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Baill den collóiciam Eorpach ar a n-áirítear an Dr Lisa Ryan agus Maria McDonagh, Roinn Eolaíochtaí Nádúrtha GMIT, agus iad ag freastal ar imeacht 'Educate to Innovate', atá á treorú, ag GMIT sa Rómáin.

Members of the European colloquium including GMIT's Dr Lisa Ryan and Maria McDonagh, Dept of Natural Sciences, attending the GMIT-led 'Educate to Innovate' event in Romania.

Leitir Fraic Roghnaithe le Saothar a chur ar Taispeáint ag Aonach Idirnáisiúnta Ardchlú

Roghnaíodh neacha léinn agus céimithe de chuid Lárionad Náisiúnta Barr Feabhais Leitir Fraic i nDearadh agus Teicneolaíocht Troscáin GMIT chun taispeántas a thabhairt ag ceann de na príomhthaispeántais troscáin agus soilsithe ar domhan – Aonach Troscáin Stockholm (4-8 Feabhra 2020).

Is neacha léinn/céimithe de chuid an Bhaitsiléara Eolaíochta (Onór) i nDearadh & Déantúsaíocht Troscáin ag campas Leitir Fraic iad Kay Woodcock as Leitir Fraic, Co. na Gaillimhe, Roscoe Holt, Clár Chlainne Mhuiris, Co. Mhaigh Eo, Maciej Dubiel as Baile Mhathúna, Co. an Longfoirt, Conor Cremins, as Dún Laoghaire, Co, Bhaile Átha Cliath agus Declan Barrett as Cill Cuilinn, Co. Chill Dara.

Thaispeáin an grúpa a saothar sa roinn Greenhouse, áit a dtaispeánann dearthóirí éiritheacha agus príomhscoileanna deartha a gcuid oibre do chomhpháirtithe, táirgeoirí agus custaiméirí ionchasacha. Is iomaí príomhdhearthóirí an lae inniu a fuair a gcéad sárthaispeántas sa Greenhouse, agus bhí mar thoradh ar chéad taispeántas dearthóirí óga go ndeachaidh a dtáirgí ar aghaidh chun déantúsaíochta. Chun go roghnófaí iad don taispeántas, bhí ar shaothar na neach léinn dul faoi bhreithiúnas agus a bheith glactha ag painéal saineolaithe.

GMIT Letterfrack Selected to Exhibit Work at Prestigious International Furniture Fair

Students and graduates of GMIT Letterfrack's National Centre for Excellence in Furniture Design and Technology have been selected to exhibit at one of the world's leading furniture and lighting exhibitions - the Stockholm Furniture Fair (4 – 8 February 2020).

Kay Woodcock from Letterfrack, Co Galway, Roscoe Holt, Claremorris, Co Mayo, Maciej Dubiel from Ballymahon, Co Longford, Conor Cremins from Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin and Declan Barrett from Kilcullen, Co Kildare are students/graduates of the Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Furniture Design & Manufacture at the Letterfrack campus.

The group will exhibit their work in the Greenhouse section, where up-and-coming designers and leading design schools show their creations to future partners, producers and customers. Many of today's leading designers had their breakthrough showcase in the Greenhouse, and many young designers' debut there resulted in their products going into production. To be chosen for this exhibition, the students' work was judged and accepted by an international panel of experts.

Tar éis tacaíocht fhial ó Ambasáid na hÉireann in Stockholm, tugadh cuireadh do Leitir Fraic GMIT páirt a ghlacadh in ócáid Taidhleoireachta Deartha san ambasáid ar 5 Feabhra 2020. Is coincheap é seo a bhfuil tóir air, a seoladh ag Seachtain Deartha Helsinki 2016 agus a rinne turas ó shin chuig chathracha amhail Tokyo, Madrid agus Nua Eabhrac.

Tá na Naisc Idir an Fhrainc agus Éirinn le Ceiliúradh ag Imeachtaí GMIT agus Franco-Éireannacha

Comórtas cócaireachta, béile le téama 'Meitheal' agus comhdháil ar thionscnaimh rathúla ar a n-áirítear Bealach Fiáin an Atlantaigh

Bhí neacha léinn Francacha agus Éireannacha san iomaíocht i gcócaireacht mar chuid de thaispeántas cócaireachta agus oidhreachta ag Scoil Idirnáisiúnta Óstáin na Gaillimhe (GIHS) in Institiúid Teicneolaíochta na Gaillimhe-Maigh Eo (GMIT). Rinne breis is 60 saineolaí sna hEalaíona Cócaireachta, Turasóireachta, agus Oidhreachta freastal ar an sárthaispeántas agus imeachtaí eile ar a n-áirítear comhdháil ar bhéile speisialta téamaithe, a raibh mar aidhm aige na naisc idir Éirinn agus an Fhrainc agus tíortha Frainciseora a cheiliúradh.

D'fhreastail comhpháirtithe Francacha agus Éireannacha agus móruaisle as Ambasáid na Fraince in Éirinn agus as Ambasáid na hÉireann sa bhFrainc ar an gcruinniú mar aíonna speisialta ag béile a réitíodh faoin téama 'Meitheal', an traidisiún Éireannach faoina dtagann daoine le chéile agus a n-oibríonn ar mhaithe le comhsprioc.

Tionóladh comhdháil in Aibreán a d'aibhsigh tionscnaimh rathúla, amhail Bealach Fiáin an Atlantaigh a fhorbairt. Bhí ceardlanna cócaireachta ann, ar a n-áirítear bealaí nuálacha chun crústaí a chócaráil (scuid, etc.) agus seisiúin taighde a thug tuairisc ar théamaí amhail úsáid na litríochta chun Éire a phoiblí mar cheann scríbe turasóireachta agus cruthú pas scileanna cócaire chun socrúcháin neacha léinn a éascú ar fud an AE.

D'eagraigh Scoil Idirnáisiúnta Óstáin na Gaillimhe, GMIT, na himeachtaí uile, le cabhair ó Ambasáid na Fraince in Éirinn. Fuarthas tacaíocht freisin ón gComhairle Náisiúnta Déiríochta (NDC) agus ó Centre National Interprofessionel de l'Economie Laitiere (CNIELL) – cóibhéis Fhrancach an NDC – do chomórtas an Chócaire Déiríochta.

Reáchtáladh na himeachtaí mar chuid den Fhóram Franco-Éireannach do na hEalaíona Cócaireachta, Fáilteachais agus Turasóireachta (FICAHT). Tá breis is 77 ball agus 39 comhpháirtí i líonra FICAHT ar an iomlán as institiúidí oideachais sa bhFrainc agus in Éirinn. Bhí mar aidhm aige intéirneachtaí agus soghluaisteacht neacha léinn a fhorbairt agus oiliúint do neacha léinn sna healaíona cócaireachta, bainistíocht óstáin agus turasóireacht.

Ceann de na miasa a rinne craobhiomaitheoir neacha léinn GMIT i gcomórtas an Chócaire Déiríochta.

Following on from the generous support of the Irish Embassy in Stockholm, GMIT Letterfrack has also been invited to participate in the Design Diplomacy event in the embassy on 5 February 2020. This is a popular concept that was launched at Helsinki Design Week 2016 and has since toured in cities such as Tokyo, Berlin, Madrid and New York.

France and Ireland Links to be Celebrated at GMIT and Franco Irish Forum Events

Cook-off competition, 'Meitheal'-themed meal and conference on successful initiatives including the Wild Atlantic Way

French and Irish students will compete in a cook-off as part of a culinary and heritage showcase at the Galway International Hotel School (GIHS) in Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT). Over 60 experts in Culinary Arts, Hospitality, Tourism, and Heritage will attend the showcase and other events including a conference and a special themed meal, which aim to celebrate and develop connections between Ireland, France and francophone countries.

French and Irish business partners and dignitaries from the French Embassy in Ireland and the Irish Embassy in France will also attend the gathering as special guests at a meal prepared around the theme of 'Meitheal', the Irish tradition where people come together and work at achieving a shared goal.

A conference highlighting successful initiatives, such as the development of the Wild Atlantic Way brand, will run from Thursday, 2 April to Saturday, 4 April. There will also be culinary workshops, including innovative ways of cooking cephalopods (squid, etc.) and research sessions reporting on themes such as the use of literature to promote Ireland as a tourism destination and the creation of a chef's skills passport to facilitate student placements across the EU.

All events are organised by the Galway International Hotel School, GMIT, with the help of the French Embassy in Ireland. Support is also provided by the National Dairy Council (NDC) and the Centre National Interprofessionnel de l'Economie Laitière (CNIEL) – the French equivalent of the NDC – for the Dairy Chef competition.

The events are run as part of the Franco-Irish Forum for Culinary Arts, Hospitality, and Tourism (FICAHT). The FICAHT network counts more than 77 members and 39 partners – mostly education institutions in France and Ireland. It aims to develop internship and apprenticeship mobility and training for students in culinary arts, hospitality management, and tourism.

One of the dishes produced by a GMIT student finalist in the Dairy Chef competition.

Comhoibríonn Leitir Fraic le Páirtithe Leasmhara ar Mhapa Bóthair chun Tacú leis an Earnáil

Dermot O'Donovan de chuid GMIT, Bainisteoir Tionscadail, Oideachais agus Foghlama Comhtháite Oibre (eWIL)

B'ionann campas Leitir Fraic GMIT agus dearadh troscáin agus teicneolaíocht adhmaid ó 1987 i leith, agus iad ag obair le fiontair bheaga agus micrea- atá scaipthe go réigiúnach i réimsí amhail adhmadóireacht ailtireachta, déantús caibinéadachta., próiseáil painéil, déantús cistine, troscán saincheaptha, feistiú siopa agus táirgí siúinéireachta.

Le linn an ama sin, d'fhorbair an campas líonra de bhreis is 100 comhpháirtí tionscail in Éirinn agus thar lear. De réir taighde atá déanta ag GMIT, tá breis is 1,000 cuideachta ag obair san earnáil in Éirinn. Ag an bhFóram Tionscail ag Leitir Fraic GMIT roinnt blianta ó shin, tháinig GMIT, Fóram Scileanna Réigiúnacha an Iarthair (WRSF) agus ionadaithe tionscail ar chomhfhís chun mapa bóthair a fhorbairt agus an earnáil seo a chothú. Go luath ina dhiaidh sin, bunaíodh Líonra Déantúsaíochta Adhmaid agus Troscáin na hÉireann (IWFMN), a thug tosaíocht do cheithre phríomhphiléar straitéiseacha: Forbairt Tráchtálach, Dearadh agus Nuálaíocht, Scoth-Dhéantúsaíochta, Oideachas agus Oiliúint. Chuaigh an IWFMN ó neart go neart, iad ag eagrú dhá chomhdháil náisiúnta i nGaillimh agus i mBaile Átha Cliath agus raon eispéaras foghlama piara-le-piara agus oiliúint do bhaill an Líonra. Ó thús COVID-19, tá tacaíocht ghníomhach á tabhairt ag IWFMN dá gcuid ball ar líne.

Deir Dermot O'Donovan de chuid Choiste Stiúrtha IWFMN agus GMIT: "Nuair a tháinig COVID i Márta i mbliana, bhí an chuma air go bhféadfadh an obair go léir a rinneadh go dtí sin a bheith curtha ó mhaith. Ach ó shin i leith, tá an IWFMN tar éis tosú ar fhóram seachtainiúil a óstáil ar líne le baill an tionscail. Tá an fóram ceaptha le bheith oscailte agus cuiditheach, áit inar féidir le cuideachtaí foghlaim óna chéile agus taithí agus saineolas a chomhroinnt d'fhonn an lámh in uachtar a fháil ar na dúshláin atá roimh an earnáil."

Deir Paul Leamy, Ceann Roinne Leitir Fraic GMIT: "Cabhraíonn sé linne in GMIT fanacht i dteagmháil leis an tionscal; tá Anailís Riachtanais Oiliúna díreach críochnaithe againn leis an WRSF don earnáil. Is gá tuiscint agus freastal ar riachtanais foghlama obairbhunaithe na hearnála agus freastal ar na riachtanais sin ar mhodh seachadta solúbtha, rud is riachtanaí anois níos mó ná riamh. Maidir leis sin, tá tús curtha ag Leitir Fraic GMIT le tionscadal ar a dtugtar Oideachas agus Foghlaim Obair Chomhtháite (eWIL) atá dírithe ar chláir fhochéime a aistriú lena bheith obairbhunaithe agus iad ag bogadh i dtreo socrúchán oibre dhá bhliain. Déanfaidh an tionscadal eWIL iniúchadh ar dheiseanna foghlama ar feadh an tsaoil ar líne dóibh siúd atá lánfhostaithe."

GMIT Letterfrack Works with Stakeholders on Roadmap to Support Sector

GMIT's Dermot O'Donovan, Project Manager, Education and Work Integrated Learning (eWIL)

GMIT's Letterfrack campus has been synonymous with furniture design and wood technology since 1987, working with regionally dispersed, small and micro enterprises in areas such as architectural woodworking, cabinetmaking, panel processing, kitchen manufacturing, bespoke furniture, shop fitting and joinery products.

In that time, the campus has developed a network of more than 100 industry partners in Ireland and abroad. Research carried out by GMIT estimates that more than 1,000 companies are operating in the sector in Ireland. At an industry forum at GMIT Letterfrack several years ago, a shared vision was reached by GMIT, Western Regional Skills Forum (WRSF) and industry representatives to develop a roadmap to support and nurture this sector. Soon after, the Irish Wood and Furniture Manufacturing Network (IWFMN) was formally established, prioritising four key strategic pillars: commercial development, design and innovation, manufacturing excellence, and education and training. The IWFMN has grown from strength to strength, organising two national conferences in Galway and Dublin and facilitating a range of training and peer-to-peer learning experiences for network members. Since the onset of COVID-19, the IWFMN has been actively supporting its members online.

GMIT's Dermot O'Donovan, a member of the IWFMN Steering Committee, says: "When COVID-19 arrived in March this year, it looked like all the work undertaken to date by the IWFMN might be compromised. However, since then the IWFMN has begun hosting a weekly online forum with industry members. The forum is designed to be open and constructive, where companies can learn from each other and share experiences and expertise to help overcome some of the challenges facing the sector."

Paul Leamy, Head of Department for GMIT Letterfrack says: "For GMIT, it helps us stay in touch with the industry; we have just completed a Training Needs Analysis with the WRSF for the sector. Understanding and meeting the work-based learning needs of the sector and meeting those needs in a flexible delivery mode is now more crucial than ever. In this regard, GMIT Letterfrack have initiated a project called Education and Work Integrated Learning (eWIL) which is focused on transitioning undergraduate programmes to become work-based as they move towards year-long work placements. The eWIL project will also explore online life-long learning opportunities for those in full-time employment."

D'éirigh leis an IWFMN ina n-iarratas ar mhaoiniú Forbartha Fiontair Teorann atá á bhainistiú ag Fiontraíocht Éireann, faoina bhforbrófar an líonra laistigh de shé chontae ar theorainn Thuaisceart Éireann. D'éirigh le Leitir Fraic GMIT freisin ina n-iarratas don Chiste Braisle Teicneolaíochta Réigiúnaí agus súil acu Bainisteoir For-rochtana Taighde agus Oideachas a bheith fostaithe go luath a bheadh ag obair in éineacht leis an IWFMN.

Tá Áthas ar GMIT agus ar Choláiste Ceanadach an Chéad Chúrsa Fáilteachais Idirnáisiúnta a Thairiscint

Shínigh Scoil Idirnáisiúnta Óstáin na Gaillimhe de chuid GMIT agus St Lawrence College (SLC), Ontario, Ceanada, comhaontú nua comhaltúcháin a thabharfaidh tacaíocht don tionscal turasóireachta domhanda trí dhámhachtain fáilteachais idirnáisiúnta a thairiscint do neacha léinn Ceanadacha agus Éireannacha agus tús le bheith aige níos déanaí i mbliana.

Is cloch mhíle thábhachtach an cúrsa nua don dá choláiste ó shínigh GMIT agus SLC a gcéad Mheamram Tuisceana in 2017. Faoi láthair comhoibríonn an dá chomhpháirtí ar chúrsaí Ealaíne Comhaimseartha ag leibhéil fhochéime agus iarchéime.

Ligfidh an cúrsa nua do neacha léinn as SLC staidéar a dhéanamh i nGaillimh ar feadh aon seimeastar amháin agus do neacha léinn GMIT staidéar a dhéanamh ag campas Kingston, in Ontario ó 2021 ar feadh aon seimeastar amháin. Beidh neacha léinn SLC a dhéanann dioplóma i gCeanada go rathúil cáilithe chun a gcéim baitsiléara (L7) agus BA Onór (L8) a chur i gcrích i mBainistíocht Idirnáisiúnta Óstáin ag GMIT.

MT

Ar 6 Iúil 2017, shínigh GMIT agus St Lawrence College, Ontario, Meamram Tuisceana chun tionscadail nua spreagúla a iniúchadh a rachadh chun tairbhe do bhaill foirne agus neacha léinn. Chomhaontaigh an chéad chomhaontú comhaltúcháin a死íníodh in 2018 le Scoil Deartha agus Ealaíon Cruthaitheach conairí le go bhféadfadh neacha léinn Ceanadacha a gcéim in Ealaín Chomhaimseartha a chur i gcrích in GMIT agus leanúint lena staidéar ar an MA i gCleachtas Cruthaitheach. In 2018, bhronn Rialtas na hÉireann Scoláireacht Idirnáisiúnta Acadúil Shoghluaisteach ar Scoil Idirnáisiúnta Óstáin na Gaillimhe chun tacú le dámhachtain nua i mBainistíocht Idirnáisiúnta Fáilteachais a fhorbairt. Tá taithí 50 bliain beagnach ag GMIT sa disciplín seo agus ba í an chéad Institiúid Teicneolaíochta a bhronn céim bainistíochta óstáin in Éirinn in 1977.

The IWFMN has recently been successful in an application for Border Enterprise Development funding managed by Enterprise Ireland, which will see it develop the network within the six counties bordering Northern Ireland. GMIT Letterfrack has also been successful with an application to the Regional Technology Cluster Fund and hopes to have a Research and Education Outreach Manager in place soon to work alongside the IWFMN.

GMIT and Canadian College Pleased to Offer First Joint International Hospitality Course

GMIT's Galway International Hotel School and St Lawrence College (SLC), Ontario, Canada, have signed a new articulation agreement, which will support the global tourism industry by offering an international hospitality award to Irish and Canadian students and is due to begin later this year.

The new course marks an important milestone for both colleges since GMIT and SLC first signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2017. Both partners currently collaborate on Contemporary Arts courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

The new course will allow students from SLC to study in Galway for one semester and GMIT students to study for one semester in SLC at their Kingston Campus in Ontario from 2021. SLC students who successfully complete their Diploma in Canada will be eligible to complete their bachelor degree (L7) and BA Hons (L8) in International Hotel Management at GMIT.

MOU

On 6 July, 2017 GMIT and St Lawrence College, Ontario, signed a Memorandum of Understanding to investigate new and exciting collaborative projects that would benefit staff and students. The first articulation agreement signed in 2018 with the Galway School of Design and Creative Arts agreed pathways for Canadian students to complete their Contemporary Art degree in GMIT and continue their studies with the MA in Creative Practice. In 2018, Galway International Hotel School was awarded a Government of Ireland International Academic Mobility scholarship to support the development of a new award in International Hospitality Management. GMIT has almost 50 years' experience in this discipline and was the first Institute of Technology to award a hotel management degree in Ireland in 1977.

Cuireann Uachtarán GMIT Fáilte Roimh Chuairt ó Cheann Misean na hAstráile go hEirinn

Chuir Uachtarán GMIT, an Dr Orla Flynn, fáilte roimh Cheann Misean na hAstráile go hÉirinn, Robert Owen-Jones Uas., chuig GMIT.

Bhí an tUas. Owen-Jones ar thuras dhá lá go Gaillimh agus é ag iarraidh deiseanna cultúrtha agus gnó le heagraíochtaí san iarthar a chruthú. Bhuail sé le bainistíocht GMIT, ar a n-áirítear an tAstrálach an Dr Rick Officer, Leas-Uachtarán do Thaighde agus Nuálaíocht GMIT.

Robert Owen-Jones Uas., Ceann Misean na hAstráile go hÉirinn agus Uachtarán GMIT, an Dr Orla Flynn, sa phictiúr lasmuigh den Lárionad Taighde Mara agus Fionnuisce, ag campas na Gaillimhe an tseachtain seo

Deir an Dr Orla Flynn, Uachtarán GMIT: "Ba phléisiúr é bualadh leis an Uas. Owen-Jones agus acmhainn iarthar na hÉireann a phlé, le méid na mbuanna agus cáilíocht bheatha atá againn."

Ina dhiaidh sin thug an tUas. Owen-Jones cuairt ar Chumann Tráchtála na Gaillimhe, áit ar bhuail sé le ceannairí gnó áitiúla agus cuideachtaí le naisc láidre Astrálacha ar a n-áirítear an fostóir áitiúil Siteminder. Bhuail sé freisin le grúpa de 50 Astrálach dúchasach a chónaíonn i nGaillimh agus san iarthar.

Tharla cuairt an Uas. Owen-Jones agus idirbheartaíocht ar siúl ag Rialtas na hAstráile maidir le comhaontú tradála leis an AE.

€4.4m de Mhaoiniú Erasmus Mundus Bronnta ar Chuibhreannas GMIT agus AE le hAghaidh Chlár MSc i mBitheolaíocht Mara

Bronnadh €4.4m ar GMIT agus cuibhreannas comhpháirtithe Institiúidí Teicneolaíochta Eorpacha faoi Erasmus+ Key Achtion 1 AE – Comh-Chéimeanna Erasmus 2020 chun leanacht den Máistir Eolaíochta Idirnáisiúnta in Acmhainní Bitheolaíochta Mara a sheachadadh (IMBRSea). D'eagraigh 11 príomh-IíT Eorpacha an clár comh-mháistir dhá bhliain i réimse na n-eolaíochtaí mara. Tugann an Lárionad Eorpach d'Acmhainní Bitheolaíochta Mara (EMBRC) tacaíocht dó. Ba cheann de na 40 clár Máistir é seo as 100 iarratas a rinneadh i mbliana.

Tá an clár ardchlú seo á sheachadadh ag GMIT ó 2010, agus fáilte á cur aici roimh chéimithe ó gach cearn den domhan le haghaidh staidéir ar feadh dhá bhliain ag campas Lárionad Taighde Mara agus Fionnuisce (MFRC) na Gaillimhe (Bóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath). Faoi láthair tá 200 neach léinn iarchéime as breis is 35 tír sa chéad agus dara bliain den chlár. Tá gach ceann de na comhpháirtithe cuibhreannais ag forbairt conairí ar líne go hiomlán agus cumasctha chun cloí leis na treoirlínte náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta sláinte poiblí.

GMIT President Welcomes Visit from the Australian Head of Mission to Ireland

The President of GMIT, Dr Orla Flynn, welcomed the Australian Head of Mission to Ireland, Mr Robert Owen-Jones, to GMIT.

Mr Owen-Jones was on a two-day trip to Galway seeking to build cultural and business opportunities with organisations in the west. He met with GMIT management including Australian native Dr Rick Officer, GMIT's VP for Research and Innovation.

Mr Robert Owen-Jones, Australian Head of Mission to Ireland and GMIT President Dr Orla Flynn, pictured outside the GMIT Marine and Freshwater Research Centre, at the Galway campus.

Dr Orla Flynn, President of GMIT, says: "It was a great pleasure to meet Mr Owen-Jones and discuss the potential the west of Ireland offers, with our strong talent pool and quality of life."

Mr Owen-Jones later visited Galway Chamber where he met with local business leaders and companies with strong Australian ties including local employer Siteminder. He also met a group of 50 native Australians who live in Galway and the west.

Mr Owen-Jones' visit comes as the Australian Government continues negotiations with the EU on a trade agreement.

GMIT and EU Consortium Awarded €4.4m Erasmus Mundus Funding for International MSc in Marine Biology Programme

GMIT and a consortium of European Higher Education Institute partners have been awarded funding of €4.4 million under the EU Erasmus+ Key Action 1 - Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees 2020 to continue delivery of the International Master of Science in Marine Biological Resources (IMBRSea). The two-year joint master's programme, organised by 11 leading European HEIs in the field of marine sciences, is supported by the European Marine Biological Resource Centre (EMBRC). IMBRSea was one of the 40 master's programmes awarded from 100 applications this year.

GMIT has been delivering this prestigious programme since 2010, welcoming graduates from all over the world to study for two years at the Galway (Dublin Road) campus Marine and Freshwater Research Centre (MFRC). Currently there are 200 postgraduate students from more than 35 countries in the first and second years of the programme. All consortium partners are currently developing fully online and blended learning pathways to follow national and international public health guidelines.

Cuimsíonn IMBRSea raon leathan ábhar a bhaineann le hacmhainní bitheolaíochta mara. Agus béim aige ar na próisis bitheolaíochta agus éiceolaíochta mara, nascann an clár orgánaigh mara agus staidéar timpeallachta le hábhair a bhaineann le polasaí agus pleanáil muirí. Sa chéad seimeastar d'fhreastail na neacha léinn ar cheann de shé ollscoil, agus sa dara bliain chuir siad i gcrích tréimhse taithí ghairmiúla le tionscal eNGOnna, taighde agus páirtithe leasmhara idirnáisiúnta eile.

Scoil Óstáin Idirnáisiúnta GMIT Ainmnithe i Measc na 10 nInstitiúid Bainistíochta Fáilteachais ar Domhan

Tá cáil idirnáisiúnta ar GMIT as cúrsaí a bhaineann go hábhartha le tionscal a thairiscint do thionscal na Turasóireachta ó osclaíodh é in 1972. Ní ábhar iontais ar bith é a chloisteáil go bhfuil Scoil Idirnáisiúnta Óstáin na Gaillimhe áirithe i measc na 10 nInstitiúid Bhainistíochta Fáilteachais is Fearr ar domhan ag an bhfoilseachán domhanda Education.Com
https//www.theeducationmagazine.com/the-10-best-hospitality-management-institutes-of-2020/

Ba í an scoil seo an chéad Institiúid Ardoideachais in Éirinn chun céim i mBainistíocht Óstáin a thairiscint in 1977 agus ó shin i leith tháinig fás uirthi chun cúrsaí a thairiscint sna hEalaíona Cócaireachta agus sa Ghastranamaíocht, Bainistíocht Óstáin Idirnáisiúnta, Staidéar Oidhreachta, Bainistíocht Turasóireachta Idirnáisiúnta agus Bainistíocht Imeachtaí agus Caidreamh Poiblí.

Tá cáil idirnáisiúnta bainte amach ag an scoil trí chúrsaí a sheachadadh a bhaineann go hábhartha le tionscal a chuireann ar chumas na gcéimithe dul chun cinn i gceann de na tionscail is mó ar domhan. Rinneadh na cúrsaí go léir a fhorbairt le comhpháirtithe fiontair agus tá comhpháirteanna socrúcháin oibre creidiúnaithe acu uile. Cinntíonn sé sin go bhfaigheann na neacha léinn eolas riachtanach agus na scileanna chun go n-éireodh leo sa tionscal domhanda. Óstaíonn cuid mhaith cúrsaí aoi-léachtóirí agus máistir-ranganna ó chomhpháirtithe tionscail, rud a chinntíonn go bhfuil na neacha léinn eolach ar na treochtaí is déanaí agus forbairtí fiontair reatha. Tá poist cheannaireachta ag cuid mhaith ball foirne ar fud an domhain agus glacann siad páirt i stagiares bliantúla chun tacú lena gcuid oibre. Cuimsíonn roinnt cúrsaí cuairteanna idirnáisiúnta oideachais áit ina dtugann neacha léinn cuairt ar a macasamhlacha d'fhonn comhoibriú agus a dtuiscint ar an tionscal bheo seo a mhéadú.

Chuir Cáit Noone, Ceann Scoil Idirnáisiúnta Óstáin na Gaillimhe, fáilte roimh an aitheantas sin á rá:" Is fostóir domhanda é tionscal na turasóireachta agus cuireann cáilíocht ó Scoil Idirnáisiúnta Óstáin na Gaillimhe ildeiseanna ar fáil do chéimithe. Is clochán do roinnt neach léinn isteach i bpoist cheannaireachta, do roinnt eile is bealach isteach chun a bhfiontar turasóireachta féin a chur ar bun. Rachaidh roinnt céimithe le cláir chéimithe go rathúil le Dalata, Fáilte Éireann agus Ibec agus éireoidh leo a bheith ina gceannairí tionscail, rachaidh roinnt eile leis na hearnálacha iomadúla a ndéanann an tionscal seo a thairiscint, ar a n-áirítear óstáin, bialanna, forbairt táirgí

IMBRSea covers a wide range of subjects related to marine biological resources. With an emphasis on marine biological and ecological processes, the programme links biology of marine organisms and environmental studies with subjects in marine policy and planning. In the first semester students attend one of six universities, while in the second semester they complete a period of professional practice with industry, eNGOs, research and other stakeholders internationally.

GMIT International Hotel School Named in Top 10 Hospitality Management Institutes Worldwide

GMIT has an international reputation for offering industry-relevant courses to the tourism industry since opening in 1972. It may come as no surprise to hear that The Galway International Hotel School in GMIT has been listed in the Top 10 Hospitality Management Institutes worldwide by global publication Education.Com
https://www.theeducationmagazine.com/the-10-best-hospitality-management-institutes-of-2020/

The school was the first Higher Education Institute in Ireland to offer a degree in Hotel Management in 1977 and since then it has grown to offer courses in Culinary Arts and Gastronomy, International Hotel Management, Heritage Studies, International Tourism Management and Event Management and Public Relations.

The school has developed an international reputation through delivering industry relevant courses that enable graduates to succeed in one of the world's largest industries. All courses are developed with enterprise partners and all have accredited work placement components. This ensures that students acquire essential knowledge and skills to thrive in this global industry. Many courses host guest lectures and masterclasses from industry partners, which ensures students are familiar with the latest trends and current enterprise developments. Many staff have held leadership positions across the globe and take part in annual stagiaires to support their work. Some courses include international education visits where students visit European counterparts to collaborate and deepen their understanding of this vibrant industry.

Cáit Noone, Head of the Galway International Hotel, welcomes this acknowledgement and adds "The tourism industry is a global employer and a qualification from the Galway International Hotel School provides graduates with multiple opportunities. For some this is a stepping-stone into a leadership career, for others it is an entry route to setting up their own tourism enterprise. Some graduates will successfully join graduate programmes with Dalata, Fáilte Ireland and IBEC and become industry leaders, some will join the many sectors this industry offers including hotels, restaurants, food product

bia, gnólachtaí turasóireachta, cuideachtaí imeachtaí, eagraíochtaí oidhreachta. Is iomaí rogha éagsúil atá ann. Sna blianta a chuaigh thart lean céimithe dá gcuid staidéir le roghanna iarchéime agus téann cuid ar aghaidh go múinteoireacht."

Dúirt Uachtarán GMIT, an Dr Orla Flynn: "Teastaíonn uaim comhghháirdeas a dhéanamh leis an bhfoireann iomlán ag Scoil Idirnáisiúnta Óstáin na Gaillimhe as an aitheantas seo a bhaint amach. Bhí fócas idirnáisiúnta i gcónaí ag an scoil agus líonra domhanda alumni, iad ag tacú le forbairtí straitéiseacha agus socrúcháin oibre creidiúnaithe. Mar shampla, níos luaithe i mbliana, fuair an scoil faomhadh ó Aireacht Oideachais na Síne chun comhoibriú le Gnáth-Ollscoil Lingnan chun BA Onór in Eolaíochtaí Cócaireachta agus Gastranamaíochta a chomhsheachadadh sa tSín, an t-aon dámhachtain dá leithéid in Éirinn. In 2018, ghnóthaigh an scoil scoláireacht shoghluaisteachta acadúil ó Rialtas na hÉireann chun tús a chur leis an bpróiseas a bhaineann le cúrsa nua i mBainistíocht Fáilteachais Idirnáisiúnta a chomhdhearadh le St Lawrence College in Ontario, agus cuirfear tús leis an gcúrsa i Meán Fómhair 2020. Don tionscal seo is bunriachtanach é dearcadh domhanda, agus gheobhaidh gach neach léinn é sin anseo in GMIT."

development, tourism businesses, event companies, heritage organisation, the options are many and varied. In the last decade graduates continue their studies with post graduate options and some progress to teaching."

President of GMIT, Dr Orla Flynn, says: "I want to congratulate the entire team at the Galway International Hotel School on achieving this recognition. The school has always had an international focus with a global alumni network, supporting strategic developments and accredited work placements. For example, earlier this year the school received approval from the Chinese Ministry of Education to collaborate with Lingnan Normal University in China to co-deliver the BA Hons in Culinary and Gastronomic Sciences, the only award of this type in Ireland. In 2018 the school won a Government of Ireland academic mobility scholarship to begin the process of co-designing a new International Hospitality Management course with St Lawrence College in Ontario, and this course will begin in September 2020. For this industry, a global outlook is truly essential, and students will receive that here at GMIT."

3.4 Comhoibrithe agus Comhghuaillíochtaí

Cuireann Cuibhreannas CCU fáilte roimh chionroinnt de €90m mar thacaíocht le hOT a fhorbairt

Chuir Uachtaráin GMIT, IT Shligigh agus IT Leitir Ceanainn (Comhghuaillíocht Connacht-Uladh) fáilte roimh fhógra an Aire Stáit don Ard-Oideachas, Mary Mitchell-O'Connor TD, maidir le méadú de bhreis is €153 le haghaidh oideachais tríú leibhéal, ar a n-áirítear ciste ilbhliantúil de €90m chun cabhrú le forbairt agus cur chun cinn Ollscoileanna Teicneolaíochta. Bhí an cuibhreannas Comhghuaillíocht Chonnacht-Uladh ag obair le chéile d'fhonn bheith ina Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta ag freastal ar an iarthar agus ar an iarthuaisceart.

Ag labhairt dó ar son an Dr Brendan McCormack, Uachtarán IT Shligigh, agus Paul Hannigan Uas., Uachtarán IT Leitir Ceanainn, dúirt an Dr Michael Hannon, Uachtarán Gníomhach GMIT: "Is fógra tábhachtach cistithe é seo a chuideoidh le GMIT agus a cuid comhpháirtithe in CCU chun a n-uaillmhian a bhaint amach agus a bheith ina nOllscoil Teicneolaíochta. Ba mhaith liom aitheantas a thabhairt don cheannaireacht a léirigh an tAire agus a cuid oifigeach agus iad ag tacú leis an sprioc náisiúnta straitéiseach seo. Is príomhphrionsabal a bhuntacaíonn le bunú Ollscoileanna Teicneolaíochta iad nascacht agus comhoibriú lena réigiún. Ba léir an comhoibriú sin le tamall ar fud earnáil an ardoideachais teicneolaíochta agus níos déanaí i bhforbairt thuarascáil an Líonra Taighde Ollscoile Teicneolaíche (TURN) a chuir bonn fianaise le haghaidh na hinfheistíochta seo de €90m ar fáil."

"Is é dearcadh GMIT go dtacaíonn ár bplean nua straitéiseach, a sheol an tAire níos luaithe i mbliana, le huaillmhian na hInstitiúide le bheith ainmnithe mar OT. Baineann tionchar digitithe go bunúsach le bheith ina OT chun feabhas a chur ar eispéaras an neacha léinn i dtimpeallacht ilchampais. Tá na comhpháirtithe sa CCU ag comhoibriú ar thionscadal iNOTE de €3m ar leith chun digitiú a sheoladh amach ar fud réigiún an iarthair agus an iarthuaiscirt. Le déanaí d'fhaomh GMIT a Creat Bunathraithe Digiteach, a mbeidh a thionchar le brath ag na neacha léinn sa bhliain acadúil seo."

Gnóthaíonn foireann Gateway MET GMIT an duais tionscail is airde

Ghnóthaigh Teicneolaíochtaí Leighis & Innealtóireachta Gateway Fhiontraíocht Éireann (MET), atá bunaithe in Institiúid Teicneolaíochta na Gaillimhe-Maigh Eo (GMIT), 'Duais 'Academic Contribution to Medtech' de chuid Cumann MedTech na hÉireann ag comhdháil agus

3.4 Collaborations and Alliances

CUA Consortium welcomes €90m allocation to support TU development

The Presidents of GMIT, IT Sligo and Letterkenny IT (Connacht-Ulster Alliance) welcomed the announcement by the Minister of State for Higher Education, Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD, of an increase of over €153 million for tertiary education, including a multi-annual fund of €90 million to assist the development and progression of Technological Universities. The Connacht-Ulster Alliance consortium was working together in becoming a Technological University serving the west and north-west.

Dr Michael Hannon, Acting President of GMIT, speaking on behalf of Dr Brendan McCormack, President of IT Sligo and Mr Paul Hannigan, President of Letterkenny IT, says: "This is an important funding announcement that will assist GMIT and its CUA partners in realising its ambition of becoming a Technological University. I would like to acknowledge the leadership shown by the Minister and her officials in supporting this national strategic objective. A key principle underpinning the establishment of TUs is connectedness and collaboration with their region. This collaboration has been evident for some time across the higher education technological sector and more recently in the development of the Technological University Research Network (TURN) report that provided the evidence base for this €90M investment."

"From a GMIT perspective, our new strategic plan, launched by the Minister earlier this year, fully supports the institute's ambition to be designated as a TU. Fundamental to becoming a TU is the impact of digitalisation to enhance the student experience in a multi-campus environment. The CUA partners are collaborating on a separate €3m iNOTE project to roll out digitalisation across the west and north west region. Recently GMIT approved its own Digital Transformation Framework, the impact of which will be experienced by students this academic year."

GMIT MET Gateway team wins top industry award

The Enterprise Ireland Medical & Engineering Technologies (MET) Gateway, based at Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT), won the Irish MedTech Association 'Academic Contribution to Medtech Award' at the CEO Medtech Rising conference and awards ceremony in

searmanas duaiseanna Rising MedTech i gCathair na Gaillimhe. Rinne Cumann Medtech na hÉireann, Fiontraíocht Éireann agus IDA Éireann an ócáid a chomhóstáil agus thug i gceann a chéile ceannairí gnó domhanda agus saineolaithe idirnáisiúnta as MedTech agus sláinte dhigiteach.

Léiríonn Duais an Academic Contribution to Medtech leibhéal ard taighde nuálach teicneolaíochta leighis trí chomhoibriú le tionscal mar aon le hacmhainneacht tráchtála agus tionchar eacnamaíochta. Bhí an t-iarratas rathúil bunaithe ar chomhoibriú MET Gateway le CERENOVUS de chuid Johnson & Johnson, ceannaire i gcúram néarashoithíoch. Agus í á treorú ag na Drí Eugene McCarthy, Eleanor Rainsford, Liam Morris, Sharon Duffy de chuid GMIT agus Michael Gilvarry agus an Dr Ray McCarthy de chuid CERENOVUS, d'oibrigh an fhoireann i ndlúthchomhar leis an bhfoireann néara-idirghabhálach in Ospidéal Beaumont chun eolas nua a ghiniúint le breis tuisceana a fháil ar dhinimic téachtáin fola agus blocálacha ar chúis le géarstrócanna *ischemic* iad.

Agus comhgháirdeas á ghlacadh aici le Teicneolaíocht Gateway MET as an duais, dúirt Stiúrthóir Chumann MedTech na hÉireann Sinéad Keogh: "Is deis thábhachtach iad Duaiseanna MedTech na hÉireann chun an pobal MedTech a thabhairt le chéile agus aitheantas a thabhairt do neart mhoil MedTech domhanda na hÉireann. Cé go bhfuil an-chuid braislí MedTech dinimiciúla ag Éirinn i mBaile Átha Cliath, Corcaigh, Luimneach, Port Láirge agus Sligeach, ba í Gaillimh a sheas amach ag MedTech Rising: Duaiseanna MedTech na hÉireann le trí cinn de na sé eagraíocht duaiseora bunaithe anseo. Baineann nuálaíocht agus comhoibriú go dlúth le rath MedTech agus is cúis ríméid dúinn gur ghnóthaigh Teicneolaíocht Leighis agus Innealtóireachta Gateway Duais an Academic Contribution to Medtech as an taighde a rinneadh i gcomhpháirt le CERENOVUS de chuid Johnson & Johnson.

Mol Fiontraíochta Cruthaithí Nua le tógáil ag campas Chluain Mhuire GMIT

Chuir GMIT fáilte roimh dheontas Fhiontraíocht Éireann de €2.7m ó Chiste Forbartha Fiontair Réigiúnaigh (REDF) le haghaidh Tionscadal Chomhoibriú CLG 'Creative Enterprise West' (CREW) atá bunaithe ag campas Ealaíon & Meán GMIT. Is é atá i gceist leis an tionscadal Mol Fiontair Chruthaithigh nua a thógáil ar an gcampas, agus athchóiriú ar roinnt spásanna inmheánacha sa bhfoirgneamh atá ann cheana féin, a bheidh nasctha leis an bhfoirgneamh nua.

Cuirfear tuilleadh leis an infheistíocht seo trí bhreis airgeadaithe de suas le €1.1m agus deontais chomhchineála substaintiúla ó raon comhpháirtithe ar a n-áirítear GMIT, Coimisiuún Forbartha an Iarthair (WDC), Lárionad Scannáin na Gaillimhe (GFC), Údarás na Gaeltachta agus TG4.

Cuireann an tionscadal cistiú ar fáil freisin chun bainisteoir agus foireann forbartha a fhostú a chuideoidh chun líonraí Fiontraíochta Chruthaithí a fhorbairt, deiseanna margaidh idirnáisiúnta a fhorbairt agus tacaíocht a chur ar fáil do

Galway city. The event was jointly hosted by the Irish Medtech Association, Enterprise Ireland and IDA Ireland and brings together the world's business leaders and international experts from MedTech and digital health.

The Academic Contribution to Medtech Award demonstrates a high level of innovative medical technology research through collaboration with industry in addition to commercial potential and economic impact. The successful application was based on MET Gateway's collaboration with Johnson & Johnson's CERENOVUS, a global leader in neurovascular care. Led by GMIT's Drs Eugene McCarthy, Eleanor Rainsford, Liam Morris, Sharon Duffy and CERENOVUS's Michael Gilvarry and Dr Ray McCarthy, the team worked closely with the neuro-interventional team in Beaumont Hospital to generate new knowledge to further understand the dynamics of blood clots and blockages that cause acute ischemic stroke.

Congratulating MET Technology Gateway on the award, Irish Medtech Association Director Sinead Keogh said: "The Irish Medtech Awards is an important opportunity to bring the MedTech community together and recognise the strength of Ireland's global MedTech hub. While Ireland has numerous dynamic MedTech clusters spanning Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Waterford and Sligo, it was Galway that stood out at MedTech Rising: The Irish MedTech Awards with three of the six winning organisations based there. Innovation and collaboration are central to MedTech success and we're delighted that the Medical and Engineering Technology Gateway won the Academic Contribution to Medtech Award for the research conducted in partnership with Johnson & Johnson's CERENOVUS."

New Creative Enterprise Hub to be constructed at GMIT Cluain Mhuire campus

GMIT welcomed an Enterprise Ireland grant of €2.7m from the Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF) for the Comhoibriú CLG 'Creative Enterprise West' (CREW) project based at GMIT's Creative Arts & Media campus. The project involved the construction of a new Creative Enterprise Hub building on campus, and refurbishment of some interior spaces in the existing building, which will be linked to the new building.

This investment will be further enhanced by additional financing of up to €1.1m and substantial in-kind contributions from a range of partners including GMIT, the Western Development Commission (WDC), Galway Film Centre (GFC), Údarás na Gaeltachta and TG4.

The project also provides funding for the employment of a manager and development team who will help develop Creative Enterprise networks, develop international market opportunities and provide support for companies

chuideachtaí sa mhol nua CREW agus fiontair chruthaitheacha i moil eile ar fud an iarthair.

D'faomh Bord Rialaithe GMIT an Lárionad d'Ealaíona Cruthaitheacha & Meán (CCAM) le haghaidh infheistíochta de €3m. Beidh i gceist leis an infheistíocht seo foirgnimh atá ann cheana féin a athchumrú mar aon le foirgnimh nua chun freastal ar líon neach léinn ar an gcampas atá ag dul i líonmhaire.

Tugann an Lárionad do na hEalaíona Cruthaitheacha & na Meáin de chuid GMIT cláir chéime d'fhochéimithe i nDearadh agus conairí i mBeochan & Dearadh Cluichí,, Dearadh Grafach & Léiriúchán, Dearadh Tionsclaíoch, Teicstílí le Dearadh Faisin, Ealaín Chomhaimseartha le conairí in 2T (Péintéireacht, Priontáil & Grianghrafadóireacht) agus 3T (Ceirmeacht, Dealbhóireacht & Meáin Dhigiteach), agus Scannán & Clár Faisnéise le Stiúrthóireacht, Léiriúchán, Cineamatagrafaíocht, Fuaim, Eagarthóireacht, VFX, agus Dearadh Léiriúcháin. Déanann an lárionad MA iarchéime i gCleachtas Cruthaitheach a thairiscint freisin.

Seolann GMIT branda nua a aontaíonn gníomhaíochtaí spóirt ar fud na gcampas uile den chéad uair

Nocht GMIT féiniúlacht spreagúil nua do na gníomhaíochtaí spóirt go léir i ngach campas, rud a thugann foirne neacha léinn agus daoine aonair le chéile faoi aon bhranda amháin den chéad uair i stair an choláiste: 'GMIT Falcons'.

Seoladh an branda nua go foirmiúil ag ócáid speisialta sa choláiste, agus neacha léinn ag caitheamh an fheistis agus dathanna nua le linn chur i láthair ón Dr Michael Hannon, Uachtarán Gníomhach GMIT, ag a raibh idir neacha léinn, bhaill foirne agus ionadaithe ó eagraíochtaí spóirt as an réigiún i láthair.

Go lárnach sa bhféiniúlacht nua tá an fabhcún, éan creiche a chuireann lúfaireacht, grástúlacht agus fíochmhaireacht in iúl, agus cuireann na leaganacha den dath gorm atá in uachtar gorm traidisiúnta armas Chonnacht i gcuimhne. Chuir neacha léinn agus baill foirne gártha móra astu nuair a nochtadh na feistis, an lógó agus na dathanna nua.

Is cuid é an branda nua den straitéis fhoriomlán spóirt atá á seoladh amach ag GMIT le linn roinnt blianta; ba chuid di comhghuaillíochtaí a rinneadh le clubanna áitiúla i ngarchomharsanacht le campais GMIT, cead pleanála faighte d'fhoirgneamh ilfhóinteach nua a dhéanann freastal ar riachtanais champais na Gaillimhe (Bóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath), agus pleananna le haghaidh saoráidí spóirt, áineasa agus oideachasúla a chur ar fáil ag tailte Muiríoch, ar le GMIT iad, gar don champas ar Bhóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath.

Ag labhairt dó ag an seoladh, dúirt an Dr Michael Hannon, Uachtarán Gníomhach GMIT: "Tá an-áthas orm féiniúlacht nua le haghaidh Spóirt GMIT a chur in bhur láthair. Labhair Nelson Mandela faoin gcumhacht atá ag spórt chun tír a aontú. Is eol dúinn go léir an meas atá ar spórt i bpobail áitiúla sa tír seo, agus anseo in GMIT is pobal de na pobail sin muid – de roinnt mílte daoine as cúlraí agus le hábhair spéise éagsúla."

in the new CREW hub and creative enterprises in other hubs throughout the west.

The Centre for Creative Arts & Media (CCAM) was approved for investment of €3m by the GMIT Governing Body. This investment will involve the re-configuring of existing buildings and addition of new buildings to accommodate increasing student numbers at the campus.

GMIT Centre for Creative Arts & Media (CCAM) offers undergraduate degree programmes in Design with pathways in Animation & Game Design, Graphic Design & Illustration, Industrial Design, and Textiles with Fashion Design, Contemporary Art with pathways in 2D (Paint, Print & Photography) and 3D (Ceramics, Sculpture & Digital Media), and Film & Documentary with Direction, Production, Cinematography, Audio, Editing, Screenwriting, VFX, and Production Design. The centre also offers postgraduate MA in Creative Practice.

GMIT launches new brand uniting sports activities across all campuses for the first time

GMIT unveiled an exciting new identity for its sports activities across all campuses, bringing student teams and individuals together under the one brand for the first time in the history of the college: 'GMIT Falcons'.

The new brand was formally launched at a special function in the college, with students wearing the new kit and colours during a presentation by Dr Michael Hannon, Acting President of GMIT, attended by students, staff and representatives from sports organisations across the region.

Central to the new identity is the falcon bird of prey conveying agility, grace, speed and ferocity, while the predominant shades of blue echo the traditional blue of the Connacht coat of arms. GMIT students and staff responded enthusiastically when the new kits, logo and colours were unveiled.

The new brand forms part of an overall sports strategy which has been rolled out by GMIT over the past number of years; it has seen alliances formed with local clubs in the immediate vicinities of GMIT campuses, planning permission secured for a new multipurpose building serving sports and educational needs at the Galway campus (Dublin Road), and plans for the provision of sports, recreational and educational facilities at GMIT-owned Murrough lands near the Dublin Road campus, Galway.

Speaking at the launch, Dr Michael Hannon, Acting President of GMIT, said: "I am very pleased to present to you a new identity for GMIT Sports. Nelson Mandela spoke of the power of sport uniting a country. We all know the place of sport in local communities in this country, and here in GMIT we are a community of those communities – of several thousand people from diverse backgrounds and interests."

"Is minic go bhféachtar ar spórt mar analach don saol i gcoitinne. Nuair a léann tú athfhriotail ó réaltaí spóirt domhanda, ní bheadh iontas ort téamaí amhail inspreagadh, iarracht, obair chrua, cleachtadh a fheiceáil. Labhraíonn cuid mhaith ar theip nó chloí mar chomhábhair atá díreach chomh tábhachtach céanna chun an barr a bhaint amach. Iad siúd a ghlacann páirt i spórt tuigeann siad é sin go maith, ach baineann na teachtaireachtaí leis an uile dhuine chomh maith."

Dúirt an Dr Des Foley, Ceann na Scoile Eolaíochtaí agus Ríomhaireachta: "Is cuid de phlean níos leithne é an branda nua seo a thugann le chéile bonneagar spóirt agus spórt don uile dhuine, a mheallann lúthchleasaithe tréitheacha agus forbairt leanúnach clár acadúil agus a thógann comhpháirtíochtaí tríd an spórt."

Bhí 30 captaen ag GMIT mar ionadaithe foirne as an Institiúid uile ag an seoladh.

Lárionaid Rianuithe Teagmhálaithe bunaithe ag GMIT i gcomhpháirtíocht leis an FSS

Chuir baill foirne GMIT tús le hobair (30 Márta) mar oibrithe deonacha rianaithe teagmhálacha i Lárionad Rianaithe Teagmhálaithe nuabhunaithe ar champas Bhóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath (Gaillimh), a cuireadh ar bun i gcomhpháirtíocht le Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte (FSS). Tá obair ar bun chun Lárionad Rianaithe Teagmhálaithe eile a bhunú ar champas Mhaigh Eo de GMIT Chaisleán an Bharraigh.

Chuir oibrithe sláinte FSS oiliúint ar bhreis is 80 oibrí deonach le linn an dá sheachtain seo caite chun tús a chur le teagmhálacha a aimsiú díobh siúd a raibh tástáil dhearfach acu do COVID-19 agus chun na teagmhálacha sin a chur in iúl.

Thug GMIT tomhaltáin saotharlainne agus trealamh do roinnt ospidéal freisin.

An Dr Séamus Lennon, GMIT, agus Brian Murphy, FSS

Foireann GMIT i gceannas ar fhorbairt aerálaí éigeandála beagchostais nua

Rinne baill foirne ag Scoil na hInnealtóireachta GMIT dearadh agus forbairt ar chineál nua aerálaí éigeandála gur féidir a tháirgeadh go gasta agus ar bheagán costais chun cabhrú le gairm an leighis i gcóireáil othar COVID-19.

Tá GMIT ar cheann d'fhoirne iomadúla, go náisiúnta agus go hidirnáisiúnta, atá ag obair ar réiteach malartach ar an éileamh domhanda a bhfuil súil leis de bhrí faoi láthair gur féidir costas na mílte míle euro airgead síos a bheith ar aerálaithe teastastaithe.

"Déanann an t-aerálaí éigeandála nua seo fáisceadh go huathoibríoch ar an ngléas athbheochana láimhe Masc-Mála-Comhla (BVM), ionas gur féidir leis feidhmiú mar aerálaí bunúsach chun cabhrú le hanálú duine, nó macasamhlú a dhéanamh ar roinnt bunfheidhmeanna

"Sport is often viewed as an analogy for life in general. When you read famous quotes from world renowned sports stars, you would not be surprised to see themes like motivation, effort, hard work, practice. Many speak of failure or defeat as ingredients which are just as important to reach the pinnacle. For those who participate in sport, they can especially relate to this, but the messages are equally germane to everybody."

Dr Des Foley, Head of School of Science and Computing, said: "This new brand is part of a wider sports plan which brings together sports infrastructure and sport for all, attracting talented athletes, the continuing development of academic programmes and building partnerships through sport".

At the launch, GMIT had some 30 captains representing teams from across the institute.

Contact Tracing Centres established in GMIT in partnership with HSE

GMIT staff commenced work on 30th March as contract tracing volunteers in a newly established contact tracing centre in the Dublin Road (Galway) campus, set up in partnership with the Health Service Executive (HSE). Work is also ongoing to operate another contact tracing centre in the Mayo campus of GMIT in Castlebar.

Over 80 GMIT volunteers have been trained by HSE public health workers during the past two weeks to begin the work of establishing the contacts of those who have tested positive for COVID-19 and to communicate with those contacts.

GMIT has also donated laboratory consumables and equipment to a number of hospitals.

Dr Seamus Lennon, GMIT and Brian Murphy, HSE

GMIT team lead development of new low-cost emergency ventilator

Staff at the GMIT School of Engineering designed and developed a new type of emergency ventilator that can be produced rapidly and inexpensively to assist the medical profession in the treatment of COVID-19 patients.

GMIT is one of numerous teams, nationally and internationally, working towards an alternative solution to the anticipated global demand as, currently, certified ventilators can cost tens of thousands of euro upfront.

"This new emergency ventilator automates the squeezing of a manual Bag-Valve-Mask (BVM) resuscitator, so that it can act as a rudimentary ventilator to aid a person breathing, or to replicate some basic ventilation

aerálaithe," a mhíníonn an Dr Oliver Mulryan, GMIT. "Dearadh an córas as ábhar léasar-ghearrtha, bithghráid, atá ar fáil go héasca, ionas gur féidir é a thógáil in áit ar bith ag duine ar bith mar rogha dheiridh más gá."

"Ar deireadh, is é an sprioc atá againn feiste calabraithe (sruth, brú agus ocgaigin) foinse-oscailte a dhéanamh, ar feitheamh le faomhadh rialála agus rialtais. Beag beann ar an teastasú sin a fháil, déanfar roinnt aonad le haghaidh críocha taispeántais agus calabraithe, agus le haghaidh foghlama agus teagaisc fochéimithe innealtóireachta."

" I gcomhar le cuideachta áitiúil, Collins Plastics, tá fréamhshamhail bheagchostais forbartha againn agus tá próiseas ar siúl againn chun an fheiste a uathoibriú agus a rialú ionas gur féidir leis idirghníomhú leis an lia agus an othar le haghaidh análáithe chuidithe."

"Go minic is neamh-inmharthana iad tionscadail shimplí i ngeall ar an gcostas a bhaineann le ceadúnais a cheannach le haghaidh bogearraí chun córais uathoibrithe a chlárú. Theastaigh uainn é a dhéanamh indéanta do dhuine ar bith ár n-aerálaí a athchruthú. Dá bhrí sin, dearadh an córas aerálaithe le rialtáin bheagchostais gur féidir a chlárú agus bogearraí foinse oscailte á n-úsáid."

Tá ráite ag saineolaithe sláinte domhanda gur dóigh go dtarlóidh roinnt ráigeanna agus nár leor méadú mór i dtáirgeadh gnáthaerálaithe chun an t-éileamh domhanda a shásamh. Dealraíonn sé go bhféadfadh na costais a bhaineann leis a bheith ródhaor do roinnt daoine. Tá iarrtha ag rialtais ar fud an domhain ar dhaoine agus ghnólachtaí táirgeadh aerálaithe a mhéadú go mór, agus tá siad ag ordú aerálaithe mar chuid de na hiarrachtaí le cur in aghaidh an ghalair.

Dúirt Gerard Mac Michael, Ceann Scoil na hInnealtóireachta GMIT: "De ghnáth ba dhúshlán é, fiú agus an saol a bheith ar fheabhas, foireann a chur le chéile chun aerálaí a dhearadh agus a mhonarú laistigh de sheachtainí, ach is iontach ar fad é sin a bhaint amach le linn srianadh COVID-19 agus léiríonn sé tiomantas agus dúthracht bhaill foirne na hinnealtóireachta in GMIT mar aon le tiomantas Collins Plastics don tionscadal."

functions," explains Dr Oliver Mulryan, GMIT. "The system is designed out of bio-grade, readily available and laser cut material, so that it can be built anywhere or by anyone as a last resort if needed."

"Ultimately, our objective is to make the calibrated device (flow, pressure and oxygen levels) open-source, pending regulatory and governmental approval. Regardless of acquiring this certification, several units will be manufactured for demonstration and calibration purposes, and for undergraduate engineering learning and teaching."

"In conjunction with local company Collins Plastics, we have developed a low-cost prototype and we are in the process of automating and controlling the device so that it can interact with both the physician and patient for assisted breathing."

"Often the cost of purchasing licences for software to program automation systems makes simple projects unviable. We wanted to make it possible for anyone to recreate our ventilator. Therefore, the automation system was designed with low-cost controllers that can be programmed using open-source software."

World health experts have stated there are likely to be several waves of outbreaks and that a large increase in conventional ventilator production is still likely to fall short of the global demand. For some, the associated costs are also likely to be prohibitive. Worldwide governments have appealed to people and businesses to boost ventilator production, and are ordering ventilators as part of the efforts to combat the disease.

Gerard MacMichael, Head of the GMIT School of Engineering, said: "Putting a team together to design and manufacture a ventilator within weeks would normally be a challenge in the best of times, but to achieve this during the COVID-19 containment is extraordinary and is a reflection of the dedication and the enthusiasm of the GMIT engineering staff involved and Collins Plastics' commitment to the project."

An Dr Seán Duffy ceaptha mar Cheannaire Feidhmiúcháin ar Chomhghuaillíocht Chonnacht-Uladh (CCU)

Chuir Uachtaráin Chomhghuaillíocht Chonnacht-Uladh (CCU) de GMIT, IT Shligigh agus IT Leitir Ceanainn fáilte roimh cheapachán an Dr Seán Duffy don phost mar cheannaire Feidhmiúcháin CCU agus an chomhghuaillíocht ag druidim i dtreo a bheith ina hOllscoil Teicneolaíochta (OT) don iarthar agus iarthuaisceart na hÉireann.

Déanfaidh an Dr Duffy, arbh as Sligeach ó thús dó, maoirseacht ar dhul chun cinn an tionscadail CCU trí bhreith leis ceannaireacht thiomanta, straitéiseach agus feidhmeannach laethúil chun go mbainfear uaillmhian CCU amach. Tá taithí 25 bliain i mbainistíocht oideachais ag an Dr Duffy san earnáil tríú leibhéal. Bhí sé ina Cheann ar Scoil na Turasóireachta ag Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Leitir Ceanainn (LYIT) ar feadh seacht mbliana. In 2018, ceapadh

Dr Seán Duffy appointed Executive Project Lead of the Connacht-Ulster Alliance (CUA)

The Presidents of the Connacht-Ulster Alliance (CUA) of GMIT, IT Sligo and Letterkenny IT welcomed the appointment of Dr Seán Duffy to the position of CUA Executive Project Lead as the alliance proceeds towards becoming a Technological University (TU) for the west and north-west of Ireland.

Dr Duffy, originally from Sligo, will oversee the progress of the CUA project by bringing dedicated, strategic and executive day to day leadership to ensure the achievement of the CUA's ambition. Dr Duffy has over 25 years' education management experience in the third-level sector. He held the post of Head of School of Tourism at Letterkenny Institute of Technology (LYIT) for 11 years and

é ina Bhainisteoir ar Tionscadal CCU LYIT, agus é ag treorú Tionscadal iNOTE a raibh maoiniú de €2.85m aige ón Údarás um Ard-Oideachas, tionscnamh comhoibritheach chun deiseanna digiteacha nuálacha a fhorbairt a dhéanfaidh bunathrú ar an ardoideachas in Iarthar agus Iarthuaisceart na hÉireann.

Agus é ag trácht ar a cheapachán, dúirt an Dr Duffy: "Is deis iontach é a bheith bainteach leis an Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta nua don Iarthar agus an Iarthuaisceart de bhrí go n-athróidh sé rudaí ó bhun i dtéarmaí ardoideachais sa réigiún. Táim ag tnúth le bheith ag obair le comhghleacaithe sna trí institiúid ar an tionscadal seo."

Tugann an Dr Duffy taithí shuntasach bainistíochta in éineacht leis don phost, a fuair sé ó phríomhról a imirt i mbainistiú phróiseas an chónasctha. Faoi sin comhtháthadh Coláiste Turasóireachta na gCealla Beaga (TCK) le hInstitiúid Teicneolaíochta Leitir Ceanainn in 2007.

Dúirt Uachtaráin GMIT, IT Shligigh agus IT Leitir Ceanainn, an Dr Orla Flynn, an Dr Brendan McCormack agus Paul Hannigan Uas. : " Is cúis gliondair dúinn duine de mhianach Sheáin a bheith ceaptha againn chun uaillmhian OT a threorú do Chomhghuaillíocht Chonnacht-Uladh. Tá an-taithí aige in earnáil IT mar aon le tiomantas láidir chun na trí Institiúid a thabhairt le chéile in aon ollscoil teicneolaíochta amháin."

Deontas de €1.06m bronnta ar GMIT le haghaidh oibreacha caipitil agus trealaimh

Chuir Uachtarán GMIT, an Dr Orla Flynn, fáilte roimh fhógra an Aire Breisoideachais agus Ard-Oideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta, Simon Harris TD, deontas de €1,067,000 a bheith bronnta le haghaidh oibreacha caipitil agus trealaimh.

Is cuid é an cistiú, a cuireadh ar fáil tríd an Údarás um Ard-Oideachas, de phacáiste de €25m d'institiúidí ardoideachais chun solúbthacht a thabhairt do choláistí chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar infheistíocht chaipitil agus trealamh ar mhionscála ar a n-áirítear uasghráduithe ar bhonneagar, TF agus athnuachan trealaimh, agus uasghráduithe a bhaineann le fuinneamh. Ba chuid é an cistiú d'infheistíocht leanúnach san earnáil ardoideachais faoi Thionscadal Éireann 2040.

Dúirt an Dr Flynn: "Is tráthúil é an fógra inniu agus cuirtear fáilte roimhe. In GMIT cionroinnfimid an chuid is mó den chistiú i dtreo uasghrádú agus athchóiriú saoráidí atá ann cheana féin thar ár gcúig champas, ar a n-áirítear trealamh. Beidh muid ag breathnú ach go háirithe ar infheistíocht a dhéanamh i dtacaíocht dár dteagasc agus foghlaim ar líne."

Dúirt an tAire Simon Harris gur méadú suntasach é cistiú na bliana seo sa deontas caipitil déabhlóidithe d'earnáil an ardoideachais agus leathnú an deontais d'ollscoileanna den chéad uair le deich mbliana beagnach.

Head of Department for seven years. In 2018, he was appointed LYIT CUA Project Manager, leading the €2.85m HEA-funded iNOTE Project, a collaborative initiative to develop innovative digital opportunities which will transform higher education in the West and North-West of Ireland.

Commenting on his appointment, Dr Duffy says: "Being involved in the development of the new Technological University for the west and north-west is an exciting opportunity as it will be a game changer in terms of higher education in the region. I look forward to working with colleagues across the three Institutes on this project".

Dr Duffy brings significant change management experience to the position, which was gained from playing a key role in the management of the amalgamation process. This saw the successful integration of the Tourism College Killybegs (TCK) with Letterkenny Institute of Technology in 2007.

The Presidents of GMIT, IT Sligo and LYIT, Dr Orla Flynn, Dr Brendan McCormack and Paul Hannigan, said "We are delighted to have appointed someone of Seán's calibre to lead the TU ambition for the Connacht-Ulster Alliance. He has great experience of the IT sector together with a strong commitment to bring the three Institutions together as a technological university."

GMIT awarded €1.06m grant for capital works and equipment

The President of GMIT, Dr Orla Flynn, welcomed the announcement by the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Simon Harris, TD, of a grant of €1,067,000 for capital works and equipment in GMIT.

The funding, which was provided through the Higher Education Authority, is part of a €25m package for higher education institutions to provide colleges with the flexibility to address small-scale capital investment and equipment including infrastructure upgrades, ICT and equipment renewal, and energy-related upgrades. The funding formed part of ongoing investment in the higher education sector under Project Ireland 2040.

Dr Flynn said: "The announcement today is very welcome and timely. In GMIT we will be mainly allocating this funding towards upgrading and refurbishing existing facilities across our five campuses, including equipment. We will be looking especially closely at investing in support for our online teaching and learning."

Minister Simon Harris said this year's funding is a significant increase in the devolved capital grant for the higher education sector and the extension of the grant to universities for the first time in nearly a decade.

"Tá sé ríthábhachtach go bhféadfadh institiúidí ardoideachais ath-infheistíocht san eastát atá acu cheana féin, athnuachan agus uasdátú a dhéanamh ar a dtrealamh, agus a bheith in ann infheistíochtaí caipitil a dhéanamh mar fhreagra ar fhorbairtí ar líne agus foghlaim chumasctha."

"Tá infheistíocht chaipitil leanúnach ríthábhachtach chun timpeallacht acadúil d'ardcháilíocht a chinntiú agus eispéaras dearfach do neacha léinn agus baill foirne. Comhlánaíonn an cistiú solúbtha seo infheistíochtaí sonraithe caipitil eile san earnáil a chuideoidh le méadú a dhéanamh ar infhaighteacht ionaid neacha léinn agus bonneagar campais a athrú ó bhun sna blianta atá romhainn."

"It is essential that higher education institutions can reinvest in their existing estate, renew and update their equipment, and can make capital investments to respond to developments in online and blended learning."

"Ongoing capital investment is essential to ensuring a high quality academic environment and a positive campus experience for students and staff. This flexible funding complements other targeted capital investments in the sector that will help expand availability of student places and transform campus infrastructure over the coming years."

3.5 Rannpháirtíocht Neacha Léinn agus Pobail

Bronnann an Lárionad do na hEalaíona Cruthaitheacha agus na Meáin (CCAM) agus Bráithre na Carthanachta a gcéad sparánácht ar an ealaíontóir Jill Beardsworth

D'fhógair Lárionad GMIT do na hEalaíona Cruthaitheacha & na Meáin (CCAM) agus clár That's Life Arts ag Seirbhísí Bráithre na Carthanachta, An Rinn Mhór, gurbh í an déantóir scannáin fhaisnéise Jill Beardsworth céad fhaighteoir Sparánacht Thionscadal Radius. Is cuid é an gníomh cruthaitheach seo de thionscnamh níos mó, 'Tionscadal Radius', ina bhfuil CCAM GMIT rannpháirteach go gníomhach le heagraíochtaí pobail agus sóisialta laistigh d'achar gearr den champas.

Dúirt ceannaire an tionscadail, an Dr Séamus McGuinness: " Tá dhá shnáith idirnasctha ag Tionscadal Radius, gach ceann díobh ag brath ar an gceann eile. Ar an gcéad dul síos, conas gur féidir linne an Lárionad do na hEalaíona Cruthaitheacha & na Meáin ag GMIT a bheith níos ábhartha do agus inár gcatalaíoch cruthaitheach le haghaidh rannpháirtíochta pobail sna ceantair máguaird agus sa dara háit conas a d'fhéadfadh muide, an scoil agus comhlachtaí áitiúla caidrimh shóisialta agus chultúrtha a fhorbairt agus a chothú laistigh de na pobail seo – ár gcomharsana."

Rinne GMIT agus Seirbhísí Bráithre na Carthanachta cómhaoiniú ar an sparánacht arbh fhiú €2,500 í.

3.5 Student and Community Engagement

Centre for Creative Arts & Media (CCAM) and Brothers of Charity award first bursary to artist Jill Beardsworth

GMIT's Centre for Creative Arts and Media (CCAM) and the That's Life arts programme at the Brothers of Charity Services, Renmore, announced that documentary film-maker Jill Beardsworth was the first recipient of The Radius Project Bursary. This creative action is part of a larger initiative, the 'Radius Project', in which GMIT's CCAM actively engaged with a variety of community and social organisations within a close radius of the campus.

Project leader Dr Seamus McGuinness of GMIT's CCAM, said: "The Radius Project has two interlinked strands, each integral to the other. Firstly, how we, the Centre for Creative Arts and Media at GMIT, can become more relevant to and a creative catalyst for community engagement in the surrounding area and secondly how we, the school and local bodies and communities, can collectively and creatively build trust and working relationships to develop and sustain social and cultural relationships within these communities - our neighbours."

The bursary valued at €2,500 was jointly funded by GMIT and the Brothers of Charity Service, Galway.

C go D: Mel French, Léachtóir, MA Ealaín Chomhaimseartha, GMIT, Celine Curtin, Ceann Roinn na nEalaíon Cruthaitheach agus Meán, GMIT, Claude Madec, Stiúrthóir an Chláir That's Life Arts, Seirbhísí Bráithre na Carthanachta, An Rinn Mhór, Jill Beardsworth, Buaiteoir Sparánacht Radius, an Dr Séamus McGuinness, Ceannaire Tionscadal Radius, GMIT

L to R: Mel French, Lecturer, MA Contemporary Art, GMIT, Celine Curtin, Head of Dept of Creative Arts and Media, GMIT, Claude Madec, Director, That's Life Arts Programme, Brothers of Charity Services, Renmore, Jill Beardsworth, Winner of the Radius Bursary, Dr Seamus McGuinness, Radius Project Leader, GMIT.

Ladrann monatóireachta beostoic neacha léinn curtha ar ghearrliosta le haghaidh Duais Nuálaíochta an Chomórtas Náisiúnta Treabhadóireachta

Cuireadh tionscadal bliana deiridh neach léinn innealtóireachta GMIT, fréamhshamhail de ladrann le léitheoir RFID Gníomhach comhtháite chun monatóireacht a dhéanamh ar bheostoc, ar ghearrliosta don chomórtas Duaiseanna Arena Nuálacha ag Comórtas Náisiúnta Treabhadóireachta i mbliana a bheidh ar siúl i mBaile an Treathain, Fíonach, Co. Cheatharlach.

Deir James Serridge as Caisleán Riabhach, Co. Ros Comáin, a chaith a óige ar fheirm agus a bhfuil céim onóracha curtha i gcrích aige in Innealtóireacht ag GMIT: "Bhí spéis riamh agam in innealra, an leictreonaic agus innealtóireacht ó bhí mé an-óg, rud a spreag mé chun Innealtóireacht Mheicniúil a roghnú mar ghairm. Tá tionscadal mo bhliana deiridh bunaithe ar an saol a dhéanamh níos sábháilte agus níos éasca d'fheirmeoirí."

Deir maoirseoir James, an Dr Oliver Mulryan, an Roinn innealtóireachta Meicniúla agus Tionsclaíche GMIT: "Tuigeann duine ar bith a d'fhás suas ar fheirm na contúirtí. Faigheann thart ar 25 feirmeoir bás gach bliain i dtimpistí feirme, agus tarlaíonn 30% de na básanna sin de bharr timpistí beostoic. Chomh maith leis sin, ídíonn sé am go mbíonn ar roinnt feirmeoirí a ngabháltas a thaisteal. Is é meánmhéid feirme ná thart ar 80 acra."

Deir James Serridge: "Chun cabhrú le líon na dtimpistí sin a laghdú, smaoinigh mé, dhear mé agus rinne mé fréamhshamhail de ladrann atá in ann monatóireacht a dhéanamh ar bheostoc ag fad sábháilte agus úsáid á baint as ceamara le hAmharc Céadphearsan agus teicneolaíochtaí RDIF Gníomhach."

"Faoi láthair is féidir mo ladrann a phíolótú trí theicneolaíocht Amharc Céadphearsan (FPV), inar féidir an cothú beo físe ón gceamara atá feistithe ar an ladrann a tharchur chuig spéaclaí cosanta nó mar mhalairt chuig TV/monatóir. Ach le GPS leabaithe agus teicneolaíocht RFID Gníomhach le ceannach i siopa d'fhéadfaí an ladrann, le hobair bhreise, a chlárú le haghaidh misin chun ruthag eitilte nathairíneach a leanacht timpeall ar ghabháltas feirmeora."

" Nuair a bhíonn an teicneolaíocht RFID Gníomhach comhtháite agus go ndéanann an ladrann eitilt os cionn an cheantair, ba chóir don léitheoir atá feistithe ar an ladrann sonraí chlib an bheostoic a cheistiú agus a tharchur laistigh de neasacht an léitheora. Is é an fad go tipiciúil 30 go 40 méadar le haghaidh theicneolaíocht RFID Gníomhach. D'fhéadfaí GPS atá ar bord an ladrainn a úsáid ansin chun suíomh na n-ainmhithe a mharcáil do na sonraí clibe atá tarchurtha. Tar éis go mbíonn misean an ladrainn críochnaithe, d'fhéadfaí na sonraí atá aimsithe (i.e. faisnéis faoin suíomh, am agus sláinte) a leaschraoladh ar ais go dtí fón cliste an fheirmeora trí mheán Wi-Fi nó teicneolaíocht cheallach. Cé go bhfuil ladrainn i ngach áit, go bhfios dom níl aon ladrann faoi láthair ar an margadh le teicneolaíochtaí RFID Gníomhach comhtháite."

Student's livestock monitoring drone shortlisted for Ploughing Championships Innovation Award

A GMIT engineering student's final year project, a prototype drone with integrated active RFID reader for monitoring livestock, has been shortlisted for the Innovation Arena Awards competition at this year's National Ploughing Championship, which takes place in Ballinatrane, Fenagh, Co Carlow.

James Serridge from Castlerea, Co Roscommon, who grew up on a farm and has just completed his honours degree in Mechanical Engineering at GMIT, says "I always had an interest in machinery, electronics and engineering from a young age which led me to pursue Mechanical Engineering as a career. My final year project is based on making life safer and easier for farmers".

James' supervisor, Dr Oliver Mulryan, GMIT Dept of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, says "Anyone who has grown up on a farm knows the risks. Around 25 farmers die annually in farm accidents, and 30% of these fatalities arise due to livestock accidents. Additionally, it can be time-consuming for some farmers to cover their holdings. The average farm size in Ireland is approximately 80 acres."

James Serridge says: "To help reduce the number of such incidents, I envisioned, designed and manufactured a prototype drone which is capable of monitoring livestock at a safe distance using First Person View camera and Active RDIF technologies."

"Currently my drone can be piloted through the use of the First-Person View (FPV) technology, in which the live video feed from a camera mounted on the drone can be transmitted to goggles or alternatively to a tv/monitor. However, with the embedded GPS and off the shelf Active RFID technology the drone, with further work, could be programmed for a mission to follow a specific serpentine flightpath around a farmer's holding".

"When the Active RFID technology is integrated and the drone is flown over an area, the reader mounted on the drone should interrogate and capture the transmitted livestock's tag data within the proximity of the reader. This distance is typically 30 to 40 metres for active RFID technology. The drone's onboard GPS could be then used to tag the animals' location to the transmitted tag data. After the drone's mission is completed, the acquired data (ie location, time and health information) could be relayed back to the farmer's smartphone via either Wi-Fi or cellular technology. Although drone use is ubiquitous, to my knowledge there are no drones currently on the market with integrated Active RFID technologies."

Gnóthaíonn tograí neacha léinn Innealtóireachta le haghaidh tionscadail chasta tógála ar shuíomh lár cathrach Dúbhshlán Uile-Éireann CIOB 2019

Sraith ar chúl, C go D: neach léinn GMIT Ali Al-Windi as Sráid Liam, Gaillimh; John Sweeney, Cathaoirleach Náisiúnta CIOB; Adrian Lynch, Mitchell McDermott, comhurraithe an chomórtais; Tommy Drumm, BS Collen Construction agus iar-Chaptaen Uile-Éireann Bhaile Átha Cliath; neach léinn GMIT Declan Coll as an bhFál Carrach, Co. Dhún na nGall. Céad sraith, C go D: An Dr Martin Taggart, Léachtóir GMIT; neach léinn GMIT Liam Flatley as Baile na Cora, Caisleán an Bharraigh, Co. Mhaigh Eo; neach léinn GMIT Adam Brennan as Bun Dobhráin, Co. Dhún na nGall, agus John Hanahoe, Léachtóir GMIT.

Tá foireann neach léinn tréitheach na céime innealtóireachta foirgníochta agus sibhialta in GMIT taréis Dúshlán Neacha Léinn 2019 de chuid Instituíd Chairte Foirgníochta Uile-Éireann as na miontograí is fearr a fhorbairt le haghaidh tionscadal tógála casta oidhreachta ar shuíomh gnóthach i lár chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath a ghnóthachtáil.

Fuair foireann ildisciplíneach GMIT de Adam Brennan (Bainistíocht Foirgníochta) as Bun Dobhráin, Co. Dhún na nGall, Ali Al-Windi (Teicneolaíocht Ailtireachta) as Sráid Liam, Cathair na Gaillimhe, Declan Coll (Innealtóireacht Shibhialta) as an bhFál Carrach, Co. Dhún na nGall,agus Liam Flatley (Suirbhéireacht Chainníochta) as Baile na Cora, Caisleán an Bharraigh, Co. Mhaigh Eo, an lámh in uachtar ar iomaíocht ghéar as foirne IT agus ollscoile ar fud na tíre chun an dúshlán, a bhí ar siúl i Lárionad Comhdhálacha Pháirc an Chrócaigh, Baile Átha Cliath níos luaithe an mhí seo (Samhain 2019) a bhuachan.

Is é a bhí i dtionscadal na neach léinn foirgneamh Seoirseach de na 1770dí a bhí guagach agus i ndrochchaoi, a raibh athchóiriú istigh agus amuigh de dhíth air. Bhí foirgneamh oifige níos nua gar don fhoirgneamh Seoirseach a bhí sceidealaithe le haghaidh scartála; san áireamh sa scartáil bhí fostáisiún BSL a chumhachtaigh bialann in aice láimhe. D'fhorbair an fhoireann pleanánna chun an fostáisiún a athsholáthar le linn aghaidh shealadach fógraíochta a chruthú lena chinntiú gur fhan an bhialann mhealltach i gcónaí do chustaiméirí agus go bhfhéadfadh sí fanacht ar oscailt le linn na tógála. D'fhorbair na neacha léinn pleananna chun ligean don cháilíocht tógála a bheith bainistithe agus a chinntiú go mbeadh gach rialachán tógála comhlíonta. Tá comhlíonadh rialachán tógála éirithe níos dochraidigh go mór le blianta beaga, tar éis athruithe leitheadacha i reachtaíocht rialaithe tógála i ngeall ar theipeanna ardphróifíle amhail Priory Hall. Phleanáil na neacha léinn freisin conas

Engineering students' proposals for complex building project on inner city site win All Ireland CIOB Challenge 2019

Back row, L to R: GMIT student Ali Al-Windi from William St, Galway; John Sweeney, National Chair of CIOB; Adrian Lynch, Mitchell McDermott, competition co-sponsors; Tommy Drumm, MD Collen Construction and former Dublin All-Ireland Captain; GMIT student Declan Coll from Falcarragh, Co Donegal. Front row, L to R: Dr Martin Taggart, GMIT lecturer, GMIT student Liam Flatley from Belcarra, Castlebar, Co Mayo, GMIT student Adam Brennan from Bundoran, Co Donegal, and John Hanahoe, GMIT Lecturer.

A team of talented building and civil engineering degree students in GMIT have won the coveted All Ireland Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) Student Challenge 2019 for developing the best detailed proposals for a complex building heritage project on a busy commercial site in inner city Dublin.

The GMIT multi-disciplinary team of Adam Brennan (Construction Management) from Bundoran, Co Donegal, Ali Al-Windi (Architectural Technology) from William St, Galway city, Declan Coll (Civil Engineering) from Falcarragh, Co Donegal and Liam Flatley (Quantity Surveying) from Belcarra, Castlebar, Co Mayo, beat off stiff competition from IT and university teams across the country to win the challenge, which took place in the Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin earlier this month (November 2019).

The students' project was a 1770s Georgian building in poor and unstable condition, needing both internal and external restoration. Adjacent to the Georgian building was a newer office building which was scheduled for demolition; the demolition included a critical ESB sub-station which powered the neighbouring restaurant. The team developed plans to replace the sub-station whilst also creating a temporary advertising façade to ensure the restaurant remained appealing to customers and could stay open during the build. The students also developed plans to allow building quality to be managed and ensure confirmation that all building regulations requirements were met. Compliance with building regulations has become significantly more onerous in recent years, following extensive changes in building control legislation following high profile failures such as Priory Hall. The students also planned how public safety

sábháilteacht phoiblí a chinntiú ar agus thart timpeall ar an suíomh gnóthach agus plódaithe lár cathrach seo.

D'fhorbair an fhoireann mionphleananna lóistíochta agus tráchta don tionscadal ar a n-áirítear tograí chun tionchair ama agus costais a bhainistiú ar an tionscadal. San áireamh sna ceisteanna tráchta bhí conas a chuirfeadh oibríocht thogra "shaorshreafa" de chuid Chomhairle Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath agus easpa spásanna páirceála isteach ar an suíomh le linn thréimhse na Nollag. Bhí déileáil le hábhair ghuaiseacha oidhreachta amhail aispeist agus péint luaidhe, agus cumhacht agus draenáil a choinneáil don bhialann mar chuid den tionscadal.

Cuireann foireann GMIT FSS torthaí an chéad suirbhé ar eolas neach léinn ar úsáid antaibheathach i láthair

Cuireadh torthaí an chéad suirbhé in Éirinn ar fheasacht agus eolas neach léinn coláiste ar dhrochúsáid agus mí-úsáid antaibheathach i láthair don phobal ag léacht oscailte in GMIT ar an Luan, 18 Samhain, chun Lá Feasachta Eorpach Antaibheathach (EAAD) a mharcáil. Nocht na torthaí easpa feasachta, tuisceana agus eolais maidir le húsáid antaibheathach agus frithsheasamhacht antaibheathach i measc an déimeagrafaigh sin.

Ba iad an Dr Debbie Corcoran, an Dr Sheila Faherty agus Sandy Bakankio BSc, Roinn na hEolaíochta Bithchógaisíochta agus Leighis, GMIT, a rinne an suirbhé seo dar teideal 'Feasacht ar úsáid antaibheathach agus frithsheasmhacht antaibheathach i bpobal neacha léinn tríú leibhéal in iarthar na hÉireann' i mbliana (2019), i gcomhar le baill fhoireann náisiúnta Frithsheasmhacht in Aghaidh Ábhar Frithmhiocróbach agus Rialaithe Ionfhabhtaithe (AMRIC) de chuid FSS eolaí faireachais Maria Molloy agus Bainisteoir Cumarsáide Audrey Lambourn (HCAI).

Bhí 509 neach léinn bainteach leis an staidéar i gcúig champas GMIT – 70% baineann, 28% fireann agus b'fhearr le 2% gan inscne a nochtadh. Cé go léiríonn an staidéar seo feasacht ar úsáid cheart antaibheathach agus frithsheasmhacht antaibheathach ar an iomlán, tá easpa tuisceana níos doimhne a léiríonn 'sraceolas'.

Léiríonn an staidéar go mbaintear drochúsáid as antaibheathaigh, agus 35% de phobal an staidéir ag baint úsáid as antaibheathaigh a bhí fágtha, 1.2% de na rannpháirtithe a fuair antaibheathaigh ar líne agus 1.2% a d'aimsigh antaibheathaigh thar lear.

D'aibhsigh an staidéar freisin easpa eolais sa déimeagrafach seo maidir le cóireáil ionfhabhtuithe gnéas-tarchurtha. Leanfar den obair agus fócas ar theachtaireacht thábhachtach a sheachadadh ar fhrithsheasmhacht antaibheathach don déimeagrafach ar fud an náisiúin.

Rinne an staidéar measúnú ar fheasacht agus eolas i bpobal neacha léinn ag teacht le Gníomh-Plean Náisiúnta na hÉireann ar fhrithsheasmhacht fhrithmhiocróbach. Chreid an grúpa GMIT-FSS gurb é seo an chéad suirbhé in Éirinn a bhí dírithe ar neacha léinn idir 18 go 25 bliain d'aois,

could be maintained, on and around the busy and congested city centre site.

The team also developed detailed logistics and traffic plans for the project including proposals to manage time and cost impacts on the project. Traffic management considerations included how the Dublin City Council operation "free flow" traffic initiative over the Christmas period would impact the site, and the loss of local parking spaces. Dealing with hazardous legacy materials such as asbestos and lead paint, and maintaining both power and drainage for the restaurant were also part of the project.

GMIT/HSE team present findings of first survey of students' knowledge of antibiotic use

The findings of the first Irish survey of college students' awareness and knowledge of misuse and abuse of antibiotics were presented to the public at an open lecture in GMIT on Monday 18 November, marking European Antibiotic Awareness Day (EAAD). The findings revealed a lack of awareness, understanding and knowledge about antibiotic use and antibiotic resistance among this demographic.

The survey 'Awareness of antibiotic use and antibiotic resistance in a west of Ireland third-level student population' was carried out this year (2019) by Dr Debbie Corcoran, Dr Sheila Faherty and Sandy Bakankio BSc, Department of Biopharmaceutical and Medical Science, GMIT, in collaboration with members of the HSE's national Antimicrobial Resistance and Infection Control team (AMRIC) - surveillance scientist Maria Molloy and Communications Manager Audrey Lambourn (HCAI).

The study involved 509 students across all five GMIT campuses - 70% female, 28% male and 2% preferring not to disclose their gender. Although this study shows awareness of correct antibiotic use and antibiotic resistance overall, there is a lack of deeper understanding, illustrating a "surface knowledge".

The study shows there is misuse of antibiotics, with 35% of the study population using leftover antibiotics, 1.2% of participants' obtaining antibiotics online and 1.2% obtaining antibiotics abroad. The study also highlighted a lack of knowledge in this demographic in relation to the treatment of sexually transmitted infections.

The study findings are to be published next year, and work will continue with a focus on delivering the important message of antibiotic resistance to this demographic nationwide.

The study evaluated awareness and knowledge in a student population in line with the Irish National Action Plan on antimicrobial resistance 2017-2020 (iNAP) strategic objective 1, which centres on awareness and knowledge of antimicrobial resistance. The GMIT-HSE group believes this is the first Irish survey focused on

agus a gcuid eolais ar antaibheathaigh agus fhrithsheasmhacht á dtomhas acu.

De réir ESD (WHO), " Is fadhb dhomhanda í frithsheasmhacht antaibheathach, tá ról le himirt ag gach éinne chun frithsheasmhacht a chosc trí antaibheathaigh a úsáid i gceart, ionas go mbeidh pobail in ann úsáid a bhaint as antaibheathaigh chun ionfhabhtuithe a úsáid mar chóir leighis sa todhchaí."

students aged 18 to 25, measuring their knowledge of antibiotics and resistance.

According to WHO, "Antibiotic resistance is a global problem; everyone has a role to play in preventing resistance by using antibiotics properly, so that future populations will be able to use antibiotics to treat infections."

Déanann 150 fostóir freastal ar Aonach Gairmeacha Scoil Óstáin GMIT

Ghlac breis is 80 seastán agus 150 fostóir sa tionscal óstáin agus fáilteachais in Éirinn agus thar lear páirt in Aonach bliantúil Gairmeacha Scoil Idirnáisiúnta Óstáin na hÉireann de chuid GMIT in Halla Spóirt GMIT ar champas Bhóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath i nGaillimh.

Bhí seastáin ag ionadaithe ón tionscal óstáin, turasóireachta, agus fáilteachais in Éirinn agus go hidirnáisiúnta ag an imeacht agus eolas á thabhairt acu ar fholúntais i bpoist éagsúla agus deiseanna gairme, ar a n-áirítear socrúchán oibre le haghaidh neach léinn fochéime, clár iarchéime agus deiseanna lánaimseartha le haghaidh neacha léinn na bliana deiridh.

Bíonn thart ar 600 neach léinn ag freastal ar chláir Scoil Óstáin Idirnáisiúnta GMIT in aghaidh na bliana, agus súil le 300 neach léinn (lánaimseartha agus páirtaimseartha) ag fáil céime i mbliana agus poist lánaimseartha á lorg acu.

150 employers attend GMIT Hotel School Careers Fair

Over 80 stands and 150 employers in the hotel and hospitality industry in Ireland and abroad took part in the GMIT International Hotel School's annual Careers Fair in GMIT's Sports Hall at the Dublin Road campus in Galway.

Representatives from the Irish and international hotel, tourism, and hospitality industry had stands at the event offering information on vacancies in various positions and career opportunities, including work placements for undergraduate students, graduate programme and other full-time opportunities for final year students.

GMIT's International Hotel School has approximately 600 students attending programmes annually, with 300 students (full-time and part-time) expected to graduate this year and looking for full-time positions.

Neacha léinn, cuairteoirí agus fostóirí i láthair ag Aonach Gairmeacha Scoil Idirnáisiúna Óstáin na Gaillimhe anuraidh.

Students, visitors and employers at last year's Galway International Hotel School Careers Fair.

Cloiseann Comhdháil Foirgníochta GMIT go bhfuil léim de 10% i ndán don aschur tionscail in 2020 agus ábhair imní maidir le ganntanas scileanna agus boilsciú i bpraghsanna tairisceana

Bhí an 10ú Comhdháil Bainistíochta Foirgníochta Idirnáisiúnta GMIT bhliantúil ar siúl i gcampas Bhóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath GMIT agus breis is 350 toscaire ag freastal ar sheisiúin ar feadh an lae.

Ba í an chomhdháil bhliantúil an ócáid foirgníochta ba mhó in iarthar na hÉireann agus í arna hóstáil ag an Roinn Innealtóireachta Foirgníochta agus Sibhialta ag GMIT. Rinne An Institiúid Chairte Foirgníochta (CIOB), Cumann Suirbhéirí Cairte Éireann (SCSI), Cumann Cairte Innealtóirí Foirgníochta (CABE) agus Cónaidhm Thionscal Foirgníochta (CIF) urraíocht agus tacaíocht ar an gcomhdháil. B'ócáid sheasta sa bhféilire d'acadúlaigh, conraitheoirí, ailtirí, innealtóirí, suirbhéirí agus lucht gairme réadmhaoine mar aon le toscairí ón earnáil phoiblí agus eagraíochtaí leathstáit. Rinne neacha léinn

GMIT Construction Conference hears industry output to jump by 10% in 2020 amid concerns about skills shortages and tender price inflation

The 10th annual GMIT International Construction Management Conference took place in the GMIT Dublin Road campus with over 350 delegates attending various sessions throughout the day.

The annual conference is the largest construction event in the west of Ireland and is hosted by the Department of Building and Civil Engineering at GMIT. The conference was sponsored and supported by The Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland (SCSI, the Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE) and the Construction Industry Federation (CIF). The event was a fixture in the calendar for academics, contractors, architects, engineers, surveyors and property professionals as well as delegates from the public sector and semi-state organisations. It was also attended by senior students from GMIT built

sinsearacha as cláir thimpeallachta tógtha GMIT agus coláistí eile ar fud na hÉireann freastal uirthi.

D'oscail an Dr Michael Hannon, Uachtarán Gníomhach GMIT an chomhdháil go hoifigiúil agus chuir sé fáilte roimh thoscairí ó gach cearn d'Éirinn agus an Ríocht Aontaithe.

Dúirt cathaoirleach na comhdhála, an Dr Martin Taggart as GMIT: "Tá ríméad orainn marc na ndeich mbliana a bhaint amach don chomhdháil. Bhí an-rath uirthi de bhrí gur ghlac pobal na timpeallachta tógtha go fonnmhar léi agus gur thacaigh siad léi."

Rinne an Dr Mark Kelly, léachtóir agus taighdeoir i Roinn na hInnealtóireachta Foirgníochta agus Sibhialta in GMIT, cur síos ar cad is ciall leis an ngeilleagar ciorclach maidir le foirgníocht agus conas a d'fhéadfaí é a chur i bhfeidhm. Ba athlua iad cuid mhaith de na saincheisteanna ar thug an Dr Kelly cur síos orthu amhail dearadh don tsolúbthacht, dearadh amach dramhaíola, dearadh don fhadsaol ar roinnt mhaith de na prionsabail a luaigh cainteoirí eile sa chomhdháil. Lena chois sin, thug an Dr Kelly achoimre ar thionscadal Todhchaíochtaí BIM in GMIT a bhfuil mar aidhm aige creat a chur ar fáil do neacha léinn, baill foirne agus tionscal eolas a fháil faoi BIM de réir mar a fhorbraíonn an tionscal foirgníochta i dtreo thimpeallacht um oibriú digiteach a bheidh níos comhoibrithí.

environment programmes and other colleges from around Ireland.

The conference was officially opened by Dr Michael Hannon, Acting President of GMIT, who warmly welcomed delegates from all over Ireland and the United Kingdom.

Conference Chair, Dr Martin Taggart from GMIT, added "We are delighted to reach the ten-year mark with the conference. It was a great success because it has been embraced and supported by the built environment community as a whole."

Dr Mark Kelly, lecturer and researcher in the Department of Building and Civil Engineering in GMIT, described what is meant by the circular economy with respect to construction, and how it could be implemented. Many of the issues outlined by Dr Kelly such as design for flexibility, designing out waste and design for longevity echoed many of the design principles mentioned by other conference speakers. In addition, Dr Kelly gave a brief summary of the BIM Futures project in GMIT which aims to provide a framework for students, academic staff and industry to learn about BIM as the construction industry evolves towards a more collaborative and digital working environment.

David Humphreys, (Príomhaí Architectural Conservation Consultants); Nancy O'Keefe, (Architectural Conservation Consultants); An Dr Martin Taggart, (Cathaoirleach Comhdhála GMIT); Richard Fitzpatrick, (Cathaoirleach, Lean Construction Ireland); Angelyn Rowan, (Comhpháirtí Philip Lee Solicitors)

David Humphreys, (Principal Architectural Conservation Consultants); Nancy O'Keeffe (Architectural Conservation Consultants); Dr Martin Taggart, (GMIT Conference Chair); Richard Fitzpatrick, (Chair, Lean Construction Ireland; Angelyn Rowan, (Partner Philip Lee Solicitors).

4. Staitisticí Neach Léinn

4. Student Statistics

4.1
Dámhachtainí Acadúla

Bronnadh Dámhachtainí 2019

Gaillimh

Scoil Ghnó

Cumann na gCuntasóirí Cairte Teastasaithe Leibhéal Gairme	1
Baitsiléir Ealaíon (Onóracha) sa Bhainistíocht Córas Faisnéise	1
Baitsiléir Ealaíon sa Bhainistíocht Acmhainn Daonna	8
Baitsiléir Gnó	43
Baitsiléir Gnó (Onóracha)	90
Baitsiléir Gnó (Onóracha) sa Chuntasaíocht	34
Baitsiléir Gnó (Onóracha) san Airgeadas agus Eacnamaíocht	27
Baitsiléir Gnó (Onóracha) sa Margaíocht agus Díolacháin	19
Baitsiléir Gnó (Onóracha) san Fhiontraíocht Tuaithe agus Agra-Ghnó	17
Baitsiléir Gnó (Onóracha) le Fiontraíocht	7
Baitsiléir Gnó san Airgeadas	2
Baitsiléir Gnó sa Margaíocht agus Díolacháin	4
Baitsiléir Gnó san Fhiontraíocht Tuaithe agus Agra-Ghnó	13
Baitsiléir Gnó le Fiontraíocht	4
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta (Onóracha) i gCórais Faisnéise	30
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta i gCórais Faisnéise	1
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta sa Ghnó i gCórais Faisnéise	13
Ardteastas sa Ghnó sa Talmhaíocht	8
Máistir Gnó i Straitéis agus Nuálaíocht Bainistíochta	1
Dioplóma Iarchéime sa Ghnó i gCuntasaíocht	11
Móriomlán	**334**

Scoil na hInnealtóireachta

Baitsiléir Innealtóireachta (Onóracha) san Innealtóireacht Shibhialta	20
Baitsiléir Innealtóireachta (Onóracha) san Innealtóireacht Fuinnimh	12
Baitsiléir Innealtóireachta (Onóracha) san Innealtóireach Mheicniúil	53
Baitsiléir Innealtóireachta (Onóracha) san Innealtóireacht Bogearraí agus Leictreonach	17
Baitsiléir Innealtóireachta san Innealtóireacht Shibhialta	12
Baitsiléir Innealtóireachta san Innealtóireacht Ríomhaire & Leictreonach	4
Baitsiléir Innealtóireachta san Innealtóireacht Seirbhísí Leictreachais agus Uathoibrithe	5
Baitsiléir Innealtóireachta san Innealtóireacht Fuinnimh	6
Baitsiléir Innealtóireachta san Innealtóireacht Déantúsaíochta (Páirtaimseartha)	37
Baitsiléir Innealtóireachta san Innealtóireacht Mheicniúil	12
Baitsiléir Innealtóireachta san Innealtóireacht Leictreonach	1
Baitsiléir Innealtóireachta san Innealtóireacht Bogearraí agus Leictreonach	29
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta (Onóracha) sa Teicneolaíocht Ailtireachta	13
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta (Onóracha) sa Bhainistíocht Foirgníochta	12
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta (Onóracha) sa tSuirbhéireacht Chainníochta agus Eacnamaíocht Foirgníochta	19
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta sa Teicneolaíocht Ailtireachta	8
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta sa Bhainistíocht Foirgníochta	13
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta sa tSuirbhéireacht Chainníochta agus Eacnamaíocht Foirgníochta	7
Ardteastas san Innealtóireacht in Innealtóireacht Sibhialta	2
Ardteastas san Innealtóireacht in Innealtóireacht Déantúsaíochta	14

4.1
Academic Awards

Conferring of Awards 2019

Galway

School of Business

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants Professional Level	1
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Information Systems Management	1
Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management	8
Bachelor of Business	43
Bachelor of Business (Honours)	90
Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Accounting	34
Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Finance and Economics	27
Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Marketing and Sales	19
Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Rural Enterprise and Agri-Business	17
Bachelor of Business (Honours) with Entrepreneurship	7
Bachelor of Business in Finance	2
Bachelor of Business in Marketing and Sales	4
Bachelor of Business in Rural Enterprise and Agri-Business	13
Bachelor of Business with Entrepreneurship	4
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Business Information Systems	30
Bachelor of Science in Business Information Systems	1
Bachelor of Science in Business Information Systems	13
Higher Certificate in Business in Agriculture	8
Master of Business in Strategy and Innovation Management	1
Postgraduate Diploma in Business in Accounting	11
Grand Total	**334**

School of Engineering

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Civil Engineering	20
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Energy Engineering	12
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Mechanical Engineering	53
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Software and Electronic Engineering	17
Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering	12
Bachelor of Engineering in Computer and Electronic Engineering	4
Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Services and Automation Engineering	5
Bachelor of Engineering in Energy Engineering	6
Bachelor of Engineering in Manufacturing Engineering (Part-Time)	37
Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering	12
Bachelor of Engineering in Electronic Engineering	1
Bachelor of Engineering in Software and Electronic Engineering	29
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Architectural Technology	13
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Construction Management	12
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Quantity Surveying and Construction Economics	19
Bachelor of Science in Architectural Technology	8
Bachelor of Science in Construction Management	13
Bachelor of Science in Quantity Surveying and Construction Economics	7
Higher Certificate in Engineering in Civil Engineering	2
Higher Certificate in Engineering in Manufacturing Engineering	14

Ardteastas san Eolaíocht sa Bhainistíocht Foirgníochta	2
Ardteastas san Eolaíocht sa Tsuirbhéireacht Chainníochta agus Eacnamaíocht Foirgníochta	1
Ard-Dioplóma san Innealtóireacht i Mionsamhlú Faisnéise Foirgníochta	12
PhD san Innealtóireacht Mheicniúil/Thionsclaíoch	1
Ardteastas san Innealtóireacht in Innealtóireacht Ríomhaire agus Leictreonach	1
Móriomlán	**312**

Scoil Óstáin Idirnáisiúnta na Gaillimhe

Ard-Dioplóma san Ealaíon i nGaeilge Fheidhmeach agus Aistriúchán	5
Baitsiléir Ealaíon (Onóracha) sa Staidéar Oidhreachta	11
Baitsiléir Ealaíon (Onóracha) sa Bhainistíocht Óstáin agus Lónadóireachta	33
Baitsiléir Ealaíon in Ealaíona Cócaireachta	10
Baitsiléir Ealaíon sa Staidéar Oidhreachta	6
Baitsiléir Gnó sa Bhainistíocht Imeachtaí le Caidreamh Poiblí	6
Baitsiléir Gnó (Onóracha) sa Bhainistíocht Turasóireachta Idirnáisiúnta	5
Baitsiléir Gnó sa Bhainistíocht Ealaíona Cócaireachta	5
Baitsiléir Gnó sa Bhainistíocht Imeachtaí le Caidreamh Poiblí	27
Baitsiléir Gnó sa Bhainistíocht Óstáin agus Lónadóireachta	30
Baitsiléir Gnó sa Bhainistíocht Turasóireachta Idirnáisiunta	7
Baitsiléir Gnó sa Bhainistíocht Miondíola	17
Ardteastas in Ealaíona sa Chlár Cócaire Gairmiúil in Ealaíona Cócaireachta	29
Ardteastas in Ealaíona in Oibríochtaí Óstáin agus Fáilteachais	7
Ardteastas i nGnó sa Bhainistíocht Óstáin agus Lónadóireachta	3
Máistir Ealaíon sa Teagasc agus Foghlaim	3
Dioplóma Iarchéime sna hEalaíona i dTeagasc agus Foghlaim	5
Teastas i nGaeilge Fheidhmeach agus Aistriúchán	2
Ardteastas sa Ghnó i dTurasóireacht	1
Móriomlán	**212**

An Lárionad do na hEalaíona Cruthaitheacha & Meáin

Baitsiléir Ealaíon (Onóracha) san Ealaín Chomhaimseartha	25
Baitsiléir Ealaíon (Onóracha) i Scannán agus Clár Faisneise	37
Baitsiléir Ealaíon (Onóracha) sa Mínealaín	1
Baitsiléir Ealaíon san Ealaín Chomhaimseartha	16
Baitsiléir Ealaíon sa Dearadh	16
Máistir Ealaíon i gCleachtas Cruthaitheach	12
Móriomlán	**107**

Scoil Eolaíochta & Ríomhaireachta

Baitsiléir Eolaíochta (Onóracha) sa Talmhaíocht agus Bainistíocht Timpeallachta	40
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta (Onóracha) in Eolaíocht Bitheolaíochta Feidhmí agus Bithchógaisíochta	54
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta (Onóracha) sa Bhitheolaíocht Fheidhmeach Fhionnuisce agus Mara	31
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta (Onóracha) san Eolaíocht Cheimiceach agus Bithchógaisíochta	23
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta (Onóracha) san Eolaíocht Fhóiréinseach & Anailís	18
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta (Onóracha) san Eolaíocht Leighis	27
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta (Onóracha) sa Cháilíocht do Thionscal	31
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta sa Bhainistíocht Talmhaíochta agus Timpeallachta	18
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta sa Bhitheolaíocht Fheidhmeach & Bithchósaisíochta	15
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta sa Bhitheolaíocht Fheidhmeach Fionnuisce & Mara	11
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta san Eolaíocht Cheimiceach agus Chógaisíochta	9
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta sa Cháilíocht do Thionscal	17
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta san Eolaíocht Spóirt agus Aclaíochta	2
Ardteastas in Eolaíocht sa Talmhaíocht	22
Ardteastas in Eolaíocht san Eolaíocht Bitheolaíochta Feidhmí agus Bithchógaisíochta	2

Higher Certificate in Science in Construction Management	2
Higher Certificate in Science in Quantity Surveying and Construction Economics	1
Higher Diploma in Engineering in Building Information Modelling	12
PhD in Mechanical/Industrial Engineering	1
Higher Certificate in Engineering in Computer and Electronic Engineering	1
Grand Total	**312**

Galway International Hotel School

Ard-Dioplóma san Ealaíon i nGaeilge Fheidhmeach agus Aistriúchán	5
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Heritage Studies	11
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Hotel and Catering Management	33
Bachelor of Arts in Culinary Arts	10
Bachelor of Arts in Heritage Studies	6
Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Event Management with Public Relations	6
Bachelor of Business (Honours) in International Tourism Management	5
Bachelor of Business in Culinary Arts Management	5
Bachelor of Business in Event Management with Public Relations	27
Bachelor of Business in Hotel and Catering Management	30
Bachelor of Business in International Tourism Management	7
Bachelor of Business in Retail Management	17
Higher Certificate in Arts in Culinary Arts Professional Chef Programme	29
Higher Certificate in Arts in Hotel and Hospitality Operations	7
Higher Certificate in Business in Hotel and Catering Management	3
Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning	3
Postgraduate Diploma in Arts in Teaching and Learning	5
Teastas i nGaeilge Fheidhmeach agus Aistriúchán	2
Higher Certificate in Business in Tourism	1
Grand Total	**212**

Centre for Creative Arts & Media

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Contemporary Art	25
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Film And Documentary	37
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Fine Art	1
Bachelor of Arts in Contemporary Art	16
Bachelor of Arts in Design	16
Master of Arts in Creative Practice	12
Grand Total	**107**

School of Science & Computing

Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Agriculture and Environmental Management	40
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Applied Biology and Biopharmaceutical Science	54
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Applied Freshwater and Marine Biology	31
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Chemical and Pharmaceutical Science	23
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Forensic Science and Analysis	18
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Medical Science	27
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Quality For Industry	31
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Environmental Management	18
Bachelor of Science in Applied Biology and Biopharmaceutical Science	15
Bachelor of Science in Applied Freshwater and Marine Biology	11
Bachelor of Science in Chemical and Pharmaceutical Science	9
Bachelor of Science in Quality for Industry	17
Bachelor of Science in Sport and Exercise Science	2
Higher Certificate in Science in Agriculture	22
Higher Certificate in Science in Applied Biology and Biopharmaceutical Science	2

Máistir Eolaíochta san Iompraíocht Chaomhnaithe	8
Máistir Eolaíochta san Eolaíocht Bheatha	2
Máistir Eolaíochta san Eolaíocht Fhisiceach	2
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta (Onóracha) sa Ríomhaireacht & Meáin Dhigiteacha	14
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta (Onóracha) i bhForbairt Bogearraí Ríomhaireachta	51
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta (Onóracha) san Fhisic agus Ionstraimíocht	5
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta sa Ríomhaireacht agus Sonraí Digiteacha	17
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta sa Ríomhaireacht agus Forbairt Bogearraí	16
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta sa bhFhisic agus Ionstraimíocht	8
Ardteastas Eolaíochta sa Ríomhaireacht agus Forbairt Bogearraí	2
Ardteastas in Eolaíocht sa bhFhisic agus Ionstraimíocht	1
Ardteastas in Eolaíocht san Fhorbairt Bogearraí	35
Máistir Eolaíochta sa Matamaitic/Ríomhaireacht	1
PhD san Eolaíocht Bheatha	3
Móriomlán	**485**

Gaillimh – Iomlán na nDámhachtainí 1450

Leitir Fraic

Baitsiléir Eolaíochta (Onóracha) in Oideachas (Grafaic Dheartha agus Foirgníocht)	24
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta (Onóracha) i dTeicneolaíocht Troscáin & Adhmaid	1
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta (Onóracha) i nDearadh Déantúsaíocht Troscáin	13
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta i dTeicneolaíocht Troscáin agus Adhmaid	4
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta i nDearadh agus Déantúsaíocht Troscáin	10
Ardteastas in Innealtóireacht i dTeicneolaíocht Troscáin agus Adhmaid	1
Móriomlán	**53**

Leitir Fraic – Iomlán na nDámhachtainí 53

Maigheo

Baitsiléir Ealaíon (Onóracha) i gCúram Sóisialta Feidhmeach	22
Baitsiléir Ealaíon (Onóracha) sa Mínealaín	9
Baitsiléir Ealaíon (Onóracha) i Staidéar Oidhreachta	1
Baitsiléir Ealaíon (Onóracha) i Stair agus Tíreolaíocht	4
Baitsiléir Ealaíon (Onóracha) in Oideachas Allamuigh	13
Baitsiléir Ealaíon sa Chuntasaíocht agus Bainistíocht Airgeadais	11
Baitsiléir Ealaíon i gCúram Sóisialta Feidhmeach	29
Baitsiléir Ealaíon sa Staidéar Sóisialta Feidhmeach	1
Baitsiléir Ealaíon in Oideachas agus Cúram Luathóige	13
Baitsiléir Ealaíon i mBainistíocht Acmhainn Daonna	15
Baitsiléir Ealaíon in Oideachas Allamuigh agus Áineas	16
Baitsiléir Gnó	7
Baitsiléir Gnó (Onóracha)	7
Baitsiléir Gnó (Onóracha) sa Chuntasaíocht	5
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta (Onóracha) i Meáin Dhigiteacha agus Sochaí	4
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta (Onóracha) in Altranas Ginearálta	27
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta (Onóracha) in Altranas Síciatrach	8
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta (Onóracha) sa Teicneolaíocht Foirgníochta Inbhuaine	5
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta i Meáin Dhigiteacha agus Sochaí	1
Baitsiléir Eolaíochta i Riarachán Teicneolaíochta Faisnéise	4
Teastas i mBainistíocht Maoirseachta (Dámhachtain Shainchuspóireach)	23
Ardteastas i nGnó	1
Ardteastas san Eolaíocht sa Staidéar Luathóige	14
Ardteastas in Eolaíocht i dTacaíocht Teicneolaíochta Faisnéise	3
Máistir Eolaíochta i gCáilíocht agus Sábháilteacht i gCúram Sláinte	6
Dioplóma Iarchéime san Eolaíocht i gCáilíocht agus Sábháilteacht (Sláinte agus Cúram Sóisialta	8
Móriomlán	**257**

Maigh Eo – Iomlán na nDámhachtainí 257

Iomlán na nIomlán 1760

Master of Science in Conservation Behaviour	8
Master of Science in Life Science	2
Master of Science in Physical Science	2
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing and Digital Media	14
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing in Software Development	51
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Physics and Instrumentation	5
Bachelor of Science in Computing and Digital Media	17
Bachelor of Science in Computing in Software Development	16
Bachelor of Science in Physics and Instrumentation	8
Higher Certificate in Computing in Software Development	2
Higher Certificate in Science in Physics and Instrumentation	1
Higher Diploma in Science in Software Development	35
Master of Science in Maths/Computing	1
PhD in Life Science	3
Grand Total	**485**

Galway – Total Awards 1450

Letterfrack

Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Education (Design Graphics and Construction)	24
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Furniture and Wood Technology	1
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Furniture Design and Manufacture	13
Bachelor of Science in Furniture and Wood Technology	4
Bachelor of Science in Furniture Design and Manufacture	10
Higher Certificate in Engineering in Furniture and Wood Technology	1
Grand Total	**53**

Letterfrack – Total Awards 53

Mayo

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Applied Social Care	22
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Fine Art	9
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Heritage Studies	1
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in History and Geography	4
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Outdoor Education	13
Bachelor of Arts in Accounting and Financial Management	11
Bachelor of Arts in Applied Social Care	29
Bachelor of Arts in Applied Social Studies	1
Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education and Care	13
Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management	15
Bachelor of Arts in Outdoor Education and Leisure	16
Bachelor of Business	7
Bachelor of Business (Honours)	7
Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Accounting	5
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Digital Media and Society	4
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in General Nursing	27
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Psychiatric Nursing	8
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Sustainable Building Technology	5
Bachelor of Science in Digital Media and Society	1
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology Administration	4
Certificate in Supervisory Management (Special Purpose Award)	23
Higher Certificate in Business	1
Higher Certificate in Science in Childhood Studies	14
Higher Certificate in Science in Information Technology Support	3
Master of Science in Quality and Safety in Healthcare	6
Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Quality and Safety (Health and Social Care)	8
Grand Total	**257**

Mayo – Total Awards 257

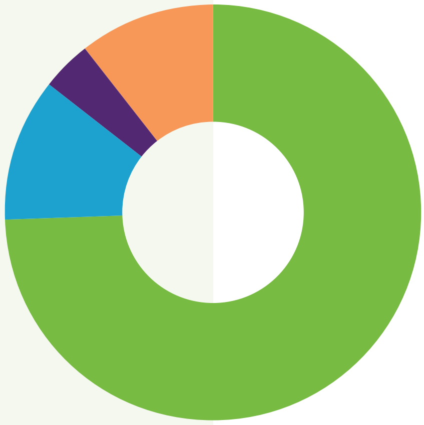
Overall Total 1760

4.2 Staitisticí Clárúcháin

4.2 Enrolment Statistics

Clárúchán Neacha Léinn 2019-2020

Lánaimseartha tríú Leibhéal	74.7%
R-Fhoghlaim	11.1%
Printísigh Innealtóireachta	3.9%
Páirtaimseartha agus Tráthnóna	10.4%

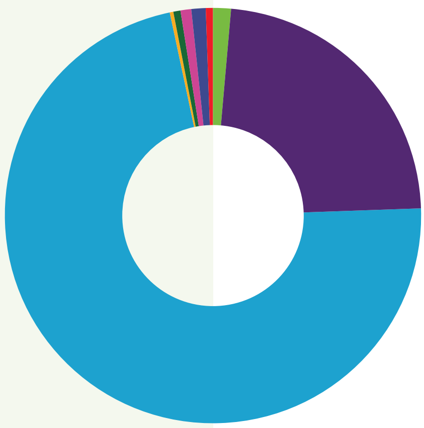


Student Enrolment 2019-2020

Full-time Third Level	74.7%
E-Learning	11.1%
Engineering Apprentices	3.9%
Part-Time and Evening	10.4%

Clárúcháin 3ú Leibhéal de réir Leibhéal Dámhachtana

Ardteastas	1.5%
Gnáthchéim (L7)	23.1%
Céim Onóracha (L8)	72.5%
Ard-Dioplóma	0.2%
Dioplóma Iarchéime	0.4%
Máistir Múinte (L9)	1.0%
Máistir Taighde (L9)	1.1%
Dochtúireacht (L10)	0.4%



Full-time 3rd Level Enrolments by Level of Award

Higher Certificate	1.5%
Ordinary Degree (L7)	23.1%
Honours Degree (L8)	72.5%
Higher Diploma	0.2%
Postgrad Diploma	0.4%
Masters Taught (L9)	1.0%
Masters Research (L9)	1.1%
Doctorate (L10)	0.4%

Bunús Cónaithe Lánaimseartha 3ú Leibhéal

Connacht	64.6%
Laighin	16.5%
Mumha	10.5%
Ulaidh	8.4%

Domiciliary Origin Full-time 3rd Level

Connacht	64.6%
Leinster	16.5%
Munster	10.5%
Ulster	8.4%

Clárúcháin Lánaimseartha Tríú Leibhéal Fireann

Talmhaíocht, Foraoiseacht, Iascach agus Tréidliacht	6.5%
Ealaíona agus Daonnachtaí	7.6%
Gnó, Riarachán agus Dlí	18.9%
Oideachas	2.0%
Innealtóireacht, Déantúsaíocht agus Foirgníocht	32.2%
Sláinte agus Leas	2.1%
Teicneolaíochtaí Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide	13.3%
Eolaíocht Nadúrtha, Matamaitic agus Staitisticí	8.8%
Eolaíochtaí Sóisialta, Iriseoireacht agus Faisnéis	0.8%
Seirbhísí	7.8%

Full-time Enrolments Third Level Male

Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Veterinary	6.5%
Arts and Humanities	7.6%
Business, Administration and Law	18.9%
Education	2.0%
Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction	32.2%
Health and Welfare	2.1%
Information and Communication Technologies	13.3%
Natural Science, Mathematics and Statistics	8.8%
Social Science, Journalism and Information	0.8%
Services	7.8%

Clárúcháin Lánaimseartha Tríú Leibhéal Baineann

Talmhaíocht, Foraoiseacht, Iascach agus Tréidliacht	3.7%
Ealaíona agus Daonnachtaí	11.1%
Gnó, Riarachán agus Dlí	21.4%
Oideachas	5.0%
Innealtóireacht, Déantúsaíocht agus Foirgníocht	2.7%
Sláinte agus Leas	16.1%
Teicneolaíochtaí Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide	3.4%
Eolaíocht Nadúrtha, Matamaitic agus Staitisticí	23.0%
Eolaíochtaí Sóisialta, Iriseoireacht agus Faisnéis	0.8%
Seirbhísí	12.6%

Full-time Enrolments Third Level Female

Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Veterinary	3.7%
Arts and Humanities	11.1%
Business, Administration and Law	21.4%
Education	5.0%
Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction	2.7%
Health and Welfare	16.1%
Information and Communication Technologies	3.4%
Natural Science, Mathematics and Statistics	23.0%
Social Science, Journalism and Information	0.8%
Services	12.6%

Clárúcháin Lánaimseartha Tríú Leibhéal de réir Disciplín

Talmhaíocht, Foraoiseacht, Iascach agus Tréidliacht	5.4%
Ealaíona agus Daonnachtaí	9.0%
Gnó, Riarachán agus Dlí	19.9%
Oideachas	2.3%
Innealtóireacht, Déantúsaíocht agus Foirgníocht	21.5%
Sláinte agus Leas	7.7%
Teicneolaíochtaí Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide	9.4%
Eolaíocht Nadúrtha, Matamaitic agus Staitisticí	14.4%
Eolaíochtaí Sóisialta, Iriseoireacht agus Faisnéis	0.8%
Seirbhísí	9.7%

Full-time Third Level Enrolments by Discipline

Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Veterinary	5.4%
Arts and Humanities	9.0%
Business, Administration and Law	19.9%
Education	2.3%
Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction	21.5%
Health and Welfare	7.7%
Information and Communication Technologies	9.4%
Natural Science, Mathematics and Statistics	14.4%
Social Science, Journalism and Information	0.8%
Services	9.7%

Céimithe Tríú Leibhéal de réir Disciplín

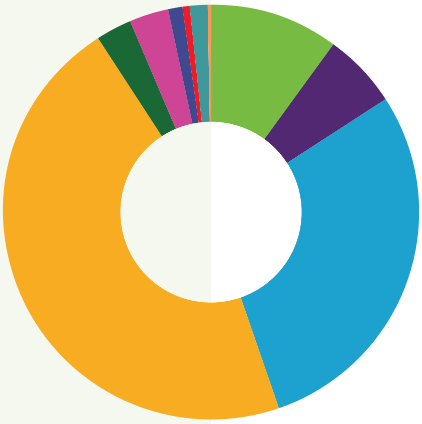
Talmhaíocht, Foraoiseacht, Iascach agus Tréidliacht	5.9%
Ealaíona agus Daonnachtaí	8.3%
Gnó, Riarachán agus Dlí	24.9%
Oideachas	3.7%
Innealtóireacht, Déantúsaíocht agus Foirgníocht	16.8%
Sláinte agus Leas	9.3%
Teicneolaíochtaí Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide	10.0%
Eolaíocht Nadúrtha, Matamaitic agus Staitisticí	9.7%
Eolaíochtaí Sóisialta, Iriseoireacht agus Faisnéis	0.8%
Seirbhísí	10.8%

Third Level Graduates by Discipline

Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Veterinary	5.9%
Arts and Humanities	8.3%
Business, Administration and Law	24.9%
Education	3.7%
Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction	16.8%
Health and Welfare	9.3%
Information and Communication Technologies	10.0%
Natural Science, Mathematics and Statistics	9.7%
Social Science, Journalism and Information	0.8%
Services	10.8%

Céimithe Tríú Leibhéal de réir Leibhéal Dámhachtana

Teastas	10.2%
Ardteastas	5.7%
Gnáthchéim (L7)	28.9%
Céim Onóracha (L8)	46.3%
Ard-Dioplóma	2.7%
Teastas Iarchéime	3.1%
Dioplóma Iarchéime	1.2%
Máistir Múinte (L9)	0.5%
Máistir Taighde (L9)	1.3%
Dochtúireacht (L10)	0.2%



Third Level Graduates by Level of Award

Certificate	10.2%
Higher Certificate	5.7%
Ordinary Degree (L7)	28.9%
Honours Degree (L8)	46.3%
Higher Diploma	2.7%
Postgrad Certificate	3.1%
Postgrad Diploma	1.2%
Masters Taught (L9)	0.5%
Masters Research (L9)	1.3%
Doctorate (L10)	0.2%

Clárúcháin i gCeirdeanna Innealtóireachta de réir Inscne

Fireann	100%
Baineann	0%

Enrolments in Engineering Trades by Gender

Male	100%
Female	0%

4.3
Scoláireachtaí Spóirt

Campas na Gaillimhe

Robert Carroll	*Sacar*
Daniel Buckley	*Rámhaíocht*
Andrew Paton	*Rugbaí*
Diarmuid Mulkerrins	*Liathróid Láimhe*
Brion O'Rourke	*Rámhaíocht*
Amy Wharton	*Peil na mBan*
Seán Bleahene	*Iománaíocht*
Matthew Barrett	*Sacar*
Liam Costello	*Peil Ghaelach*
Ross Egan	*Peil Ghaelach*
Carmel Heery	*Sacar na mBan*
Sarah Harding	*Camógaíocht*
Éanna Walsh	*Liathróid Eitpheile*
Evan Duggan	*Iománaíocht*
Conor Raftery	*Peil Ghaelach*
Darach Fahy	*Iománaíocht*
Seán Neary	*Iománaíocht*
Aoibhe Carabine	*Dornálaíocht*
Brendan Carr	*Lúthchleasaíocht*
Sarah Healy	*Camógaíocht*
Tony Crowley	*Badmantan*
Jonathan McGrath	*Peil Ghaelach*

Campas Mhaigh Eo

Bronagh Quinn	*Peil na mBan*
Lois Walsh	*Dornálaíocht*
David Hartley	*Surfáil*
Jordan Collins	*Cadhc/Surf*
Maeve Flanagan	*Peil na mBan*

4.3
Sporting Scholarships

Galway Campus

Robert Carroll	*Soccer*
Daniel Buckley	*Rowing*
Andrew Paton	*Rugby*
Diarmuid Mulkerrins	*Handball*
Bríon O'Rourke	*Rowing*
Amy Wharton	*Ladies' Football*
Sean Bleahene	*Hurling*
Matthew Barrett	*Soccer*
Liam Costello	*Gaelic Football*
Ross Egan	*Gaelic Football*
Carmel Heery	*Ladies Soccer*
Sarah Harding	*Camogie*
Eanna Walsh	*Volleyball*
Evan Duggan	*Hurling*
Conor Raftery	*Gaelic Football*
Darach Fahy	*Hurling*
Sean Neary	*Hurling*
Aoibhe Carabine	*Boxing*
Brendan Carr	*Athletics*
Sarah Healy	*Camogie*
Tony Crowley	*Badminton*
Jonathan McGrath	*Gaelic Football*

Mayo Campus

Bronagh Quinn	*Ladies' Football*
Lois Walsh	*Boxing*
David Hartley	*Surfing*
Jordan Collins	*Kayaking/Surfing*
Maeve Flanagan	*Ladies' Football*

4.4 Dámhachtainí agus Éachtaí

Bronnadh Gradam an Uachtaráin 2019 ar Rachel McCarthy agus an Dr Liam Morris don tSármhaitheas i dTeagasc

Dámhadh Gradam Uachtarán GMIT 2019 ar léachtóirí GMIT Rachel McCarthy, Scoil Eolaíochtaí & Ríomhaireachta, agus an Dr Liam Morris, Scoil na hInnealtóireachta, as Teagasc Sármhaith, arna bronnadh ag an Dr Michael Hannon, Uachtarán Gníomhach GMIT le linn na mbronntaí bliantúla le déanaí in Óstán Galmont, Gaillimh.

Is comhbhunaitheoir an Dr Liam Morris arb as an Rinn Mhór é, agus Príomh-Imscrúdaitheoir laistigh de Lárionad GMedTech agus Teicneolaíochtaí Innealtóireachta agus Leighis Gateway GMIT ag campas Bhóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath. Is léachtóir é freisin ar chlár na céime in innealtóireacht mheicniúil, innealtóireacht fuinnimh agus innealtóireacht bhithleighis i Roinn na hInnealtóireachta Meicniúla & Tionsclaíche, agus is maoirseoir é ar an-chuid neach léinn iarchéime.

Ag labhairt dó ag an searmanas bronnta, mhol an Dr Paul O'Dowd, a bhí ina chomhurraitheoir in éineacht leis an Dr John Lohan, Scoil na hInnealtóireachta, a gcomhghleacaí as a chuid éachtaí suntasacha acadúla, taighde agus lúthchleasaíochta, á rá: "Fear de chuid na Rinne Móire é Liam. Rinne sé staidéar i gColáiste Pobail na Gaillimhe, san áit ar ar tugadh an 'Tech' an uair úd, sula dtáinig sé an bóthar aníos chun céim innealtóireachta B.Tech a dhéanamh linn in GMIT agus dul chun cinn chun Máistir a dhéanamh faoi Patrick Delassus, a ndeachaidh Liam ar aghaidh in éindí leis chun ár saoráid taighde GMedTech de cháilíocht dhomhanda a thógáil."

"Lúthchleasaí tréitheach, amhail a athair roimhe, bhí Liam i gcónaí ar an raon mear, agus in 2003 roghnaíodh é chun ionadaíocht a dhéanamh d'ollscoileanna na hÉireann go hidirnáisiúnta. Sna laethanta seo, déanann sé ionadaíocht do GMIT go hidirnáisiúnta trína thaighde i dteicneolaíocht feistí leighis - atá an-tábhachtach d'Iarthar na hÉireann - agus bith-ionsamhlóirí físeolaíocha a bhaineann go hábhartha le galraí cardashoitheacha. Thug sé breis is 80 páipéar comhdhála agus d'fhoilsigh 30 páipéar irise piara-athbhreithnithe agus d'éirigh leis breis is €3 mhilliún a fháil mar chistiú. I mbliana amháin, ghnóthaigh a chuid taighde duaiseanna ón Institiúid Innealtóireachta agus Teicneolaíochta agus ón gCoimisiún Idirnáisiúnta Leictreitheicniúil."

"Tá tionscadal nuálach tríú bliain forbartha freisin ag Liam, ina ndéanann foirne neach léinn mionsamhail ar mhéid nádúrtha den chroí daonna a mhacasamhlaíonn an sruth a ghineann feidhm an chroí. Chomh maith leis sin tá sruth ábhar Innealtóireachta Bithleighis cruthaithe ag Liam,

4.4 Awards and Achievements

Rachel McCarthy and Dr Liam Morris Awarded 2019 GMIT President's Award for Teaching Excellence

GMIT lecturers Rachel McCarthy, School of Science & Computing, and Dr Liam Morris, School of Engineering, have been awarded the 2019 GMIT President's Award for Teaching Excellence, presented by Acting President of GMIT Dr Michael Hannon at the recent annual conferrings in the Galmont Hotel, Galway.

Dr Liam Morris from Renmore is co-founder and Principal Investigator within GMIT's GMedTech Centre and the Medical Engineering Technologies (MET) Gateway at the Dublin Road (Galway) campus. He also lectures on degree programmes in mechanical engineering, energy engineering and biomedical engineering in the Dept of Mechanical & Industrial Engineering, and is supervisor to numerous postgraduate students.

Speaking at the conferring ceremony, Dr Paul O'Dowd, who was co-proposer along with Dr John Lohan, School of Engineering, paid tribute to their colleague Liam for his outstanding academic, research and athletic achievements, stating: "Liam is a Renmore man. He studied in Galway Community College, or what in those days was called 'The Tech', before coming up the road to our B. Tech Engineering degree in GMIT and progressing to a Master's under Patrick Delassus, with whom Liam has gone on to build our world-class GMedTech research facility."

"A talented athlete, like his father before him, Liam has always been on the fast track, and in 2003 was selected to represent the Irish universities internationally in athletics. These days, he represents GMIT internationally through his research in medical device technology – hugely important for the West of Ireland, developing physiologically relevant bio-simulators for cardiovascular diseases. He has over 80 conference papers and 30 peer-reviewed journal papers and has secured over €3 million in funding. This year alone, his research has won prizes from the Institution of Engineering and Technology and the International Electrotechnical Commission."

"Liam has also developed an innovative third year project, where teams of students develop a working life-size model of the human heart that replicates the flow generated by the heart function. He also created a

ionas gur féidir lenár neacha léinn Meicniúla sa bhliain dheiridh speisialú agus ullmhú le haghaidh jabanna san earnáil áitiúil Bithleighis. Agus ag tógáil ar shaineolas Liam, tá céim nua in Innealtóireacht Bhithleighis tugtha isteach ag an Roinn chuig GMIT."

"Bíonn léachtaí Liam lán d'fhíorshamplaí ón saol, iad tagtha go díreach óna thaighde féin. Gan choinne tarraingeoidh sé amach frapaí agus feistí samplacha, á rá: "Breathnaigh anseo scanadh iontach inchinne" nó "Féach anseo ainéaras fíor-shuimiúil a raibh muid ag obair air an lá faoi dheireadh". Baineann sé leas as cur chuige na smeach-chairte, faoina ndéanann na neacha léinn a gcuid taighde féin, tugtar cuireadh d'aoíchainteoirí, agus tarlaíonn neart idirghníomhaíochta ranga, grúp-phlé agus díospóireachta."

Tugann Rachel McCarthy as Órán Mór léachtaí ar chlár an Bhaitsiléra sa Cháilíocht do Thionscal agus ar chúrsaí Springboard amhail an Teastas san Eolaíocht i mBainistíocht Cáilíochta agus an Teastas san Eolaíocht i dTeicneolaíocht Feistí Leighis laistigh de Roinn na hEolaíochta Bithchógaisíochta agus Leighis ag campas Bhóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath na Gaillimhe.

Is duine gairmiúil dearfach, spreagtha í Rachel a bhfuil an-dúil aici i meantóireacht agus oiliúint a chur ar dhaoine aonair agus ar ghrúpaí móra. Chuir Rachel BSc i gcrích i Micribhitheolaíocht agus Dioplóma Iarchéime i nDearbhú Cáilíochta in NUIG sular chuir sí tús le post mar Innealtóir Bailíochtaithe le Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals in New Jersey. Ina dhiaidh sin bhog Rachel go Schering-Plough i gCorcaigh agus ansin chuaigh sí le Boston Scientific, Gaillimh mar Innealtóir Cáilíochta in 1996 áit ar ghnóthaigh sí teastasú Sigma Black Belt de chuid an American Society for Quality (ASQ) in 2008. Chun a thuilleadh feabhais a chur ar a teagasc, tá Máistir á chur i gcrích faoi láthair aici i dteagasc agus foghlaim in GMIT.

Mhol an Dr Eugene McCarthy, Ceann na Roinne Bithchógaisíochta agus Eolaíochta Leighis, Rachel ag an searmanas bronnta, agus tuairisc á tabhairt ar a cuid oibre le neacha léinn lánaimseartha agus páirtaimseartha, a bhfuil cuid mhaith díobh fostaithe i dtionscal nó fillte ar an gcoláiste le haghaidh uas-scileála, á rá dó: "Bíonn raon a teagaisc ag síneadh ó léachtaí, ranganna teagaisc, maoirseacht ar fhoghlaim obairbhunaithe, foghlaim fhadhbbhunaithe agus ceardlanna a éascú i gceist lena raon oibre. Is comhordaitheoir í freisin don bhliain dheiridh den Baitsiléir Eolaíochta sa Cháilíocht do Thionscal agus tugann sí léachtaí ar mhodúil ar a n-áirítear Matamaitic, Staitisticí, Bainistíocht Cáilíochta agus Teicneolaíocht Feistí Leighis."

"Sula ndeachaidh Rachel le GMIT, d'fhorbair sí teist leathan tionscail sna Tionscail Feistí Leighis agus Cógaisíochta áit inar thug sí léachtaí dá comhghleacaithe tionscail sna réimsí: Six Sigma, Innealtóireacht Cáilíochta, Staitisticí & Feabhsú Próisis. Is léir ón ábhar atá léite agam go n-aistríonn a cuid eispéarais tionscail isteach sna modhanna éagsúla teagaisc agus foghlama a fheidhmíonn sí, rud a chinntíonn go gcuireann sí beocht san ábhar dá cuid neach léinn. An rud is suntasaí is ea paisean agus inspreagadh Rachel don teagasc agus a tiomantas le bheith ina léachtóir eolach, spreagúil agus neach

Biomedical Engineering stream of subjects, so that our final year Mechanicals can specialise and prepare for jobs in the local Biomedical sector. And building on Liam's expertise, the Department has introduced a new degree in Biomedical Engineering to GMIT."

"Liam's own lectures are full of real-life examples straight from his research. He'll casually whip out props and sample devices, saying "Here's a lovely brain scan" or "Here's a really interesting aneurism we were working on the other day." He uses the flipped classroom approach, where students do their own research, guest speakers are invited, and there is plenty of class interaction, group discussion and debate".

Rachel McCarthy from Oranmore lectures on the Bachelor of Science in Quality for Industry programme and on Springboard courses such as the Certificate in Science in Quality Management and the Certificate in Science in Medical Device Technology within the Dept of Biopharmaceutical and Medical Science at the Dublin Road (Galway) campus.

Rachel is a positive, motivated professional with a passion for mentoring and training individuals and large groups. Rachel completed a BSc in Microbiology and a Postgraduate Diploma in Quality Assurance in NUIG before starting her career as a Validation Engineer with Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals in New Jersey. Rachel subsequently moved to Schering-Plough in Cork and then joined Boston Scientific, Galway as a Quality Engineer in 1996 where she gained the American Society for Quality (ASQ) Six Sigma Black Belt certification in 2008. To further inform and develop her teaching, Rachel is currently completing a Master's in teaching and learning in GMIT.

Dr Eugene McCarthy, Head of the Department of Biopharmaceutical and Medical Science, "paid tribute to Rachel at the conferring ceremony, outlining her work with full and part-time students, many of whom are employed in industry and returned to college to upskill: "Rachel's teaching extends to lectures, tutorials, work-based learning supervision, problem-based learning and facilitating workshops. She is also coordinator for the final year of the Bachelor of Science Honours in Quality for Industry and lectures on modules including Maths, Statistics, Quality Management and Medical Device Technology."

Prior to joining GMIT, Rachel developed an extensive industry track record in the Medical Device and Pharmaceutical industries where she delivered courses to industry colleagues in the areas of; Six Sigma, Quality Engineering, Statistics & Process Improvement. It is very clear from the material I have read that Rachel translates her industry experience into the various teaching and learning methods she applies, ensuring that she brings the subject matter to life for her students. What stands out is Rachel's passion and motivation for teaching and her dedication to be a knowledgeable, inspiring student-

léinnláraithe, í ag iarraidh na torthaí is fearr a bhaint amach, agus í ag cinntiú go mbeidh an neach léinn i gcroílár a smaointe tríd an fhealsúnacht ' Más tairbheach do na neacha léinn é, ba cheart dúinn é a dhéanamh."

"Tugadh aitheantas don fhócas neach léinnlárithe sin go hinmheánach in GMIT agus go seachtrach araon. Tá an toradh is airde sa tír bainte amach ag neacha léinn Rachel le linn na gcúig bliana seo caite i mBainistíocht Cáilíochta, iad ag gnóthachtáil gradam 'Neach Léinn na Bliana' de chuid an Excellence Ireland Quality Association (EIQA) do Bhainistíocht Cáilíochta 1 ag Duaiseanna Náisiúnta Q Mark."

"Is é an tuairisc a thugann neacha léinn ar a cur chuige don teagasc ná misniú leanúnach a chuireann lena gcuid féinchreidimh agus féinmhuiníne. Dúirt neach léinn amháin an chaoi a dtugann Rachel isteach, i dtús gach bliana acadúla, dearcáin a thit as crann darach ina gairdín le cur i gcuimhne do na neacha léinn an acmhainn ollmhór atá acu le haghaidh foghlama agus foráis.

Is bunaitheoir chlár an BSc sa Cháilíocht do Thionscal í Rachel in GMIT, agus bhí gliondar uirthi a bheith ar aon ardán le 31 neach léinn dá cuid arbh iad na chéad chéimithe onóracha (Leibhéal 8) den chlár iad ar an lá céanna a fuair sí Gradam an Uachtaráin don tSármhaitheas i dTeagasc.

centred lecturer, striving for the best results for her students and always ensuring the students are at the centre of her considerations by applying the philosophy 'if it benefits the students then we should do it!"

"This student-centred focus has been recognised both internally in GMIT and externally. A number of Rachel's students over the last five years have gained the highest result in the country in Quality Management, winning the Excellence Ireland Quality Association (EIQA) national "Student of the Year" award for Quality Management 1 at the National Q Mark Awards.

"Students describe her approach to teaching as one of continual encouragement, which builds their self-belief and confidence. One student noted how Rachel, at the beginning of each academic year, brings to class acorns fallen from the oak tree in her garden to remind her students of their huge potential for learning and growth.

Rachel is a founder of and a lecturer on the BSc in Quality for Industry programme in GMIT, and was delighted to share the stage with 31 of her students who were the first (level 8), honours graduates of this programme on the same day that she received the President's Award for Teaching Excellence.

Rachel McCarthy, Scoil Eolaíochta & Ríomhaireachta, GMIT, ar ar bhronn an Dr Michael Hannon, Uachtarán Gníomhach, Gradam an Uachtaráin don tSármhaitheas i dTeagasc ag an searmanas bronnta in Óstán Galmont na Gaillimhe le déanaí.

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Comhaltachtaí Oinigh bronnta ar cheathrar

Tá Comhaltachtaí Oinigh bronnta ag GMIT ar cheathrar daoine iontacha chun a sárchion sna réimsí gnó, eolaíochta, teicneolaíochta agus na n-ealaíon a onórú: an fiontraí agus eolaí Evelyn O'Toole, an t-eacnamaí an tOllamh John Fitzgerald, an t-ealaíontóir Andrew Pike agus an t-innealtóir/taighdeoir an Dr Camelia Chira.

Bhronn Uachtarán Gníomhach GMIT, an Dr Michael Hannon, na Comhaltachtaí in Óstán Galmont i nGaillimh i mí na Samhna, agus ag searmanas speisialta bronnta scoláireachta sa G Hotel an tseachtain seo caite.

Honorary Fellowships Awarded to Four Individuals

GMIT has conferred Honorary Fellowships on four remarkable individuals in honour of their outstanding contribution in the fields of business, science, technology and the arts: entrepreneur and scientist Evelyn O'Toole, economist Professor John Fitzgerald, artist Andrew Pike and software engineer/researcher Dr Camelia Chira.

The Fellowships were presented by GMIT's Acting President, Dr Michael Hannon, at the annual conferring of awards in the Galmont Hotel in Galway in November, and at a special scholarship presentation ceremony in the G Hotel last week.

5. Acmhainní Daonna

Staitisticí Foirne
mar a bhí ar 31 Lúnasa 2020

Catagóirí

Acadúil	404.31
Riarachán	164.25
Tacaíocht	136.59
Taighde/Féin mhaoinithe	82.66
Iomlán	**787.80**

Inscne

Fireann	352.03
Baineann	435.77
Iomlán	**787.80**

5. Human Resources

Staff Statistics
as at 31 August 2020

Categories

Academic	404.31
Admin	164.25
Support	136.59
Research/Self-financing	82.66
Total	**787.80**

Gender

Male	352.03
Female	435.77
Total	**787.80**

6. Tuarascáil Airgeadais

6. Financial Report

6.1 Tuarascáil Airgeadais

Ioncam agus Caiteachas

Ba é an t-ioncam iomlán in 2019/20 ná €88.8M rud a léiríonn méadú de €4.4M ó 2018/19. Ba é ba mhó ba chúis leis sin ná méadú ar Dheontais Stáit de €4.3M. Meaitseálann an t-amúchadh ar Dheontais Chaipitil Iarchurtha an muirear i leith Dímheasa don bhliain. Ar an gcaoi chéanna meaitseálann an cistiú pinsin iarchurtha na costais sochair scoir.

Ba é ba chúis leis na laghduithe ar Lónadóireacht agus Ioncam Eile ná an phaindéim COVID-19.

Ba é an caiteachas iomlán in 2019/20 ná €85.0M rud a léiríonn méadú de €2.7M ó 2018/19. Ba é ba chúis leis an méadú sin ná méadú ar chostais foirne de €2.8M agus laghdú ar chaiteachas Oibriúcháin de €0.9M.

Bhí breis ag ioncam ar chaiteachas de €3.8M sa bhliain.

Clár Comhardaithe

Ba é an caiteachas ar Shócmhainní Seasta ná €6.8M ar maoiníodh €1.98M de as deontas Athfhillteach Stáit agus maoiníodh an fuílleach as an gCúlchiste Forbartha Caipitil agus Deontais Stáit eile. Tar éis dímheas de €3.3M agus diúscairt de €0.09M a chur san áireamh, tháinig méadú ar shócmhainní seasta de réir na leabhar go €60.2M. Rinneadh méadú dá réir ar an gcuntas caipitil go €60.2M. Coinnítear an cuntas Cúlchiste Forbartha Caipitil chun forbairt saoráidí neacha léinn a chistiú agus ba é an t-iarmhéid ar 31 Lúnasa 2020 ná €7.5M.

6.1 Financial Report

Income and Expenditure

Total income in 2019/20 amounted to €88.8M which represents an increase of €4.4M from 2018/19. This was primarily driven by an an increase in State Grants of €4.3M. The amortisation of Deferred Capital Grants matches the Depreciation charge for the year. Likewise the Deferred pension funding matches the Retirement benefit costs.

The reductions in Catering and Other Income were driven by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Total expenditure in 2019/20 amounted to €85.0M which represents an increase of €2.7M from 2018/19. This increase was driven by staff costs increase of €2.8M and a reduction in Operating expenditure of €0.9M.

Income exceeded expenditure by €3.8M in the year.

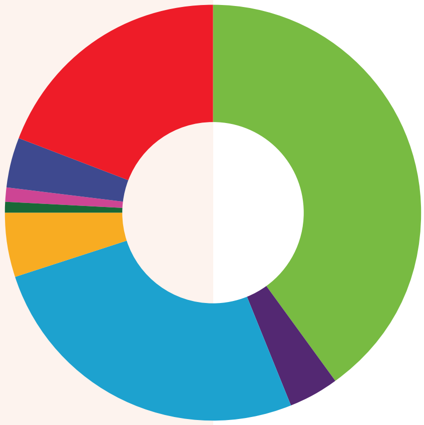
Balance Sheet

Expenditure on Fixed Assets amounted to €6.8M of which €1.98M was funded by State Recurrent grant, with the balance being funded from the Capital Development Reserve and other State Grants. Having allowed for depreciation of €3.5M and disposal of €0.09M, the net book value of fixed assets increased by €3.3M to €60.2M. The capital account was increased accordingly to €60.2M. The Capital Development Reserve account is held to fund the development of student facilities and the balance at 31st August 2020 was €7.5M.

Ioncam de réir Foinse 2019/20

Deontas Stáit	40%
Scaoileadh ón gCuntas Caipitil	4%
Táillí Teagaisc	26%
Deontais Taighde & Chonarthaí	5%
Ioncam ó Chistiú Aitheanta Tacaíochta Neacha Léinn	1%
Ioncam Lónadóireachta	1%
Ioncam Eile	4%
Cistiú Pinsin Iarchurtha	19%

Income by Source 2019/20

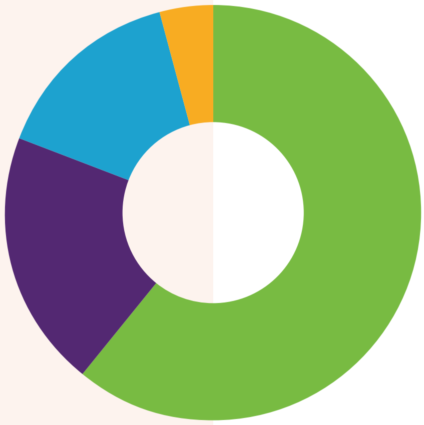


State Grant	40%
Release from Capital Account	4%
Tuition Fees	26%
Research Grants & Contracts	5%
Student Support Funding Income Recognised	1%
Catering Income	1%
Other Income	4%
Deferred Pension Funding	19%

Caiteachas de réir Foinse 2019/20

Costais Foirne	61%
Costais sochair scoir	20%
Speansais oibriúcháin eile	15%
Dímheas	4%

Expenditure 2019/20



Staff Costs	61%
Retirement Benefit Costs	20%
Other Operating Expenses	15%
Depreciation	4%

7. An Ghaeilge

7. Irish Language

An Ghaeilge

Cuireadh an Ghaeilge ar fáil mar ábhar roghnach léinn le linn na bliana acadúla 2019-20 ar chláir acadúla éagsúla a reachtáladh sa Scoil Turasóireachta Idirnáisiúnta agus i Scoil an Ghnó ar champas Bhóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath i nGaillimh suas go dtí leibhéal na céime onóraí. Bhí an Ghaeilge ar fáil mar ábhar roghnach ar chláir éagsúla i gcampas Chaisleán an Bharraigh, chomh maith. Cuireadh an t-ábhar Gaeilge na Cumarsáide ar fáil do mhic léinn Scannán agus Clár Faisnéise sa Lárionad do na hEalaíona Cruthaitheacha & na Meáin i nGaillimh. Modúl praiticiúil é seo a ullmhaíonn na mic léinn chun taithí a fháil in earnáil na meán Gaeilge. Reáchtáil Europus Teo. an cúrsa don Dioplóma Iarchéime i nGaeilge Fheidhmeach agus Aistriúchán ar an gCeathrú Rua, i nGaeltacht Chonamara, i gcomhar leis an Institiúid agus le hÚdarás na Gaeltachta. Tá sé seo ar cheann de na cúrsaí go náisiúnta atá ag tabhairt aghaidh ar an éileamh leanúnach atá ar aistritheoirí agus ar riarthóirí Gaeilge sna Forais Eorpacha.

Ghlac na léachtóirí Gaeilge lánpháirt in imeacht bhliantúil Lá na dTeangacha ar Champas Bhóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath go luath sa bhliain acadúil 2019-20. Is imeacht é seo atá dírithe ar thábhacht na dteangacha Eorpacha san oideachas tríú leibhéal a chur ar shúile na mac léinn. Cuireadh ceol, comórtais, bia agus deoch ar fáil i suíomh lárnach, agus mar is iondúil, bhí spraoi ag baint leis mar ócáid. I mí Eanáir 2020 d'eagraigh Scoil an Ghnó turas idirnáisiúnta cúig oíche ar na Forais Eorpacha. Turas é seo a eagraítear go bliantúil, ach den chéad uair rinneadh cúram ar leith de na deiseanna fostaíochta a bhain leis an nGaeilge sna Forais agus bhí duine de léachtóirí Gaeilge na hInstitiúide páirteach san aistear. Labhair breitheamh ón gCúirt Bhreithiúnais Eorpach leis na mic léinn ar thábhacht na Gaeilge, agus phléigh Ceann Gníomhach Aonad na Gaeilge in Ard-Stiúrthóireacht an Aistriúcháin sa Choimisiún Eorpach deiseanna fostaíochta leis na daoine sin sa ghrúpa ar shuim leo an Ghaeilge. Labhair fear as Gaeltacht na Gaillimhe atá anois ag obair i bParlaimint na hEorpa leis na mic léinn mar gheall ar a chuid oibre. Iar-mhac léinn ar chlár Léann Oidhreachta ITGM an fear céanna, a raibh staidéar déanta aige ar an nGaeilge mar chuid dá chúrsa.

Tharla an ghéarchéim COVID-19 i mí an Mhárta 2020. B'éigean gach teagasc agus measúnú sa chuid dheireanach den bhliain a dhéanamh trí mheán na cianfhoghlama. Bhain deacrachtaí ar leith leis an athrú seo i gcás múineadh teangacha ar nós na Gaeilge, ach tugadh aghaidh go cróga ar na dúshláin le teicneolaíocht agus le modhanna oibre nua.

Irish Language

Irish was provided as an optional subject of study during the academic year 2019-20 on various academic programmes run by the School of Tourism and Arts agus the School of Business Studies on the Dublin Road campus in Galway up to honours degree level. Irish was available as an optional subject on various programmes in the Mayo campus as well. The subject Communication Irish was provided for students of Film and Communications in the Centre for the Creative Arts & the Media in Galway. This is a practical module which prepares students for participation in the Irish language media sector. Again the course for the Postgraduate Diploma/MSc in Applied Irish agus Translation was run by Europus Teo. in Carna, in the Conamara Gaeltacht, in conjunction with the Institute and Údarás na Gaeltachta.. This is one of the courses nationally which addresses the continuing demand for Irish Language translators and administrators in the European Institutions.

The Irish language lecturers played a full part in the Languages Day annual event on the Dublin Road campus early in the 2019-20 academic year. The aim of this event is to make students aware of the importance of European languages in third level education. Music, competitions, food and drink were provided in a central situation and the occasion was a great success. In January 2020, the School of Business organised an international 5-night trip to the European Institutions. This trip is organised annually, but for the first time special attention was given to the employment opportunities associated with Irish in the Institutions, one of the Lecturers in Irish took part in the trip and the Acting Head of the Irish Unit at the Directorate General for Translation in the European Commission discussed employments prospects with those members of the group who had an interest in Irish. A man from the Galway Gaeltacht, who works presently in the European Parliament, spoke to the students about his work. This person is a former student on GMIT's Heritage Studies programme, who studied Irish as part of his course.

The COVID-19 pandemic arrived in March 2020. All teaching and assessment had to be done in the latter part of the year through distance learning. This presented particular difficulties for the teaching of languages, such as Irish, but with the help of new technology and working methods these challenges were faced resolutely.

8. Comhionannas Deiseanna

Is fostóir comhionannas deiseanna í Institiúid Teicneolaíochta na Gaillimhe-Maigh Eo. Sa cháilíocht sin, tá sí tiomanta do chomhionannas deiseanna do na fostaithe atá aici faoi láthair agus a bheidh aici sa todhchaí, agus do thimpeallacht oibre atá saor ó leatrom ar chúinsí inscne, stádas pósta, stádas teaghlaigh, creidimh reiligiúnaigh, treoshuímh ghnéasaigh, míchumais, aoise nó ballraíocht sa phobal siúil a chur chun cinn, de réir na reachtaíochta ábhartha (Achtanna Comhionannas Deiseanna Fostaíochta, 1998 agus 2008).

8. Equality of Opportunity

The Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology is an equal opportunities employer. As such, it is committed to equality of opportunity for existing and potential employees, and to providing a work environment free from discrimination on grounds of gender, marital status, family status, race, religious belief, sexual orientation, disability, age or membership of the travelling community, in accordance with the relevant legislation (Employment Equality Acts, 1998 and 2008).

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An Bord Rialaithe

Bunaíodh an Bord Rialaithe faoi Acht na gColáistí Teicniúla Réigiúnacha, 1992 go 2001 agus sannadh feidhmeanna breise faoi Acht na nInstitiúidí Teicneolaíochta 2006. Tá an Bord Rialaithe freagrach don Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais,Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta agus tá sé freagrach as dea-rialachas a chinntiú. Tá comhfhreagracht ar an mBord Rialaithe as gníomhaíochtaí na hInstitiúide a threorú agus a stiúradh agus comhlíonann sé príomhfheidhmeanna, ar a n-áirítear treo straitéiseach a athbhreithniú agus a threorú agus mórphleananna gníomhaíochta, polasaithe agus gnáthaimh riosca, pleananna bliantúla agus gnó, spriocanna feidhmíochta a leagan amach, monatóireacht a dhéanamh ar chur i bhfeidhm agus feidhmíocht na hInstitiúide, agus maoirseacht a dhéanamh ar chinntí mórchaiteachais agus infheistíochta. Gníomhaíonn an Bord Rialaithe ar bhonn lánfheasach agus eiticiúil, le hintinn mhaith, le díograis agus cúram cuí, agus ar son an leasa is fearr don Institiúid, agus aird mar is cuí á tabhairt ar a fhreagrachtaí dlí agus ar na cuspóirí a shocraíonn an Rialtas. Tá mar aidhm ag an mBord Rialaithe cloí le prionsabail scothchleachtais phoiblí ina chuid gníomhaíochtaí féin agus leis an úsáid a bhaineann sé as coistí.

Plean Straitéiseach, Cláir Bhliantúla agus Buiséad

Thug Bord Rialaithe na hInstitiúide faoi mheasúnú ar fheidhmíocht iarbhír, trí thagairt do Phlean Straitéiseach agus Buiséad na hInstitiúide agus ina dhiaidh sin d'fhaomh Clár Bliantúil agus Buiséad don Institiúid.

Oibríocht an Bhord Rialaithe, Feidhmeanna Forchoimeádta agus Cinntí atá Tarmligthe don Bhainistíocht

Tá comhfhreagracht ar Bhord Rialaithe na hInstitiúide as gníomhaíochtaí na hInstitiúide a threorú a chomhlíonann Cód Rialachais an ÚAO. Is feidhmeanna agus cinntí bainistíochta gach feidhm agus cinneadh nach bhfuil liostaithe go sonrach laistigh den Chód Rialachais (Aguisín B, Feidhmeanna Forchoimeádta, Feidhmeanna Reachtúla agus Riachtanais Rialála).

Comhlíonadh Chód Caiteachais Phoiblí

Deimhníonn Cathaoirleach Bhord Rialaithe na hInstitiúide go gcloíonn GMIT leis na gnéithe ábhartha den Chód Caiteachais Phoiblí agus go gcinntíonn an Bord Rialaithe go bhfuil córais agus gnáthaimh láidre éifeachtacha i bhfeidhm le comhlíonadh leis na prionsabail ábhartha agus le treoirlínte an Chód um Chaiteachas Poiblí. Féadfaidh GMIT a dhearbhú go gcomhlíontar na Treoirlínte um Bhreithmheas agus Bhainistiú Tograí Caipitil de réir mar is iomchuí. Tá beartaithe ag an Institiúid a gnáthaimh Tionscadail Chaipitil a leasú chun dáta faoi chríoch R2 2021.

Cruinnithe an Bhord Rialaithe

Le linn na tréimhse ó 1 Meán Fómnhair 2019 go 31 Lúnasa 2020 chas an Bord Rialaithe ar a chéile ar 10 n-ócáid ar leith ar na dátaí seo a leanas:

26 Meán Fómhair 2019	30 Eanáir 2020	28 Bealtaine 2020
31 Deireadh Fómhair 2019	27 Feabhra 2020	25 Meitheamh 2020
28 Samhain 2019	26 Márta 2020	27 Lúnasa 2020
12 Nollaig 2019		

Corporate Governance Statement

Governing Body

The Governing Body was established under the Regional Technical Colleges Act, 1992 to 2001 and additional functions were assigned under the Institutes of Technology Act 2006. The Governing Body is accountable to the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science and is responsible for ensuring good governance. Governing Body is collectively responsible for leading and directing the Institute's activities and fulfils key functions, including: reviewing and guiding strategic direction and major plans of action, risk management policies and procedures, annual budgets and business plans, setting performance objectives, monitoring implementation and Institute performance, and overseeing major capital expenditure and investment decisions. The Governing Body acts on a fully informed and ethical basis, in good faith, with due diligence and care, and in the best interest of the Institute, having due regard to its legal responsibilities and the objectives set by Government. The Governing Body seeks to comply with best practice public principles in its own activities and its use of committees.

Strategic Plan, Annual Programmes and Budget

The Institute's Governing Body has formally undertaken an evaluation of actual performance, by reference to the Institute's Strategic Plan and Budget and has subsequently approved an Annual Programme and Budget for the Institute.

Governing Body Operation, Reserved Functions and Decisions Delegated to Management

The Institute's Governing Body are collectively responsible for leading and directing the Institute's activities in compliance with the THEA Code of Governance. All functions and decisions that are not specifically listed within the Code of Governance (Appendix B, Reserved Functions, Statutory Functions and Regulatory Requirements) are functions and decisions of management.

Compliance with Public Spending Code

The Chairperson of the Institute's Governing Body confirms that GMIT adheres to the relevant aspects of the Public Spending Code and that the Governing Body has ensured robust and effective systems and procedures are in place to ensure compliance with the relevant principles, requirements, and guidelines of the Public Spending Code. GMIT can confirm that the Guidelines for the Appraisal and Management of Capital Proposals are being adhered to where appropriate. The Institute plans to update its Capital Project procedures by end of Q2 2021.

Governing Body Meetings

During the period from 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020 the Governing Body met on 10 separate occasions on the following dates:

26th September 2019	30th January 2020	28th May 2020
31st October 2019	27th February 2020	25th June 2020
28th November 2019	26th March 2020	27th August 2020
12th December 2019		

Fíor 1.1: Freastal ar Chruinnithe le linn na bliana dar críoch 31 Lúnasa 2020

	Bord Rialaithe	Iomlán na dTáillí & na Speansas	Táillí 2020 €	Speansais 2020 €
Líon na gcruinnithe	**10**			
Cormac MacDonncha	9/10	744		744
Michael Hannon	5/6	3,638		3,638
Mary Howard	5/7	3,303	1,995	1,308
Gareth Roe	10/10			
Joe Cunningham	5/10			
Mary Rogers	6/7			
Karey McHugh	1/10	552	427	125
Niall McNelis	5/7			
Michael Maher	8/10			
David Leahy	8/10			
Jayne Cooley	7/8			
Aaron Burke	8/8			
Michael Vaughan	6/7	711	570	141
Michael Geoghegan	10/10	488		488
Maire Ni Chionna	7/7	379		379
Tom Grady	7/10	622		622
Mary McGinley	8/10	94		94
Celestine Rowland	1/7			
Michael Lally	7/7	1,014	570	444
Saidhbh McIntyre	2/2			
Orla Flynn	4/4	383		383
Maria Ruddy	3/3			
Siobhan Kennedy	3/3			
Colm Keaveney	3/3			
Eleanor Rainsford	3/3			
Paul Murphy	3/3			
Maureen Walsh	3/3			
Terry O'Flaherty	2/3			
Gillian Buckley	0/1			
Victor O'Loughlin	2/2			

Chuaigh téarma an bhord rialaithe a bhí ann in éag i Márta 2020, agus ceapadh bord rialaithe nua in Aibreán 2020.
Reachtáladh deich gcruinniú den bhord rialaithe laistigh den bhliain acadúil, seacht gcinn leis an mballraíocht a bhí ann go dtí sin agus trí cinn le ballraíocht an bhord rialaithe nua. Léirítear sin sna cumraíochtaí éagsúla sa tábla thuas.

Bainistiú Riosca

Déanann an Bord Rialaithe creat bainistithe riosca na hInstitiúide a fhaomhadh agus déanann monatóireacht ar a éifeachtacht, faomhadh agus maoirseacht ar Pholasaí Bainistithe Riosca GMIT, ar a n-áirítear athbhreithnithe struchtúraithe agus tréimhsiúla agus nuashonraithe ar Chlár Riosca Chorparáidigh na hInstitiúide ag an bhFoireann Feidhmeanach Bainistithe. Cuimsíonn an t-athbhreithniú seo measúnú ar na príomhrioscaí, rátáil riosca agus maolaithe gaolmhara ar gach ceann de na rioscaí atá leagtha amach i gClár Riosca Chorparáidigh na hInstitiúide.

An Coiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca

Is é Bord Rialaithe na hInstitiúide a leagann amach na Téarmaí Tagartha don Choiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca agus cuimsíonn siad soláthar maidir le:

- Ballraíocht
- Riachtanais tuairiscithe
- Údarás chun imscrúdaithe
- Cruinnithe – am, láimhseáil agus minicíocht
- Riachtanais faisnéise

Figure 1.1: Meetings Attended during year ended 31 August 2020

	Governing Body	Total Fees & Expenses	Fees 2020 €	Expenses 2020 €
Number of meetings	**10**			
Cormac MacDonncha	9/10	744		744
Michael Hannon	5/6	3,638		3,638
Mary Howard	5/7	3,303	1,995	1,308
Gareth Roe	10/10			
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Colm Keaveney	3/3			
Eleanor Rainsford	3/3			
Paul Murphy	3/3			
Maureen Walsh	3/3			
Terry O'Flaherty	2/3			
Gillian Buckley	0/1			
Victor O'Loughlin	2/2			

In March 2020 the existing governing body's term expired, and a new governing body was formed in April 2020.
There were ten governing body meetings held within the academic year, seven with existing membership and three with the new governing body membership. This is reflected in the different divisors in the above table.

Risk Management

The Governing Body approves the Institute's risk management framework and monitors its effectiveness, approval, and oversight of GMIT's Risk Management Policy including structured and periodic reviews and updates to the Institute Corporate Risk Register by the Executive Management Team. This review includes an assessment of the principal risks, risk rating and associated mitigations for each of the risks set out in the Institute Corporate Risk Register.

Audit and Risk Committee

The Terms of Reference for the Audit and Risk Committee are set by the Governing Body of the Institute and include provision regarding:

- Membership
- Reporting requirements
- Authority to investigate
- Meetings – timing, conduct and frequency
- Information requirements

- Luach ar airgead
- Rialachas agus freagrachtaí maidir le:
- Bainistiú riosca
- Rialú inmheánach
- Iniúchadh inmheánach
- Iniúchadh seachtrach
- Athbhreithniú ar a éifeachtacht féin

Tá Cathaoirleach an Bhord Rialaithe sásta gur chomhlíon an Coiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca a ról go héifeachtach agus gur chomhlíon sé na riachtanais maidir le minicíocht na gcruinnithe sa bhliain acadúil seo.
Féach Fíor 1.2 thíos le haghaidh sonraí na gcruinnithe a reáchtáladh le linn na bliana.

Cruinnithe eile Coiste

Féach Fíor 1.2 thíos le haghaidh sonraí na gcruinnithe a reáchtáladh le linn na bliana.

Fíor 1.2: Freastal ar Chruinnithe le linn na bliana dar críoch 31 Lúnasa 2020

	Fochoiste Champas Mhaigh Eo	Fochoiste Airgeadais	Fochoiste EDI (Comhionannas, Éagsúlacht & Ionchuimsiú)	Fochoiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca
Líon na gCruinnithe	4	6	2	4
Joe Cunningham				3/3
David Leahy				3/4
Cliona Pierse				4/4
Jerry O' Leary				3/3
Siobhan Kennedy				1/1
Michael Maher	4/4	6/6		
Michael Hannon	3 /4	4/4		
Orla Flynn		2/2		
Michael Geoghegan	2/4	4/6		
Paul Shelly		6/6		
Hannah Kiely		6/6		
Mary Howard		4/4		
Michael Lally	4/4	2/2		
Maria Ruddy		2/2		
Mary McGinley			2/2	4/4
Anne Scott			2/2	
Jacqueline McCormack			2/2	
Jayne Cooley			2/2	
Michael Vaughan			2/2	
Cormac MacDonncha	4/4			
Gary Tobin	2/3			
Tom Grady	1/1			
Neville McClenaghan	4/4			
Clodagh Geraghty	4/4			
Mark Garavan	4/4			
Mike Devane	4/4			
Lorna Elms	2/4			
Peter Hynes	4/4			
Tom Canavan	4/4			
Kevin Higgins	4/4			
Catherine Donoghue	0/4			
Aaron Burke	0/4			
Tom Grady	2/4			

Chuaigh téarma An Choiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca in éag laistigh den bhliain. Léirítear é sin sna cumraíochtaí éagsúla sa tábla thuas.

- Value for money
- Governance and responsibilities regarding:
- Risk management
- Internal control
- Internal audit
- External audit
- Review of its own effectiveness

The Chairperson of the Governing Body is satisfied that the Audit and Risk Committee has discharged its role effectively and efficiently and has met the requirements with regard to frequency of meetings in this academic year. See figure 1.2 below for details of meetings held during the year.

Other Committee Meetings

See figure 1.2 below for details of meetings held during the year.

Figure 1.2: Meetings Attended during year ended 31 August 2020

	Mayo Campus Subcommittee	Finance Subcommittee	EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) Subcommittee	Audit and Risk Committee
Number of Meetings	4	6	2	4
Joe Cunningham				3/3
David Leahy				3/4
Cliona Pierse				4/4
Jerry O' Leary				3/3
Siobhan Kennedy				1/1
Michael Maher	4/4	6/6		
Michael Hannon	3 /4	4/4		
Orla Flynn		2/2		
Michael Geoghegan	2/4	4/6		
Paul Shelly		6/6		
Hannah Kiely		6/6		
Mary Howard		4/4		
Michael Lally	4/4	2/2		
Maria Ruddy		2/2		
Mary McGinley			2/2	4/4
Anne Scott			2/2	
Jacqueline McCormack			2/2	
Jayne Cooley			2/2	
Michael Vaughan			2/2	
Cormac MacDonncha	4/4			
Gary Tobin	2/3			
Tom Grady	1/1			
Neville McClenaghan	4/4			
Clodagh Geraghty	4/4			
Mark Garavan	4/4			
Mike Devane	4/4			
Lorna Elms	2/4			
Peter Hynes	4/4			
Tom Canavan	4/4			
Kevin Higgins	4/4			
Catherine Donoghue	0/4			
Aaron Burke	0/4			
Tom Grady	2/4			

The Audit and Risk Committee and Finance Subcommittee term expired within the year. This is reflected in the different divisors in the above table.

Measúnacht Feidhmíochta an Bhord Rialaithe agus a Choistí

Tá an Bord Rialaithe tiomanta d'athbhreithnithe bliantúla a dhéanamh ar a éifeachtacht. Chuir Mazars athbhreithniú seachtrach i gcrích in Aibreán 2019. Cuireadh tús le Bord Rialaithe nua in Aibreán 2020 agus déanfar féinmheasúnú ar an mBord Rialaithe nua seo agus ar a fhochoistí sa Dara Ceathrú 2021.

Fadhbanna Ginearálta Rialachais agus Cuntasachta

Is féidir le GMIT a dheimhniú nach bhfuil aon fhadhbanna rialachais agus cuntasachta ar mhaith leis an Institiúid a chur faoi bhráid an Aire Oideachais & Scileanna agus an ÚAO.

Diúscairt Sócmhainne

Is féidir le GMIT a dheimhniú nach ndearnadh aon diúscairtí sócmhainní ná rochtain ar réadmhaoin ná bonneagar a thabhairt ar mhaithe le socruithe tráchtála le tríú páirtithe os cionn an tairseach de €150,000 a bhí faoi réir ag ceant ná próiseas tairisceana iomaíche le linn na bliana airgeadais.

Forbairtí Tábhachtacha Tráchtálacha a bhaineann leis an Institiúid

Rinne GMIT, i gcomhar lena comhpháirtithe CCU, Institiúidí Shligigh agus Leitir Ceanainn, iarratas ar 21 Bealtaine 2021 le bheith ainmnithe mar Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta in 2021 a mbeadh mar thoradh air, má éiríonn leis, cumasc na dtrí institiúid.

Achoimre ar na Bearta go léir Lasmuigh de Chlár Comhardaithe na hInstitiúide

Níor tharla Bearta airgeadais ar bith Lasmuigh den Chlár Comhardaithe le linn na bliana dar críoch 31 Lúnasa 2020.

Cód Iompraíochta do Bhaill agus d'Fhostaithe

Is féidir le GMIT a dheimhniú gur cuireadh an Cód Iompraíochta do Bhaill agus d'Fhostaithe araon i bhfeidhm. I Meán Fómhair 2020 d'fhaomh an Bord Rialaithe Polasaí agus Gnáthamh Coinbhleachta Leasa GMIT. Cuimsíonn siad-sin polasaithe soiléire coinbhleachta leasa agus eitice in oifig phoiblí.

Comhlíonadh Polasaí Rialtais maidir le Tuarastal an Uachtaráin agus Fostaithe Institiúide

Is féidir le GMIT a dheimhniú gur chomhlíon an Institiúid a cuid dualgas faoi pholasaí an Rialtais i dtaca le tuarastal an Uachtaráin agus fostaithe eile Institiúide.

Déan tagairt freisin le do thoil do na ráitis airgeadais, nochtadh nóta 9.

Ráiteas maidir le Comhlíonadh

Deimhníonn Cathaoirleach GMIT go bhfuil Treorlínte Tuarastail an Rialtais i dtaca le cibé ceapaithe a dhéanann freastal ar an mBord Rialaithe agus fochuideachtaí na hInstitiúide á gcomhlíonadh.

Tuairisciú Nochta faoi Rún – An tAcht um Nochtadh Cosanta 2014

Deimhníonn an Bord Rialaithe gur cuireadh gnáthaimh i bhfeidhm do Thuairisciú Nochta faoi Rún in GMIT. Ligeann na gnáthaimh seo d'fhostaithe ábhair imní a ardú maidir le mírialtachtaí féideartha i dtuairisciú airgeadais nó ábhair ar bith eile, mar aon le leanúint bhríoch ar ábhair a ardaítear ar an gcaoi sin a chinntiú. Tá an Tuairisciú Nochta faoi Rún atá i bhfeidhm in GMIT ag teacht leis an Acht um Nochtadh Cosanta 2014. Deimhníonn an Bord Rialaithe freisin gur foilsíodh an tuarascáil bhliantúil, a éilítear faoi alt 22(1) den Acht. Ní bhfuarthas aon nochtaí cosanta ó fhostaithe GMIT le linn na bliana.

Dlíthe Cánach

Deimhníonn GMIT gur chomhlíon an Institiúid a cuid dualgas faoin dlí cánach. Déan tagairt le do thoil do na ráitis airgeadais, nochtadh nóta 11.

Diospóidí Dlí

Tá miondealú ar na costais/réitigh dlí cuimsithe ar leathanach 9. Níl diospóidí dlí ar bith ag GMIT a bhaineann le Comhlachtaí Stáit eile.

Performance Evaluation of the Governing Body and its Committees

The Governing Body is committed to performing annual reviews of its effectiveness. An external review was completed by Mazars in April 2019. A new Governing Body commenced in April 2020 and a self-assessment by this new Governing Body and its subcommittees will take place in Q2 2021.

General Governance and Accountability Issues

GMIT can confirm that there are no governance and accountability issues that the Institute wishes to bring to the attention of the Minister for Education & Skills and the HEA.

Asset Disposals

GMIT can confirm there were no disposals of assets or grants of access to property or infrastructure for commercial arrangements with third parties above the threshold of €150,000 which have not been subject to auction or competitive tendering process during the financial year.

Commercially Significant Developments affecting the Institute

GMIT, in collaboration with its CUA partners Sligo and Letterkenny Institutes of Technology, made an application on 21st May 2021 for designation as a Technological University in 2021 which, if successful, would result in a merger of the three institutions.

Summary of all Off-Balance Sheet Transactions of the Institute

There were no off-Balance Sheet financial transactions during the year ended 31 August 2020.

Code of Conduct for Members and Employees

GMIT can confirm that a Code of Conduct for both Members and Employees has been implemented. In September 2020 the Governing Body approved the GMIT Conflict of Interest Policy and Procedure. These include clear conflict of interest and ethics in public office policies.

Compliance with Government Policy on Pay of the President and Institute Employees

GMIT can confirm that the Institute has complied with its obligations under the Government policy on the pay of the President and all other Institute employees.

Please also refer to financial statements, disclosure note 9.

Statement of Compliance

The Chairperson of GMIT confirms that Government Pay Guidelines are being complied with in respect of such appointees who serve on the Governing Body and any subsidiaries of the Institute.

Confidential Disclosure Reporting – Protected Disclosures Act 2014

The Governing Body confirms that procedures for Confidential Disclosure Reporting have been implemented in GMIT. These procedures allow employees to raise concerns in confidence about possible irregularities in financial reporting or any other matters, as well as ensuring meaningful follow-up of matters raised this way. The Confidential Disclosure Reporting in place at GMIT is in line with the Protected Disclosures Act 2014. The Governing Body also confirms that the annual report, as required under section 22(1) of the Act, has been published. There were no protected disclosures received from employees of GMIT during the year.

Tax Laws

GMIT can confirm that the Institute has complied with its obligations under tax law. Please also refer to financial statements, disclosure note 11.

Legal Disputes

A breakdown of the legal costs/settlements is included on page 9. GMIT has no legal disputes involving other State Bodies.

Fochuideachtaí na hInstitiúide

Tá fochuideachta amháin ag GMIT don bhliain dar críoch 31 Lúnasa 2020, ach scoir sí den trádáil ar an dáta sin. Aistríodh an gnó do GMIT. Rinneadh fostaithe de GMIT d'fhostaithe uile na cuideachta. Baineann Cód Rialachais an ÚAO leis an bhfochuideachta. Cuirtear ráitis bhliantúla airgeadais ar fáil don Bhord Rialaithe.

Cothromaíocht inscne, éagsúlachta, agus ionchuimsithe

Aithníonn GMIT an tábhacht a bhaineann le héagsúlacht agus ionchuimsiú do na baill foirne agus neacha léinn uile de chuid na hInstitiúide. Chuige sin tá roinnt tionscnamh curtha i bhfeidhm ag an Institiúid a bhfuil mar aidhm acu timpeallacht ionchuimsitheach a chur chun cinn, ar a n-áirítear

- Bronnadh Gradam Cré-umha Athena SWAN ar GMIT i Márta 2021
- Creat Toilithe a chur i bhfeidhm (ar leanúint ó 2019)
- Bunú Líonra LBGT+ - & Foirne Chomhghuaillíochta – le seoladh i gCeathrú 1 2021 (obair leanúnach ó Cheathrú3 2020)
- Sraith imeachtaí agus aoi-chainteoirí chun an t-ionchuimsiú a chur chun cinn (ar leanúint ó Cheathrú 3 2019) ar a n-áirítear cláir imeachtaí chun Lá Domhanda na mBan, Lá Domhanda na bhFear, Lá Idirnaisiúnta do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumais, Feasacht ar Idirghnéas etc. a cheiliúradh.

Maidir le ballraíocht an Bhord Rialaithe, cé gur féidir leis an Institiúid baint a bheith aici, agus go raibh baint aici leis an bpróiseas ceapacháin, déanann an Rialtas na cinntí ceapacháin. Mar a bhí ar 31 Lúnasa 2020, tá 9 mball bhaineanna (47%) agus 10 mball fhireanna (53%) ag an mBord Rialaithe. Dá bhrí sin comhlíonann an Bord Rialaithe sprioc an Rialtais go mbeadh íosmhéid de 40% ionadaíochta ag gach inscne i mballraíocht bhoird na gcomhlachtaí stáit.

Déan tagairt le do thoil d'Fhíor 1.1 le haghaidh liostáil bhaill an Bhoird Rialaithe.

Taisteal agus Cothú

	2020 €	2019 €
Taisteal Intíre	330,331	411,563
Taisteal Idirnáisiúnta	294,721	444,198
Iomlán	**625,052**	**855,761**

Caiteachas ar Fháilteachas

	2020 €	2019 €
Imeachtaí Foirne	28,741	28,895
Imeachta Neacha Léinn (costais a bhaineann le bronnadh céime as an áireamh)	46,636	31,597
Caiteachas Eile	8,824	36,418
Iomlán	**84,201**	**96,910**

Costais/Réitigh Dlí

	2020 €	2019 €
Táillí Gairmiúla	6,989	63,066
Réitigh	-	-
Iomlán	**6,989**	**63,066**

Táillí Comhairliúcháin

	2020 €	2019 €
Táillí Gairmiúla: Dlí	6,989	63,066
Táillí Gairmiúla: Comhairle chánach agus airgeadais	57,331	70,444
Táillí Gairmiúla: Caidreamh poiblí/margaíocht	159,581	82,345
Táillí Gairmiúla: Pinsin agus acmhainní daonna	27,963	37,949
Táillí Gairmiúla: Eile	319,469	318,807
Iomlán	**571,333**	**572,611**

Institute Subsidiaries

GMIT has one subsidiary for the year ended 31st August 2020, and it ceased to trade on that date. The business has been transferred to GMIT. All employees of the company have become employees of GMIT. The THEA Code of Governance applies to the subsidiary. Annual financial statements are provided to the Governing Body.

Gender balance, diversity, and inclusion

GMIT recognises the importance of diversity and inclusion for all staff and students of the Institute. To that regard the Institute has implemented a number of initiatives aimed at further promoting an inclusive environment, including:

- GMIT Awarded Athena SWAN Bronze Award in March 2021
- Implementation of Consent Framework (ongoing since 2019)
- Establishment of LBGT+ & Allies Staff Network - to launch in Q2 2021 (work ongoing since Q3 2020)
- Series of events and guest speakers to promote inclusion (ongoing since Q3 2019) including programmes of events to celebrate International Women's Day, International Men's Day, International Day for People with Disabilities, Intersex Awareness etc.

With respect to the membership of the Governing Body, while the Institute can, and has, engaged in the appointments process, the appointment decisions are made by the Minister. As at 31st August 2020 the Governing Body had 9 (47%) female and 10 (53 %) male members. The Governing Body therefore meets the Government target of a minimum of 40% representation of each gender in the membership of boards of state bodies.

Please refer to Figure 1.1 for the listing of Governing Body members.

Travel and Subsistence

	2020 €	2019 €
Domestic Travel	330,331	411,563
International Travel	294,721	444,198
Total	**625,052**	**855,761**

Hospitality Expenditure

	2020 €	2019 €
Staff Events	28,741	28,895
Student Events (excluding costs associated with conferring)	46,636	31,597
Other External	8,824	36,418
Total	**84,201**	**96,910**

Legal Costs/Settlements

	2020 €	2019 €
Professional Fees	6,989	63,066
Settlements	-	-
Total	**6,989**	**63,066**

Consultancy Fees

	2020 €	2019 €
Professional Fees: Legal	6,989	63,066
Professional Fees: Tax and financial advisory	57,331	70,444
Professional Fees: Public relations/marketing	159,581	82,345
Professional Fees: Pensions and human resources	27,963	37,949
Professional Fees: Other	319,469	318,807
Total	**571,333**	**572,611**

An Tuarascáil Bhliantúil agus na Ráitis Airgeadais

Rinne an Bord Rialaithe an Tuarascáil Bhliantúil agus na Ráitis Airgeadais a athbhreithniú agus a fhaomadh agus measann gur dearcadh fíor agus cothrom iad na Ráitis Airgeadais ar fheidhmíocht airgeadais na hInstitiúide agus a riocht airgeadais ag deireadh na bliana.

Ráiteas maidir le Freagracht na hInstitiúide

Éilíonn na hAchtanna um Institiúidí Teicneolaíochta 1992 go 2006 ar an Institiúid ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú ar dóigh a d'fhéadfadh faomhadh a fháil ón Údarás um Ard-Oideachas agus iad a chur faoi bhráid an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste le haghaidh iniúchta. Agus na ráitis airgeadais seo á n-ullmhú, éilítear ar an Institiúid:

- Polasaithe cuntasaíochta oiriúnacha a roghnú agus iad a chur i bhfeidhm go seasta;
- Breithiúnais agus meastacháin a dhéanamh atá ciallmhar agus críonna;
- Na ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú ar bhonn an ghnóthais leantaigh, mura mbeadh an bonn sin mí-oiriúnach;
- Aon athrú tábhachtach ar chaighdeáin chuntasaíochta is infheidhme a nochtadh agus a mhíniú.

Tá an Institiúid freagrach freisin as leabhair chearta chuntasaíochta a choinneáil a thabharfaidh le fios go réasúnta cruinn ag am ar bith staid airgeadais na hInstitiúide agus a chuirfidh ar a cumas a chinntiú go gcomhlíonann na ráitis airgeadais na hAchtanna um Institiúidí Teicneolaíochta 1992 go 2006.

Tá an Institiúid freagrach freisin as sábháilteacht a cuid sócmhainní agus as bearta réasúnta a ghlacadh chun caimiléireacht nó mírialtachtaí eile a chosc agus a bhrath.

Ráiteas maidir le Comhlíonadh

Deimhníonn GMIT go bhfuil an Cód Cleachtais le haghaidh Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit, 2016 mar atá cuimsithe sa Chód Rialachais d'Institiúidí Teicneolaíochta de chuid an ÚAO curtha i bhfeidhm agus go bhfuil gnáthaimh curtha i bhfeidhm chun comhlíonadh leis an gCód seo a chinntiú. Tá GMIT comhlíontach go substaintiúil le Cód Rialachais an ÚAO don bhliain dar críoch 31 Lúnasa 2020. Táthar ag súil le lánchomhlíonadh faoi dheireadh Ráithe4 2021.

Cormac MacDonncha Uas.
Cathaoirleach, Bord Rialaithe GMIT

Dáta: 19 Samhain 2021

An Dr Orla Flynn
Uachtarán, GMIT

Dáta: 19 Samhain 2021

Annual Report and Financial Statements

The Governing Body has reviewed and approved the Annual Report and Financial Statements and considers the Financial Statements to be a true and fair view of the Institute's financial performance and its financial position at the end of the year.

Statement of Responsibility of the Institute

The Institutes of Technology Acts 1992 to 2006 require the Institute to prepare Financial Statements in such form as may be approved by the Higher Education Authority and to submit them for audit to the Comptroller and Auditor General. In preparing these Financial Statements, the Institute is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare Financial Statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Institute will continue in operation.
- Disclose and explain any material departures from applicable accounting standards.

The Institute is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Institute and which enables it to ensure that the Consolidated Financial Statements comply with the Institutes of Technology Acts 1992 to 2006.

The Institute is also responsible for safeguarding its assets and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of Compliance

GMIT confirms it has adopted the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies, 2016 as encapsulated by the THEA Code of Governance for Institutes of Technology and has put procedures in place to ensure compliance with this Code. GMIT is substantially compliant with the THEA Code of Governance for year ended 31st August 2020. Full compliance is anticipated by end of Q4 2021.

Mr Cormac MacDonncha
Chairman, GMIT Governing Body

Date: 19th Nov 2021

Dr Orla Flynn
President, GMIT

Date: 19th Nov 2021

Ráiteas maidir le Córas Rialaithe Inmheánaigh

Raon na Freagrachta

Ar son Bhord Rialaithe GMIT admhaímid an fhreagracht atá orainn as córas éifeachtach rialaithe inmheánaigh a choinneáil agus a oibriú san Institiúid agus as próisis agus gnáthaimh a chur i bhfeidhm chun a chinntiú go bhfuil an córas éifeachtach. Léiríonn an fhreagrach sin riachtanais an Chód Cleachtais do Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit (2016) mar a chuimsítear i gCód Rialachais an ÚAO d'Institiúidí Teicneolaíochtaí é.

Cuspóir leis an gCóras Rialuithe Inmheánaigh

Tá an córas rialuithe inmheánaigh ceaptha chun riosca a bhainistí go dtí leibhéal inghlactha seachas é a dhíothú. Ní féidir leis an gcóras dá bhrí sin ach ráthaíocht réasúnta agus ní ráthaíocht iomlán a chur ar fáil go bhfuil sócmhainní á gcosaint, bearta á n-údarú agus a thaifeadadh i gceart, agus earráidí nó mírialtachtaí á gcosc nó á mbrath go tráthúil.

Tá an córas rialuithe inmheánacha, atá de réir na treorach atá eisithe ag an Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athleasaithe, i bhfeidhm in GMIT don bhliain dar críoch 31 Lúnasa 2020 agus go dtí an dáta inar faomhadh na ráitis airgeadais.

Athbhreithniú Bliantúil ar Éifeachtacht Rialaithe Inmheánaigh

Rinne an Bord Rialaithe athbhreithniú ar an gcóras rialaithe inmheánaigh don bhliain dar críoch 31 Lúnasa 2020.

Nochtadh Sáruithe ar Rialú Inmheánach, Laige i Rialú Inmheánach agus Caillteanais Ábhartha nó Calaoisí

Laigí i Rialú Inmheánach:

Tugadh aghaidh ar laigí i rialú inmheánach a sainaithníodh le linn na tréimhse, agus cuireadh gníomhaíochtaí rialaithe i bhfeidhm nó ar siúl ag deireadh na bliana. Níor sainaithníodh caillteanais nó míráitis ábhartha ar bith le linn na tastála neamhspleáiche a rinne na hiniúchóirí inmheánacha.

Tá cur síos ar laigí rialaithe sa tábla thíos.

Réimse neamh-chomhlíontachta nó laigí i rialú inmheánach	Gníomhaíochtaí le déanamh chun comhlíontacht a bhaint amach nó laigí a cheartú	Dáta dlite nó dáta cur i bhfeidhm
Córais agus slándáil TF: Sainaithníodh laigí i rialachas TF	Coiste rialachais TF a bhunú chun maoirseacht a dhéanamh ar phlean um chur i ngníomh.	An coiste bunaithe agus tharla an chéad chruinniú ar 30 Aibreán 2020
Comhlíonadh Chód Rialachais an ÚAO d'Institiúidí Teicneolaíochta 2018	Plean um chur i ngníomh chun comhlíonadh a chinntiú faoi dheireadh Cheathrú4 2021	Ceathrú4 2021
Tar éis achainí ón Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste, rinne an Institiúid mionanailís ar an muirear dímheasa sócmhainní seasta. Sainaithníodh fadhb in áireamh dímheasa stairiúla ar na sócmhainní a aistríodh go GMIT ó CGOG in Eanáir 1993.	Mar thoradh ar an anailís, thug an Institiúid faoi deara go raibh tearc-dhímheas ar roinnt sócmhainní seasta agus amúchadh dá réir ar an deontas caipitil. Nochtadh coigeartú réamhbhliana sna ráitis airgeadais do 2017/18. Níor chuir sé isteach ar na cúlchistí ioncaim agus caiteachais.	Curtha i gcrích Deireadh Fómhair 2019
Bhí suim de €9,000.00 i gceist le soláthar neamhchomhlíontach le linn na bliana dar críoch 31/08/20.	Déanann an oifig cheannacháin monatóireacht ar an gcaiteachas carnach ar bhonn atrátha d'fhonn tairseacha soláthair a chomhlíonadh.	Curtha i ngníomh le linn na bliana dar críoch 31 Lúnasa 2020
D'oscail club 'Tionscnamh Glas' ar champas Chaisleán an Bharraigh GMIT cuntas bainc agus cuntas comharchreidmheasa in ainm na hInstitiúide, gan réamheolas ná faomhadh bhainistíocht GMIT chun é sin a dhéanamh.	• Cuntais le bheith dúnta • Ba chóir don Institiúid athbhreithniú agus uasdátú a dhéanamh ar a polasaithe agus gnáthaimh maidir le cuntais bainc a oscailt in ainm na hInstitiúide.	• Márta 2019 • Curtha i gcrích Bealtaine 2020

Statement on System of Internal Control

Scope of Responsibility

On behalf of the Governing Body of GMIT we acknowledge our responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal controls is maintained and operated in the Institute and for putting in place processes and procedures for the purpose of ensuring that the system is effective. This responsibility reflects the requirements of the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies (2016) as encapsulated by the THEA Code of Governance for Institutes of Technology.

Purpose of the System of Internal Controls

The system of internal controls is designed to manage risk to an acceptable level rather than to eliminate it. The system can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or detected in a timely way.

The system of internal controls, which accords with guidance issued by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, has been in place in GMIT for the year ended 31 August 2020 and up until the date of approval of the financial statements.

Annual Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Control

The Governing Body conducted an annual review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control for the year ended 31 August 2020 on the 10th December 2020.

Disclosure of Breaches in Internal Control, Weakness in Internal Control and Material Losses or Frauds

Weaknesses in internal control:

Weaknesses in internal control that have been identified during the period have been addressed, with control actions put in place or in progress at the year end. No material losses or misstatements were identified during the course of independent testing carried out by the internal auditors.

Internal control weaknesses are outlined in the table.

Area of non-compliance or weaknesses in internal control	Actions to be taken to attain compliance or correct weaknesses	Due date or date implemented
IT systems and security: weaknesses identified in IT governance	Establish IT governance committee to oversee implementation plan.	Committee established and first meeting took place on April 30th, 2020
THEA Code of Governance for Institutes of Technology 2018 compliance	Implementation plan in place to ensure compliance by end of Q4 2021	Q4 2021
Following a request from the Comptroller and Auditor General, the Institute performed a detailed analysis of the fixed asset depreciation charge. An issue was identified on the historic depreciation calculation of assets transferred to GMIT from Galway VEC in January 1993.	As a result of the analysis, the Institute noted that there was an under depreciation of certain fixed assets with a corresponding under amortisation of the capital grant. A prior year adjustment was disclosed in the 2017/18 financial statements. There was no impact on the income and expenditure reserves.	Completed October 2019
Non-compliant procurement during the year ended 31/08/20 amounted to €9,000.00.	Purchase office monitors cumulative spend on a rolling 12-month basis, to ensure compliance with procurement thresholds.	Implemented during the year ended 31st August 2020
A 'Green Initiative' club on the GMIT Castlebar campus opened a bank account and a credit union account in the name of the Institute, without the prior knowledge or approval of GMIT management to do so.	• Accounts to be closed • The Institute should review and update its existing policies and procedures for opening bank accounts in the name of the Institute.	• March 2019 • Completed May 2020

Athbhreithniú ar an Ráiteas Rialaithe Inmheánaigh

Deimhnímid go ndéanann an Coiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca agus an Bord Rialaithe athbhreithniú ar an Ráiteas ar an gCóras Rialaithe Inmheánaigh d'fhonn a chinntiú go léiríonn sé go cruinn oibriú an chórais rialaithe le linn na tréimhse tuairiscithe.

Timpeallacht Iomchuí Rialaithe

Tá cúram glactha ag Bord Rialaithe chun a chinntiú go bhfuil timpeallacht rialaithe iomchuí i bhfeidhm trí:

- Freagrachtaí bainistíochta a shainiú go soiléir
- Gnáthaimh agus rialacháin a fhorbairt a athbhreithnítear go rialta agus atá doiciméadaithe, curtha i ngníomh agus suas chun dáta
- Gnáthaimh fhoirmiúla a chur ar bun trí feidhmeanna coiste éagsúla chun monatóireacht a dhéanamh ar ghníomhaíochtaí agus sócmhainní na heagraíochta a chosaint
- Cultúr tréan cuntasachta a fhorbairt thar gach leibhéal den eagraíocht
- Gnáthaimh a bhunú chun clistí suntasacha rialaithe a thuairisciú agus a chinntiú go nglactar gníomh ceartaitheach
- Glacadh agus cloí le Cód Cleachtais le haghaidh Rialachas Chuideachtaí Stáit mar atá cuimsithe i gCód Rialachais d'Institiúidí Teicneolaíochta an ÚAO
- A chinntiú go gcuimsíonn an timpeallacht rialaithe Coiste gníomhach Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca, feidhm iniúchóireachta inmheánaí agus tuairisciú rialta don Bhord Rialaithe maidir le torthaí airgeadais

Rioscaí Gnó

Tá próisis forbartha ag GMIT chun rioscaí gnó a shainaithint agus a mheasúnú. Déantar é sin ar bhealaí éagsúla ar a n-áirítear:

- Samhail Gníomhaíochtaí Bunriachtanacha & Próisis a fhorbairt chun cuidiú leis an mbainistíocht agus leis an mBord Rialaithe chun na príomhghníomhaíochtaí a shainaithint agus na próisis atá i bhfeidhm chun a oibríocht a bhainistiú go héifeachtach
- Polasaí Bainistithe Riosca a ghlacadh
- Príomhrioscaí, úinéirí riosca agus na rialaithe chun na rioscaí sin a mhaolú a shainaithint
- Spriocanna bliantúla agus téarma níos faide a fhorbairt agus tuairisciú maidir leis na torthaí a bhaintear amach
- Creat Rialaithe Inmheánaigh a chur i ngníomh
- Córas cuimsitheach buiséadaithe le buiséad bliantúil atá athbhreithnithe agus comhaontaithe ag an mBord Rialaithe
- Athbhreithnithe rialta ag an mBord Rialaithe agus a choistí ar thuairiscí tréimhsiúla agus bliantúla a chuireann feidhmíocht airgeadais in aghaidh réamhaisnéisí in iúl
- Spriocanna a leagan síos chun feidhmíochtaí airgeadais agus feidhmíochtaí eile a thomhas
- Treoirlínte rialaithe infheistíochta caipitil atá sainithe go soiléir

Córais Faisnéise

Tá roinnt Córas Bainistithe Faisnéise curtha i ngníomh ag GMIT d'fhonn bealach a chur ar fáil chun torthaí iarbhír a chur i gcomparáid le spriocanna agus réamhaisnéisí. Cuimsíonn na córais sin:

- Bainistíocht Airgeadais – Agresso
- Bainistíocht Acmhainní Daonna agus Párolla - CoreHR
- Taisteal agus Speansais – CoreHR
- Riarachán Neacha Léinn – Banner
- Tráthchlárú – Syllabus
- Leabharlann – Koha

Impleachtaí Airgeadais a Bhaineann le Mór-Rioscaí Gnó

Baineann GMIT úsáid as raon gníomhaíochtaí chun baol gníomhaíochta calaoise a laghdú. Cuimsíonn creatpholasaí rialaithe inmheánaigh GMIT polasaithe scríofa agus gnáthaimh a éilíonn go ndéantar bearta a údarú i gceart agus a dhéanann soláthar i gcomhair scaradh dóthanach dualgas.

Review of Statement of Internal Control

We confirm that the Statement on system of Internal Control is reviewed by the Audit and Risk Committee and the Governing Body to ensure it accurately reflects the control system in operation during the reporting period.

Appropriate Control Environment

The Governing Body has taken steps to ensure an appropriate control environment is in place by:

- Clearly defining management responsibilities
- Developing procedures and regulations which are reviewed regularly and are documented, implemented and up to date
- Establishing formal procedures through various committee functions to monitor the activities and safeguard the assets of the organisation
- Developing a strong culture of accountability across all levels of the organisation
- Establishing procedures for reporting significant control failures and ensuring corrective action is taken
- Adopting and adhering to the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies as encapsulated by the THEA Code of Governance for Institutes of Technology
- Ensuring the control environment includes an active Audit and Risk Committee, internal audit function and regular reporting to the Governing Body on financial results

Business Risks

GMIT has developed processes to identify and evaluate business risks. This is achieved in a number of ways including:

- Developing an Essential Activities & Process Model to facilitate management and the Governing Body in identifying the key activities and the processes in place to manage its operations effectively
- Adoption of a Risk Management Policy
- Identifying key risks, risk owners and the controls to mitigate these risks
- Developing annual and longer-term targets and reporting on results achieved
- Implementation of an Internal Control Framework
- A comprehensive budgeting system with an annual budget which is reviewed and agreed by the Governing Body
- Regular reviews by the Governing Body and its committees of periodic and annual financial reports which indicate financial performance against forecasts
- Setting targets to measure financial and other performances
- Clearly defined capital investment control guidelines

Information Systems

GMIT has implemented a number of Management Information Systems to provide a means of comparing actual results to targets and forecasts. These systems include:

- Financial Management – Agresso
- Human Resources and Payroll Management – CoreHR
- Travel and Expenses – CoreHR
- Student Administration – Banner
- Timetabling – Syllabus
- Library – Koha

Financial Implications of Major Business Risks

GMIT employs a range of actions to reduce the potential for fraudulent activity. GMIT's internal control policy framework includes written policies and procedures requiring transactions to be properly authorised and providing for sufficient segregations of duties.

Comhlíonadh Rialacha agus Treoirlínte Soláthair

Deimhnímid go bhfuil Plean Corparáideach Soláthair curtha i bhfeidhm ag an Institiúid atá á gcur i ngníomh d'fhonn comhlíonadh le Treoirlínte Poiblí Soláthair agus treoir ábhartha a d'fhéadfadh an Oifig Solathair an Rialtais (OGP), an tSeirbhís Soláthair Oideachais (EPS) agus an Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athleasaithe. Níor sainaithníodh sáruithe ar bith ar na treoirlínte sin le linn na bliana, cés moite de chaiteachas neamhchomhlíontach de €9,000.

Athbhreithniú ar Éifeachtacht an Chóras Rialaithe Inmheánaithe

Deimhnímid go bhfuil gnáthaimh i bhfeidhm ag GMIT chun monatóireacht a dhéanamh ar éifeachtacht a gnáthaimh bainistíochta riosca agus rialaithe. Tá monatóireacht agus athbhreithniú an Bhord Rialaithe ar éifeachtacht an chóras rialaithe inmheánaigh ag brath ar obair Fheidhmeannacht agus Bhainistíocht na hInstitiúide a ghlacann freagracht as forbairt agus coinneáil an chreat rialaithe inmheánaigh, an Choiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca, na nIniúchóirí Inmheánacha agus ráitis a rinne an tArd-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste ina litir bhainistíochta.

Mar thoradh ar thionchar na paindéime COVID-19, rinne Institiúid Teicneolaíochta na Gaillimhe-Maigh-Eo mionathrú ar roinnt de na gnáthaimh oibríochtúla d'fhonn tacú le riachtanais leanúnachais ghnó. Chumasaigh na gnáthaimh sin leanúnachas éifeachtach na seirbhísí uile le linn do thimpeallacht éifeachtach rialaithe a choinneáil. Tá Institiúid Teicneolaíochta na Gaillimhe-Maigh-Eo sásta gur coinníodh rialuithe éifeachtacha trí na thimthrialta beartaíochta ábhartha go léir. Maidir le soláthar acadúil, chinntigh úsáid chomhaontaithe struchtúir agus próisis chianteagaisc éigeandála samhail chumasctha seachadta oideachais a choinneáil de réir na gcaighdeán acadúil faofa is gá.

Tá feidhm iniúchóireachta inmheánaí ag GMIT atá seachfhoinsithe, de réir na dTéarmaí Tagartha d'Iniúchóireacht Inmheánach, atá faofa ag an mBord Rialaithe, agus Cód Rialachais d'Institiúidí Teicneolaíochta an ÚAO.

Sínithe ar son an Bhord Rialaithe:

Cormac MacDonncha Uas.
Cathaoirleach, Bord Rialaithe GMIT

Dáta: 19 Samhain 2021

An Dr Orla Flynn
Uachtarán, GMIT

Dáta: 19 Samhain 2021

Compliance with Procurement Rules and Guidelines

We confirm that the Institute has a Corporate Procurement Plan and procedures in place that are being implemented to ensure compliance with Public Procurement Guidelines and relevant guidance that may be issued by the Office of Government Procurement (OGP), the Education Procurement Service (EPS) and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. There were no breaches of these guidelines identified during the year, with the exception of non-compliant expenditure of €9,000.

Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Control System

We confirm that GMIT has procedures to monitor the effectiveness of its risk management and control procedures. The Governing Body's monitoring and review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control is informed by the work of the Institute Executive and Management who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework, the Audit and Risk Committee, the Internal Auditors and comments made by the Comptroller and Auditor General in his management letter.

As a result of the impact of COVID-19 pandemic several operational procedures were modified by Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology in order to support business continuity requirements. These procedures have enabled effective continuation of all services while at the same time maintaining an effective control environment. The Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology is satisfied that effective controls have been maintained through all relevant transaction cycles. In relation to academic provision the deployment of agreed emergency remote teaching structures and processes has ensured that a blended education delivery model has been maintained to the required and approved academic standards.

GMIT has an outsourced internal audit function, which is in accordance with the Internal Audit Terms of Reference approved by the Governing Body and the THEA Code of Governance for Institutes of Technology.

Signed on behalf of the Governing Body:

Mr Cormac MacDonncha
Chairman, GMIT Governing Body

Date: 19th Nov 2021

Dr Orla Flynn
President, GMIT

Date: 19th Nov 2021

Tuarascáil an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste

Ard Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste
Comptroller and Auditor General

Tuarascáil le cur i láthair Thithe an Oireachtais

Institiúid Teicneolaíochta na Gaillimhe-Maigh Eo

Tuairim maidir leis na ráitis airgeadais

Tá ráitis airgeadais chomhdhlúite Institiúid Teicneolaíochta na Gaillimhe-Maigh Eo don bhliain dar críoch 31 Lúnasa 2020 iniúchta agam faoi na hAchtanna um Institiúidí Teicneolaíochta 1992 go 2006. Cuimsíonn na ráitis airgeadais

- an ráiteas comhdhlúite agus Institiúide ar ioncam uileghabhálach
- an ráiteas comhdhlúite agus Institiúide ar athruithe i gcúlchistí agus cuntas caipitil
- an ráiteas comhdhlúite agus Institiúide ar an riocht airgeadais
- an ráiteas comhdhlúite ar shreafaí airgid, agus
- na nótaí gaolmhara, ar a n-áirítear achoimre ar pholasaithe suntasacha cuntasaíochta.

Is é mo thuairim go dtugann na ráitis airgeadais léargas fíorcheart ar shócmhainní, dliteanais agus riocht airgeadais an Ghrúpa agus na hInstitiúide ar 31 Lúnasa 2019 agus ar a ioncam agus caiteachas don bhliain dar críoch sin de réir an Chaighdeán Tuairiscithe Airgeadais (FRS) 102 — *An Caighdeán Tuairiscithe Airgeadais is infheidhme sa RA agus i bPoblacht na hÉireann*.

Bunús le mo thuairim

Rinne mé m'iniúchadh ar na ráitis airgeadais de réir na gCaighdeán Idirnáisiúnta ar Iniúchóireacht (ISAanna) mar atá fógartha ag an Eagraíocht Idirnáisiúnta Uasfhorais Iniúchóireachta. Tá cur síos ar mo chuid freagrachtaí faoi na caighdeáin sin san aguisín don tuairisc seo. Táim neamhspleách ar an Institiúid agus chomhlíon mé na freagrachtaí eiticiúla atá orm de réir na gcaighdeán sin.

Creidim gur leor agus gur iomchuí an fhianaise iniúchóireachta a fuaireas chun bunús a chur ar fáil le mo thuairim.

Tuairisc ar fhaisnéis seachas na ráitis airgeadais, agus ar ábhair eile

Chuir an Institiúid faisnéis áirithe eile i láthair mar aon leis na ráitis airgeadais. Cuimsíonn sí sin ráiteas ar rialachas corparáide agus ráiteas ar an gcóras rialaithe inmheánaigh.

Tá cur síos ar na freagrachtaí atá orm tuairisc a thabhairt i dtaca le faisnéis dá leithéid, agus ar ábhair áirithe eile a dtuairiscím trí eisceacht, san aguisín don tuairisc seo.

Níl aon cheo le tuairisciú agam ina leith sin.

Andrew Harkness
Ar son agus thar ceann an
Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste
24 Samhain 2021

Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General

Ard Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste
Comptroller and Auditor General

Report for presentation to the Houses of the Oireachtas

Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology

Opinion on the financial statements

I have audited the financial statements of Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology for the year ended 31 August 2020 as required under the provisions of the Institutes of Technology Acts 1992 to 2006. The financial statements comprise

- the consolidated and Institute statement of comprehensive income
- the consolidated and Institute statement of changes in reserves and capital account
- the consolidated and Institute statement of financial position
- the consolidated statement of cash flows, and
- the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the group and of the Institute at 31 August 2020 and of the income and expenditure of the group and of the Institute for the year then ended in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102 — *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland*.

Basis of opinion

I conducted my audit of the financial statements in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as promulgated by the International Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions. My responsibilities under those standards are described in the appendix to this report. I am independent of the Institute and have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the standards.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Report on information other than the financial statements, and on other matters

The Institute has presented certain other information together with the financial statements. This comprises a corporate governance statement and a statement on the system internal control.

My responsibilities to report in relation to such information, and on certain other matters upon which I report by exception, are described in the appendix to this report.

I have nothing to report in regard to those matters.

Andrew Harkness
For and on behalf of the
Comptroller and Auditor General

24 November 2021

Aguisín don tuairisc

Freagrachtaí bhaill an Bhord Rialaithe

Leagann ráiteas ar fhreagrachtaí na hInstitiúide freagrachtaí bhaill an Bhord Rialaithe amach:

- na ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú san fhoirm atá leagtha síos faoi na hAchtanna um Institiúidí Teicneolaíochta 1992 go 2006
- a chinntiú go dtugann na ráitis airgeadais léargas fíor agus cóir de réir FRS 102
- rialtacht na n-idirbheart a chinntiú
- measúnú a dhéanamh ar cibé acu an bhfuil úsáid bhunús an ghnóthais leantaigh iomchuí, agus
- rialú inmheánach dá leithéid a chinneann siad a bheith riachtanach chun gur féidir ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú atá saor ó mhíshonrú ábhartha, cibe acu an i ngeall ar chalaois nó earráid.

Freagrachtaí an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste

Is é mo fhreagrachtsa ná ráitis airgeadais na hInstitiúide a iniúchadh de réir na nAchtanna um Institiúidí Teicneolaíochta 1992 go 2006 agus tuairisc orthu a thabhairt do Thithe an Oireachtais.

Agus an t-iniúchadh á dhéanamh agam, is é an aidhm a bhíonn agam ráthaíocht réasúnta a fháil maidir le cibé acu an bhfuil na ráitis airgeadais ina n-iomláine saor ó mhíshonrú ábhartha i ngeall ar chalaois nó earráid. Is ardleibhéal ráthaíochta í ráthaíocht réasúnta, ach ní ráthaíocht í go mbraithfidh iniúchadh a dhéantar de réir na ISAs i gcónaí an míshonrú nuair is ann dó. Féadfaidh míshonruithe eascairt as calaois nó earráid ach ní mheastar iad a bheith ábhartha ach amháin, ina n-aonar nó go comhiomlán, dá bhféadfaí a cheapadh go n-imreoidís tionchar ar chinntí eacnamaíochta úsáideoirí bunaithe ar na ráitis airgeadais.

Mar chuid den iniúchadh de réir na n-ISAanna, bainim leas as breithiúnas gairmiúil agus coinním sceipteachas gairmiúil ar feadh na hiniúchóireachta. Agus é sin á dhéanamh agam,

- Sainaithním agus measúnaím na rioscaí a bhaineann le míshonrú ábhartha na ráiteas airgeadais cibé acu i ngeall ar chalaois nó earráid; dearaim agus déanaim gnáthaimh iniúchóireachta a fhreagraíonn do na rioscaí sin; agus aimsím fianaise iniúchóireachta atá leordhóthanach agus iomchuí chun bunús a chur ar fáil le haghaidh mo thuairime. Is airde an riosca nach mbraithfear míshonrú ábhartha i ngeall ar chalaois ná i ngeall ar earráid, de bhrí go bhféadfadh claonpháirtíocht, brionnú, easnaimh d’aon turas, mífhaisnéis, nó sáraitheacht ar rialú inmheánach a bheith i gceist le calaois.
- Aimsím tuiscint ar rialú inmheánach a bhaineann go hábhartha leis an iniúchadh d’fhonn gnáthaimh iniúchóireachta a dhearadh atá oiriúnach sna cúinsí, ach ní ar mhaithe le tuairisc a nochtadh ar éifeachtacht na rialuithe inmheánacha.
- Déanaim measúnú ar oiriúnacht na bpolasaithe cuntasaíochta a úsáidtear agus ar réasúntacht na meastachán agus na nochtaí gaolmhara.
- Conclúidím ar oiriúnacht bhonn cuntasaíochta an ghnóthais leantaigh a úsáid agus, bunaithe ar an bhfianaise iniúchóireachta atá aimsithe, cibé an bhfuil éiginnteacht ábhartha ann a bhaineann le himeachtaí nó cúinsí a d’fhéadfadh amhras a tharraingt ar chumas na hInstitiúide chun leanúint ar aghaidh mar ghnóthas leantach. Tá orm aird a dhíriú i mo thuairisc ar na nochtaí gaolmhara sna ráitis airgeadais nó, mura bhfuil nochtaí dá leithéid leordhóthanach, mo thuairim a mhionathrú. Tá mo chuid conclúidí bunaithe ar an bhfianaise iniúchóireachta atá faighte suas go dtí dáta mo thuairisce. Ach d’fhéadfadh imeachtaí nó cúinsí sa todhchaí a bheith ina gcúis le nach leanfadh an Institiúid ar aghaidh mar ghnóthas leantach.
- Déanaim measúnú ar chur i láthair foriomlán, struchtúr agus ábhar na ráiteas airgeadais, ar a n-áirítear na nochtaí, agus cibé acu an léiríonn na ráitis airgeadais na hidirbheartanna bunúsacha agus na himeachtaí ar bhealach a bhaineann cur i láthair cóir amach.

Cuirim in iúl dóibh siúd a bhfuil an rialachas mar chúram orthu maidir le, i measc ábhar eile, raon beartaithe agus tráthúlacht na hiniúchóireachta agus na gcinntí suntasacha iniúchóireachta, ar a n-áirítear easnaimh shuntasacha ar bith i rialú inmheánach a shainaithním le linn m’iniúchta.

Faisnéis seachas na ráitis airgeadais

Ní chuimsíonn mo thuairim ar na ráitis airgeadais an fhaisnéis eile a chuirtear i láthair leis na ráitis sin, agus ní luaim foirm chonclúide ráthaíochta ar bith ina leith.

Maidir le m’iniúchadh ar na ráitis airgeadais, éilítear orm faoi na hISAanna an fhaisnéis eile a chuirtear ar fáil a léamh agus, é sin á dhéanamh agam, a mheas cibé acu an bhfuil an fhaisnéis eile neamhréireach leis na ráitis airgeadais nó leis an eolas a fhaightear le linn na hiniúchóireachta, nó má tá an chuma air ar aon slí eile a bheith míshonraithe go hábhartha. Má chonchlúidím, bunaithe ar an obair atá déanta agam, go bhfuil míshonrú ábhartha na faisnéise eile sin ann, tá orm an fhíric sin a thuairisciú.

Tuairisciú ar ábhair eile

Déanaim m’iniúchadh maidir leis na cúrsaí speisialta a bhaineann le comhlachtaí a fhaigheann cistiú substaintiúil ón Stát i dtaca lena mbainistíocht agus a n-oibríocht. Tuairiscím má shainaithním ábhair ábhartha a bhaineann leis an gcaoi inar láimhseáladh gnó poiblí.

Déanaim iarracht fianaise a aimsiú maidir le rialtacht na n-idirbheart airgeadais le linn na hiniúchóireachta. Tuairiscím má tá cás ábhartha ar bith nár feidhmíodh airgead poiblí chun na gcríoch a bhí beartaithe nó nach raibh idirbheartanna de réir na n-údarás a rialaíonn iad. Tuairiscím trí eisceacht freisin, de réir mo thuairime,

- mura bhfuaireas an fhaisnéis agus na mínithe go léir a bhí riachtanach do m’iniúchadh, nó
- mura raibh na taifid chuntasaíochta dóthanach chun ligean do na ráitis airgeadais a bheith iniúchta go héasca agus i gceart, nó
- mura bhfuil na ráitis airgeadais ag teacht leis an taifid chuntasaíochta.

Appendix to the report

Responsibilities of Governing Body members

The statement of responsibility of the Institute sets out the Governing Body members' responsibility

- the preparation of financial statements in the form prescribed under the Institutes of Technology Acts 1992 to 2006
- ensuring that the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with FRS102
- ensuring the regularity of transactions
- assessing whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate, and
- such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Responsibilities of the Comptroller and Auditor General

I am required under the Institutes of Technology Acts 1992 to 2006 to audit the financial statements of the Institute and to report thereon to the Houses of the Oireachtas.

My objective in carrying out the audit is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement due to fraud or error. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the ISAs, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. In doing so,

- I identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements whether due to fraud or error; design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks; and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- I obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal controls.
- I evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures.
- I conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, on whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Institute's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Institute to cease to continue as a going concern.
- I evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Information other than the financial statements

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information presented with those statements, and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, I am required under the ISAs to read the other information presented and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or with knowledge obtained during the audit, or if it otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact.

Reporting on other matters

My audit is conducted by reference to the special considerations which attach to bodies in receipt of substantial funding from the State in relation to their management and operation. I report if I identify material matters relating to the manner in which public business has been conducted.

I seek to obtain evidence about the regularity of financial transactions in the course of audit. I report if I identify any material instance where public money has not been applied for the purposes intended or where transactions did not conform to the authorities governing them. I also report by exception if, in my opinion,

- I have not received all the information and explanations I required for my audit, or
- the accounting records were not sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records.

Ráiteas Comhdhlúithe agus Institiúide ar Ioncam Uileghabhálach

An bhliain dar críoch 31 Lúnasa 2020

	Nóta	Comhdhlúite 2020 €'000	Institiúid 2020 €'000	Comhdhlúite 2019 €'000	Institiúid 2019 €'000
Ioncam					
Deontais stáit	3	35,382	35,382	31,127	31,127
Táillí teagaisc agus cion tairbhe neach léinn	4	23,155	23,155	22,777	22,777
Deontais taighde & conarthaí	5	4,660	4,660	4,665	4,665
Cistiú tacaíochta neach léinn	7	888	888	900	900
Ioncam eile	8	3,695	3,726	4,009	4,042
Amúchadh deontas caipitil iarchurtha	22	3,505	3,505	3,089	3,089
Scaoileadh ioncaim ar ghlanluach diúscairtí de réir na leabhar	22	-	-	1	1
Ioncam ó ús		1	1	7	7
Lónadóireacht		712	-	1,384	-
Cistiú iarchurtha pinsin	27	16,751	16,650	16,378	16,255
Ioncam iomlán		**88,749**	**87,967**	**84,337**	**82,863**
Caiteachas					
Costais foirne	9	51,871	51,290	49,078	48,328
Costais sochair scoir	27	16,751	16,650	16,378	16,255
Costais oibriúcháin eile	10	12,830	12,480	13,690	13,002
Dímheas	13-16	3,507	3,505	3,099	3,089
Caiteachas iomlán		**84,959**	**83,925**	**82,245**	**80,674**
Barrachas roimh cháin		**3,790**	**4,042**	**2,092**	**2,189**
Cánachas		-	-	-	-
Barrachas roimh ghnóthachain agus caillteanais eile		**3,790**	**4,042**	**2,092**	**2,189**
Laghdú ar dhliteanais pinsin de bharr scor	27	4,527	4,527	4,683	4,683
Gnóthachain/(caillteanais) ó thaithí ar dhliteanais phlean	27	(1,248)	(1,277)	(6,798)	(6,797)
Athruithe i dtoimhdí atá mar bhunús le luach faoi láthair na n-oibleagáidí sochair scoir	27	4,085	4,066	(38,634)	(38,453)
Gnóthachain/(caillteanais) achtúireacha iomlána sa bhliain		**7,364**	**7,316**	**(40,749)**	**(40,567)**
Coigeartú ar chistiú sochar scoir iarchurtha	27	(7,364)	(7,316)	40,749	40,567
Ioncam uileghabhálach iomlán don bhliain	12	**3,790**	**4,042**	**2,092**	**2,189**

Cuimsíonn an Ráiteas Comhdhlúite ar Ioncam Uileghabhálach na gnóthachain agus na caillteanais a aithnítear sa bhliain. Is cuid de na Ráitis Airgeadais seo iad na Nótaí 1 go 31.

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Cathaoirleach, Bord Rialaithe GMIT

Dáta: 19 Samhain 2021

An Dr Orla Flynn
Uachtarán, GMIT

Dáta: 19 Samhain 2021

Consolidated and Institute Statement of Comprehensive Income

Year ended 31 August 2020

	Note	Consolidated 2020 €'000	Institute 2020 €'000	Consolidated 2019 €'000	Institute 2019 €'000
Income					
State grants	3	35,382	35,382	31,127	31,127
Tuition fees and student contribution	4	23,155	23,155	22,777	22,777
Research grants and contracts	5	4,660	4,660	4,665	4,665
Student support funding	7	888	888	900	900
Other income	8	3,695	3,726	4,009	4,042
Amortisation of deferred capital grants	22	3,505	3,505	3,089	3,089
Release income on net book value of disposals	22	-	-	1	1
Interest income		1	1	7	7
Catering		712	-	1,384	-
Deferred pension funding	27	16,751	16,650	16,378	16,255
Total income		**88,749**	**87,967**	**84,337**	**82,863**
Expenditure					
Staff costs	9	51,871	51,290	49,078	48,328
Retirement benefit costs	27	16,751	16,650	16,378	16,255
Other operating costs	10	12,830	12,480	13,690	13,002
Depreciation	13-16	3,507	3,505	3,099	3,089
Total expenditure		**84,959**	**83,925**	**82,245**	**80,674**
Surplus before tax		**3,790**	**4,042**	**2,092**	**2,189**
Taxation		-	-	-	-
Surplus before other gains and losses		**3,790**	**4,042**	**2,092**	**2,189**
Reduction in pension liabilities arising from retirements	27	4,527	4,527	4,683	4,683
Experience gains / (losses) on plan liabilities	27	(1,248)	(1,277)	(6,798)	(6,797)
Changes in assumptions underlying the present value of retirement benefit obligations	27	4,085	4,066	(38,634)	(38,453)
Total actuarial gains / (losses) in the year		**7,364**	**7,316**	**(40,749)**	**(40,567)**
Adjustment to deferred retirement benefits funding	27	(7,364)	(7,316)	40,749	40,567
Total comprehensive income for the year	12	**3,790**	**4,042**	**2,092**	**2,189**

The Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

Notes 1 to 31 form part of these Financial Statements.

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Chairman, GMIT Governing Body

Date: 19th Nov 2021

Dr Orla Flynn
President, GMIT

Date: 19th Nov 2021

Ráiteas Comhdhlúite agus Institiúide ar Athruithe i gCúlchistí agus Cuntas Caipitil

An bhliain dar críoch 31 Lúnasa 2020

	Nóta 22 Comhdhlúite Deontais Chaipitil Iarchurtha €000s	*Nóta 22* Institiúid Deontais Chaipitil Iarchurtha €000s	*Nóta 23* Comhdhlúite Cúlchiste Chaipitil Forbartha €000s	*Nóta 23* Institiúid Cúlchiste Chaipitil Forbartha €000s	*I & E* Comhdhlúite Cúlchistí Ioncaim €000s	*I & E* Institiúid Cúlchistí Ioncaim €000s	Comhdhlúite Iomlán €000s	Institiúid Iomlán €000s
Iarmhéid Tosaigh ar 1 Meán Fómhair 2018	56,951	56,951	8,333	8,333	(2,189)	(2,373)	63,095	62,911
Barrachas don bhliain roimh Leithghabhálacha	-	-	-	-	2,092	2,189	2,092	2,189
Amúchadh Deontas Caipitil Iarchurtha	(3,089)	(3,089)	-	-	-	-	(3,089)	(3,089)
Deontas Stáit Cionroinnte do Chaipiteal	3,081	3,081	-	-	-	-	3,081	3,081
Díscríobh sócmhainní i mbun tógála	(78)	(78)	-	-	-	-	(78)	(78)
Scaoileadh Ioncaim ó dhiúscairtí ar ghlanluach na leabhar	(1)	(1)	-	-	-	-	(1)	(1)
Aistriú ón gcúlchiste forbartha caipitil	-	-	(59)	(59)	59	59	-	-
Gluaiseacht don Tréimhse	(87)	(87)	(59)	(59)	2,151	2,248	2,005	2,102
Iarmhéid ar 31 Lúnasa 2019	56,864	56,864	8,274	8,274	(38)	(125)	65,100	65,013

	Nóta 22 Comhdhlúite Deontais Chaipitil Iarchurtha €000s	*Nóta 22* Institiúid Deontais Chaipitil Iarchurtha €000s	*Nóta 23* Comhdhlúite Cúlchiste Chaipitil Forbartha €000s	*Nóta 23* Institiúid Cúlchiste Chaipitil Forbartha €000s	*I & E* Comhdhlúite Cúlchistí Ioncaim €000s	*I & E* Institiúid Cúlchistí Ioncaim €000s	Comhdhlúite Iomlán €000s	Institiúid Iomlán €000s
Iarmhéid Tosaigh ar 1 Meán Fómhair 2019	56,864	56,864	8,274	8,274	(38)	(125)	65,100	65,013
Barrachas don bhliain roimh Leithghabhálacha	-	-	-	-	3,790	4,042	3,790	4,042
Amúchadh Deontas Caipitil Iarchurtha	(3,505)	(3,505)	-	-	-	-	(3,505)	(3,505)
Deontas Stáit Cionroinnte do Chaipiteal	6,196	6,196	-	-	-	-	6,196	6,196
Aistriú ó Chúlchiste Forbartha Caipitil	626	626	(751)	(751)	125	125	-	-
Gluaiseacht don Tréimhse	3,317	3,317	(751)	(751)	3,915	4,167	6,481	6,733
Iarmhéid ar 31 Lúnasa 2020	60,181	60,181	7,523	7,523	3,877	4,042	71,581	71,746

Is cuid de na Ráitis Airgeadais seo iad na Nótaí 1 go 31.

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Consolidated and Institute Statement of Changes in Reserves and Capital Account

Year ended 31 August 2020

	Note 22 Consolidated Deferred Capital Grants €000s	Note 22 Institute Deferred Capital Grants €000s	Note 23 Consolidated Capital Development Reserve €000s	Note 23 Institute Capital Development Reserve €000s	I & E Consolidated Revenue Reserves €000s	I & E Institute Revenue Reserves €000s	Consolidated Total €000s	Institute Total €000s
Opening Balance at 1 September 2018	56,951	56,951	8,333	8,333	(2,189)	(2,373)	63,095	62,911
Surplus for the Year before Appropriations	-	-	-	-	2,092	2,189	2,092	2,189
Amortisation of Deferred Capital Grants	(3,089)	(3,089)	-	-	-	-	(3,089)	(3,089)
State Grant Allocated to Capital	3,081	3,081	-	-	-	-	3,081	3,081
Write down assets in course of construction	(78)	(78)	-	-	-	-	(78)	(78)
Release Income on net book of disposals	(1)	(1)	-	-	-	-	(1)	(1)
Transfer from capital development reserve	-	-	(59)	(59)	59	59	-	-
Movement for the Period	(87)	(87)	(59)	(59)	2,151	2,248	2,005	2,102
Balance at 31 August 2019	56,864	56,864	8,274	8,274	(38)	(125)	65,100	65,013

	Note 22 Consolidated Deferred Capital Grants €000s	Note 22 Institute Deferred Capital Grants €000s	Note 23 Consolidated Capital Development Reserve €000s	Note 23 Institute Capital Development Reserve €000s	I & E Consolidated Revenue Reserves €000s	I & E Institute Revenue Reserves €000s	Consolidated Total €000s	Institute Total €000s
Opening Balance at 1 September 2019	56,864	56,864	8,274	8,274	(38)	(125)	65,100	65,013
Surplus for the Year before Appropriations	-	-	-	-	3,790	4,042	3,790	4,042
Amortisation of Deferred Capital Grants	(3,505)	(3,505)	-	-	-	-	(3,505)	(3,505)
State Grant Allocated to Capital	6,196	6,196	-	-	-	-	6,196	6,196
Transfer from Capital Development Reserve	626	626	(751)	(751)	125	125	-	-
Movement for the Period	3,317	3,317	(751)	(751)	3,915	4,167	6,481	6,733
Balance at 31 August 2020	60,181	60,181	7,523	7,523	3,877	4,042	71,581	71,746

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Ráiteas Comhdhlúite agus Institiúide ar an Riocht Airgeadais

An bhliain dar críoch 31 Lúnasa 2020

	Nóta	Comhdhlúite 2020 €'000	Institiúid 2020 €'000	Comhdhlúite 2019 €'000	Institiúid 2019 €'000
Sócmhainní Seasta					
Réadmhaoin, Gléasra & trealamh	13-16	60,183	60,181	56,868	56,864
		60,183	**60,181**	**56,868**	**56,864**
Sócmhainní Reatha					
Fardal		4	-	4	-
Infháltais	18	6,881	6,904	4,395	4,320
Airgead agus Cóibhéisí Airgid	19	16,453	16,444	12,273	12,092
		23,338	**23,348**	**16,672**	**16,412**
Lúide Suimeanna Iníoctha: méideanna dlite laistigh de 1 bhliain	20	(11,940)	(11,783)	(8,440)	(8,263)
Glansócmhainní Reatha		**11,398**	**11,565**	**8,232**	**8,149**
Sócmhainní iomlána lúide dliteanais reatha		**71,581**	**71,746**	**65,100**	**65,013**
Soláthar do Shuim & Táillí:					
Sochair Scoir					
Oibleagáidí sochair scoir	27	316,931	315,294	304,840	303,277
Sócmhainn cistithe sochair scoir iarchurtha	27	(316,931)	(315,294)	(304,840)	(303,277)
Glansócmhainní Iomlána		**71,581**	**71,746**	**65,100**	**65,013**
Deontais chaipitil iarchurtha	22	60,181	60,181	56,864	56,864
Cúlchiste Caipitil Forbartha	23	7,523	7,523	8,274	8,274
		7,523	**7,523**	**8,274**	**8,274**
Cúlchistí Neamhshrianta					
Cúlchiste Ioncaim & caiteachais		3,877	4,042	(38)	(125)
Iomlán		**71,581**	**71,746**	**65,100**	**65,013**

Is cuid de na Ráitis Airgeadais seo iad na Nótaí 1 go 31.

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Dáta: 19 Samhain 2021

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Uachtarán, GMIT

Dáta: 19 Samhain 2021

Consolidated and Institute Statement of Financial Position

Year ended 31 August 2020

	Note	Consolidated 2020 €'000	Institute 2020 €'000	Consolidated 2019 €'000	Institute 2019 €'000
Fixed assets					
Property, Plant & Equipment	*13-16*	60,183	60,181	56,868	56,864
		60,183	**60,181**	**56,868**	**56,864**
Current assets					
Inventory		4	-	4	-
Receivables	*18*	6,881	6,904	4,395	4,320
Cash and cash equivalents	*19*	16,453	16,444	12,273	12,092
		23,338	**23,348**	**16,672**	**16,412**
Less payables: amounts due within one year	*20*	(11,940)	(11,783)	(8,440)	(8,263)
Net current assets		**11,398**	**11,565**	**8,232**	**8,149**
Total assets less current liabilities		**71,581**	**71,746**	**65,100**	**65,013**
Provision for Amount & Charges:					
Retirement benefits					
Retirement benefit obligations	*27*	316,931	315,294	304,840	303,277
Deferred retirement benefit funding asset	*27*	(316,931)	(315,294)	(304,840)	(303,277)
Total net assets		**71,581**	**71,746**	**65,100**	**65,013**
Deferred state capital grants	*22*	60,181	60,181	56,864	56,864
Capital development reserve	*23*	7,523	7,523	8,274	8,274
		7,523	**7,523**	**8,274**	**8,274**
Unrestricted reserves					
Income and expenditure reserve		3,877	4,042	(38)	(125)
Total		**71,581**	**71,746**	**65,100**	**65,013**

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Date: 19th Nov 2021

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Ráiteas Comhdhlúite ar Shreafaí Airgid

An bhliain dar críoch 31 Lúnasa 2020

	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Glansreabhadh Airgid ó ghníomhaíochtaí oibriúcháin		
Breis ag caiteachas thar ioncam	3,790	2,092
Dímheas ar shócmhainní seasta	3,507	3,099
Díscríobh ar shócmhainní seasta	-	16
Amúchadh deontas caipitil iarchurtha	(3,505)	(3,089)
Laghdú ar fhardail	-	2
(Méadú) ar infháltais	(2,233)	(2,004)
Méadú ar Iníocaíochtaí	3,533	56
Ioncam ó ús	(1)	(7)
Deontais Chaipitil Faighte	5,944	2,745
Glaninsreabhadh airgid ó ghníomhaíochtaí oibriúcháin	**11,035**	**2,910**
Sreafaí Airgid ó ghníomhaíochtaí infheistíochta		
Íocaíochtaí chun réadmhaoin, gléasra & trealamh a fháil	(6,856)	(3,007)
Glansreafaí Airgid ó ghníomhaíochtaí infheistíochta	**(6,856)**	**(3,007)**
Sreafaí Airgid ó Ghníomhaíochtaí Airgeadais		
Ús faighte	1	7
Glansreafaí Airgid ó ghníomhaíochtaí airgeadais	**1**	**7**
Glanmhéadú/(laghdú) ar airgead agus ar chóibhéisí airgid sa bhliain	**4,180**	**(90)**
Airgead agus ar chóibhéisí airgid ar 1 Meán Fómhair	12,273	12,363
Airgead agus ar chóibhéisí airgid ar 31 Lúnasa	**16,453**	**12,273**

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Consolidated Statement of Cashflows

Year ended 31 August 2020

	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Net cash flow from operating activities		
Excess income over expenditure	3,790	2,092
Depreciation of fixed assets	3,507	3,099
Write down of fixed assets	-	16
Amortisation of deferred capital grants	(3,505)	(3,089)
Decrease in inventories	-	2
(Increase) in receivables	(2,233)	(2,004)
Increase in payables	3,533	56
Interest income	(1)	(7)
Capital Grants Received	5,944	2,745
Net cash inflow from operating activities	**11,035**	**2,910**
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments to acquire property, plant & equipment	(6,856)	(3,007)
Net cash flows from investing activities	**(6,856)**	**(3,007)**
Cash flows from financing activities		
Interest received	1	7
Net cash flows from financing activities	**1**	**7**
Net increase/(decrease) in cash equivalents in the year	**4,180**	**(90)**
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September	12,273	12,363
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August	**16,453**	**12,273**

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Nótaí do na Ráitis Airgeadais

Don bhliain dar críoch 31 Lúnasa 2020

1. Polasaithe suntasacha cuntasaíochta

Tá achoimre déanta thíos ar na polasaithe cuntasaíochta a meastar a bheith ábhartha i dtaca leis na ráitis airgeadais. Cuireadh iad go léir i bhfeidhm go comhsheasmhach i gcaitheamh na bliana agus don bhliain roimpi.

Faisnéis ghinearálta agus ráiteas comhlíontachta

Is é príomhchuspóir na hInstitiúide ná oideachas gairme agus teicniúil agus oiliúint a chur ar fáil d'fhorbairt eacnamaíochta, teicneolaíochta, eolaíochta, tráchtala, tionsclaíochta, sóisialta agus chultúrtha an stáit agus tagairt ar leith don réigiún a ndéanann an Institiúid freastal air.

Ullmhaíodh na ráitis airgeadais faoin gcomhghnás stairiúil costais, agus i gcomhréir leis an gCaighdeán Tuairiscithe Airgeadais (FRS) 102 a d'eisigh an Chomhairle Tuairiscithe Airgeadais, agus a fógraíodh lena úsáid in Éirinn ag Cuntasóirí Cairte na hÉireann agus le riachtanais an Údaráis um Ard-Oideachas.

Is é an Euro airgeadra feidhmeach Institiúid Teicneolaíochta na Gaillimhe-Maigh Eo de bhrí gurb é sin airgeadra na timpeallachta príomhúla eacnamaíochta ina bhfeidhmíonn an Institiúid. Cuirtear na ráitis chomhdhlúite airgeadais i láthair in Euro freisin. Cuimsítear oibríochtaí eachtracha de réir na bpolasaithe atá leagtha amach thíos.

Bunús an chomhdhlúite

Comhdhlúthaíonn ráitis airgeadais an ghrúpa ráitis airgeadais na hInstitiúide agus a cuid fochuideachtaí a rinneadh suas go dtí 31 Lúnasa 2019.

De réir mar is gá, déantar coigeartuithe ar ráitis airgeadais na bhfochuideachtaí chun na polasaithe cuntasaíochta a úsáidtear a bheith ar aon dul leo siúd a úsáideann an grúpa. Déantar gach idirbheart, iarmhéid, ioncam agus costas idirghrúpa a dhíothú leis an gcomhdhlúthú.

Gnóthas Leantach

Tá an Bord Rialaithe sásta go bhfuil dóthain acmhainní ag an Institiúid chun a cuid oibleagáidí a chomhlíonadh de réir mar a mbeidh siad dlite don todhchaí intuartha. Dá bhrí sin, leanann siad de bhonn an ghnóthais leantaigh cuntasaíochta a ghlacadh agus na ráitis bhliantúla airgeadais á n-ullmhú acu.

Tá roinnt gníomhaíochtaí curtha i bhfeidhm ag GMIT chun feabhas a chur ar a feidhmíocht airgeadais de réir na bpleananna airgeadais cúig bliana a d'fhaomh an Bord Rialaithe ar bhonn rothlach bliantúil. Ar na bearta sin tá tionscnaimh atá nasctha le plean straitéiseach GMIT (2019-2023) amhail forbairt leanúnach an oideachais ar feadh an tsaoil, forbairt cláir agus tacaíochtaí don struchtúr ilchampais.

Réadmhaoin, gléasra & trealamh

(i) Talamh agus Foirgnimh

Luaitear sócmhainní seasta inláimhsithe ag a gcostas nó luacháil, glan ar dhímheas agus soláthar ar bith do lagú. Rinneadh foirgnimh a aistríodh ó CGO na Gaillimhe nuair a bunaíodh GMIT a luacháil ar a gcostas athsholáthair dímheasta ar 1 Eanáir 1993 (dáta an ordaithe thosaigh) agus rinneadh dímheas orthu ar bhonn a saolré inúsáidte fanta de 29 bliain ón dáta sin. Soláthraítear dímheas ar gach sócmhainn seasta inláimhsithe agus talamh ruílse, ag rátaí atá ríofa chun costas nó luacháil a dhíscríobh, lúide luach iarmharach measta, gach sócmhainne ar bhonn dronlíne thar a saolré inúsáidte ionchais, mar seo a leanas:

Foirgnimh ruílse	50 bliain

Seasann luach iarmharach don méid measta a gheofaí ó dhiúscairt sócmhainne faoi láthair, tar éis na costais mheasta diúscairte a bhaint as, dá mbeadh an aois agus riocht na sócmhaine mar a mbeadh súil leis ag deireadh a saolré fónta.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 August 2020

1. Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies which are considered material in relation to the financial statements are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the year and to the preceding year.

General information and statement of compliance

The primary objectives of the Institute is to provide vocational and technical education and training for the economic, technological, scientific, commercial, industrial, social and cultural development of the state with particular reference to the region served by the Institute.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and comply with applicable Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council and with the requirements of the HEA.

The functional currency under FRS 102 for Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology is considered to be Euro because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Institute operates. The Consolidated Financial Statements are also presented in Euro. Foreign operations are included in accordance with the policies set out below.

Basis of consolidation

The group financial statements consolidate the financial statements of the Institute and its subsidiary undertakings made up to 31 August 2020.

Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring the accounting policies used into line with those used by the group. All intra-group transactions, balances, income, and expenses are eliminated on consolidation.

Going concern

The Governing Body is satisfied that the Institute has adequate resources to meet its obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

GMIT has taken a number of actions to improve its financial performance in accordance with the five-year financial plans approved by the Governing Body on a rolling annual basis. These measures include initiatives linked to GMIT's strategic plan (2019-2023) such as continued development of lifelong learning, programme development and supports for the multi-campus structure.

Property, plant & equipment

(i) Land and buildings

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Buildings which were transferred from Galway VEC on the establishment of GMIT were valued on a depreciated replacement cost on 1st January 1993 (date of commencement order) and were depreciated on the basis of their remaining useful life of 29 years from that date. Depreciation is provided on all remaining tangible fixed assets and freehold land at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings 50 years

Residual value represents the estimated amount which would currently be obtained from disposal of an asset, after deducting estimated costs of disposal, if the asset were already of the age and in the condition expected at the end of its useful life.

(ii) Trealamh

Déantar trealamh a chosnaíonn níos lú ná €3,000 in aghaidh na míre aonair a dhíscríobh don chuntas ioncaim agus caiteachais i mbliain a fála. Áit a mbíonn míreanna aonair trealaimh a cheannaítear faoin teorainn chaipitlithe (€3,000) agus an sonrasc iomlán ceannacháin os cionn na teorann, déantar na míreanna sin a chaipitliú ar an ngnáthshlí. Déantar gach trealamh eile a chaipitliú ar a gcostas. Déantar trealamh caipitlithe a dhímheas thar a shaolré inúsáidte eacnamaíochta mar seo a leanas:

Daingneáin agus feistí, réamhdhéantáin san áireamh	10 mbliana
Trealamh ríomhaire	3 bliana
Gléasra & innealra	10 mbliana
Troscán &Trealamh	5 bliana
Feithiclí mótair	5 bliana

Déantar gach trealamh a maoiníodh ó dheontais taighde agus conarthaí a dhímheas thar shaol na sócmhainní ag teacht leis an bpolasaí do gach Sócmhainn Sheasta eile.

Fardal

Cuimsíonn fardal stoc ceaintín, agus déantar é a luacháil ag an gcostas is ísle agus glanluach infhaighte. Cuirtear caiteachas ar leabhair agus stoc inchaite de mhuirear don chuntas ioncaim agus caiteachais de réir mar a thabhaítear é.

Lagú Sócmhainní

Déantar sócmhainní, seachas iad siúd a thomhaistear ar luach cóir, a mheasúnú le haghaidh táscairí lagaithe ar dháta gach clár comhardaithe. Má tá fianaise oibiachtúil ann ar lagú, aithnítear caillteanas lagaithe in ioncam agus caiteachas mar a bhfuil cur síos air thíos.

Sócmhainní Airgeadais

Le haghaidh sócmhainní airgeadais a luaitear ar a gcostas amúchta, is é méid an lagaithe ná an difríocht idir méid iompartha na sócmhainne agus an luach faoi láthair atá ar shreafa airgid measta sa todhchaí, lascainithe de réir chéad ráta éifeachtach úis na sócmhainne airgeadais.

Le haghaidh sócmhainní airgeadais a iompraítear ar chostas lúide lagú, is é an costas lagaithe ná an difríocht idir méid iompartha na sócmhainne agus an meastachán is fearr ar an méid a gheofaí ar an tsócmhainn dá ndíolfaí í ar an dáta tuairiscithe.

Áit a mbíonn táscairí le haghaidh laghdú i gcaillteanas lagaithe, agus gur féidir an laghdú a cheangal go hoibiachtúil le teagmhas a tharlaíonn i ndiaidh gur aithníodh an lagú, déantar an caillteanas lagaithe a thástáil chun an t-aisiompú a chinneadh. Déantar caillteanas lagaithe a aisiompú ar shócmhainn airgeadais lagaithe aonair a mhéid nach mbíonn mar thoradh ar an luach athbhreithnithe infhaighte méid iompartha athbhreithnithe níos airde ná an luach iompartha mura n-aithneofaí lagú.

Cánachas

(i) Cáin Chorparáideach

Mar charthanas díolmhaithe, ní dhlitear cáin chorparáideach ná cáin ioncaim ar aon cheann dá cuid gníomhaíochtaí carthanachta. Tá sí cláraithe le haghaidh cháin bhreisluacha, ach de bhrí gur gníomhaíocht dhíolmhaithe é soláthar oideachais nach ngearrtar cáin aschuir ar bith uirthi, níl sí in ann cáin ionchuir a aisghabháil ar an gcuid is mó dá cuid ceannachán. Titeann roinnt gníomhaíochtaí taighde agus tráchtála laistigh den Institiúid isteach i líonra CB, cuireann an Institiúid aon cháin ionchuir nó aschuir a bhaineann leis na gníomhaíochtai sin ar ais chuig na Coimisinéirí Ioncaim.

(ii) Cánachas Iarchurtha

I bhfochuideachtaí, nach bhfuil stádas carthanais acu agus atá faoi dhliteanas cánach corparáidí dá bhrí sin, aithnítear cánacha iarchurtha i dtaca le gach difríocht uainithe a d'eascair ach nach bhfuil aisiompaithe ar dháta an chlár comhardaithe. Déantar soláthar de réir na rátaí a mbítear ag súil a bheith ag feidhmiú nuair a aisiompaíonn na difríochtaí uainithe. Is éard is difríochtaí uainithe ann ná na difríochtaí idir brabús incháinithe agus na torthaí mar atá luaite sna ráitis airgeadais a eascraíonn as cuimsiú gnóthachain agus caillteanais i mbrabús incháinithe i ndifríocht na tréimhse idir iad siúd ina n-aithnítear iad sna ráitis airgeadais.

Breathnaítear ar ghlansócmhainn cánach iarchurtha mar in-aisghabhála agus, dá bhrí sin, nach n-aithnítear ach amháin, ar bhonn gach fianaise atá ar fáil, gur féidir breathnú air a bheith níos dóchúla ná a mhalairt go mbeadh brabús oiriunach cánach asar féidir aisiompú na difríochtaí uainithe bunúsacha sa todhchaí a bhaint.

(ii) Equipment

Equipment costing less than €3,000 per individual item is written off to the income and expenditure account in the year of acquisition. Where individual items of equipment purchased are below the capitalisation limit (€3,000) and the total purchase invoice is in excess of the limit, these items are individually capitalised in the normal way. All other equipment is capitalised at cost. Capitalised equipment is depreciated over its useful economic life as follows:

Fixtures & fittings including prefabs	10 years
Computer equipment	3 years
Plant & machinery	10 years
Furniture & Equipment	5 years
Motor vehicles	5 years

All equipment funded from research grants and contracts is depreciated over the life of the assets in line with the policy for all other fixed assets.

Inventory

Inventory comprises canteen stock. Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Expenditure on books and consumable stock is charged to the income and expenditure account as incurred.

Impairment of assets

Assets, other than those measured at fair value, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in income and expenditure as described below.

Financial assets

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the amount of an impairment is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate.

For financial assets carried at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the best estimate of the amount that would be received for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Where indicators exist for a decrease in impairment loss, and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the prior impairment loss is tested to determine reversal. An impairment loss is reversed on an individual impaired financial asset to the extent that the revised recoverable value does not lead to a revised carrying amount higher than the carrying value had no impairment been recognised.

Taxation

(i) Corporation tax

As an exempt charity, the Institute is not liable for corporation tax or income tax on any of its charitable activities. It is registered for value added tax (VAT), but since the supply of education is an exempt activity on which no output tax is charged it is unable to recover input tax on the majority of its purchases. Certain research and commercial activities within the Institute fall into the VAT net; any input or output tax relating to these activities is returned to the Revenue by the Institute.

(ii) Deferred taxation

In subsidiary companies, who do not hold a charitable status and are therefore liable to corporation tax, deferred taxation is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date. Provision is made at the rates expected to apply when the timing differences reverse. Timing differences are differences between taxable profits and results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in taxable profits in period's different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

A net deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only when, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Aitheantas Ioncaim

(i) Deontais Stáit

Aithnítear deontais athfhillteacha stáit ón Údarás um Ard-Oideachas agus ó chomhlachtaí eile sa tréimhse ina bhfuarthas iad. Déileáltar le deontais neamh-athfhillteacha ón Údarás um Ard Oideachas nó ó chomhlachtaí eile i dtaca le fáil nó tógáil sócmhainní seasta mar dheontais iarchurtha caipitil agus déantar iad a amúchadh ag teacht le dímheas thar shaol na sócmhainní. Tugtar cuntas ar Dheontais Chaipitil Stáit de réir an mhúnla feidhmíochta.

(ii) Ioncam ó Tháillí

Tugtar cuntas ar ioncam ó tháillí ar bhonn fabhraithe.

(iii) Deontais Taighde agus Conarthaí

Déantar ioncam ó Dheontais Taighde agus Conarthaí a mheaitseáil le caiteachas agus cuimsítear é in ioncam na bliana inar tabhaíodh an caiteachas gaolmhar. Is iad na bearta is coitianta dá leithéid ná:

- *Tabhartais gan srianta*
  Cuimsíonn tabhartais gan srianta suimeanna a thugtar don Institiúid mar airgead nó sócmhainn gan srian ar bith maidir le cén úsáid ba cheart a bhaint as an tabhartas. Déantar tabhartais dá leithéid a thaifeadadh sa Ráiteas ar Ioncam agus Caiteachas ar theidlíocht don ioncam.

- *Tabhartais le srianta*
  Déantar tabhartais le srianta a thaifeadadh laistigh den Ráiteas ar Ioncam Uileghabhálach ar theacht i dteidlíocht don ioncam. Coinnítear an t-ioncam srianta i gcúlchiste srianta sealadach go dtí go dtabhaítear an caiteachas de réir na srianta.

- *Deontais taighde ó fhoinsí neamhrialtais*
  Aithnítear ioncam ó fhoinsí neamhrialtais sa Ráiteas ar Ioncam Uileghabhálach nuair a chomhlíontar na coinníollacha feidhmíochta. Más tá srian ar úsáid ach gan coinníollacha feidhmíochta a bheith leis, déantar an t-ioncam a thaifeadadh sa Ráiteas ar Ioncam Uileghabhálach nuair a bhíonn an Institiuid i dteideal an ioncaim.

Coinnítear deontais le coinníollacha feidhmíochta neamhchomhlíonta mar ioncam iarchurtha go dtí go gcomhlíontar na coinníollacha agus ag an bpointe sin déantar an t-ioncam a thaifeadadh sa Ráiteas ar Ioncam Uileghabhálach.

Déantar tabhartais le srianta a thaifeadadh laistigh den Ráiteas ar Ioncam Uileghabhálach ar theacht i dteidlíocht don ioncam agus coinnítear iad laistigh de chúlchiste srianta go dtí go dtabhaítear an caiteachas de réir na srianta.

(iv) Mionoibreacha Caipitil

Thug an tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna scéim isteach d'fhonn freagracht a dhéabhlóidiú don Institiúid as Oibreacha Samhraidh agus Oibreacha Caipitil eile. I ngach cás aithnítear cistiú Mionoibreacha Caipitil sa tréimhse ina bhfuarthas é.

(v) Ioncam ó thaiscí gearrthéarmacha

Déantar gach ioncam ó thaiscí gearrthéarmacha a chur chun sochair don chuntas ioncaim agus caiteachais sa tréimhse inar tuilleadh é.

Sochair fhostaí

(i) Sochair Scoir

Bronntar teidlíochtaí pinsin gach ball foirne a earcaíodh roimh 1 Eanáir 2013 faoi Scéim Aoisliúntais na hEarnála Oideachais 2015 (ESSS 2015). Oibrítear an scéim pinsin ar bhonn Íoc-Mar-A-Úsáidtear agus coinníonn an Institiúid asbhaintí aoisliúntais ó fhostaithe, mar chuid chomhaontaithe dá maoiniú.

Oibríonn an Institiúid freisin Scéim Pinsin Aonair na Seirbhíse Poiblí ("Scéim Aonair"), ar scéim sochair shainithe í le haghaidh seirbhíseach poiblí a ceapadh ar nó i ndiaidh 1 Eanáir 2013 de réir an Achta um Pinsin na Seirbhíse Poiblí (Scéim Aonair agus Forálacha Eile) 2012. Íocann an Institiúid ranníochtaí bhaill na Scéime aonair leis an Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athleasaithe (RCPA).

Léiríonn na costais pinsin a ghearrtar mar mhuirear do chaiteachas i mbliain na sochair a thuilleann fostaithe reatha le linn na bliana agus taispeántar iad glan ó ranníocaíochtaí pinsin foirne a choinníonn an Institiúid i dtaca le (i) Scéim Aoisliúntais na hEarnála Oideachais 2015 agus (ii) an Scéim Aonair agus tarchuirtear iad chuig RCPA. Aithnítear suim a fhreagraíonn don chostas pinsin mar ioncam.

Recognition of income

(i) State Grants

Recurrent state grants from the HEA and other bodies are recognised in the period in which they are receivable. Capital grants from the HEA or other state bodies received in respect of the acquisition or construction of fixed assets are treated as deferred State Capital Grants and amortised in line with the depreciation over the life of the assets. State Capital Grants for land are accounted for in accordance with the performance model.

(ii) Fee Income

Fee income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

(iii) Research grants and contracts

Income from research grants and contracts is matched to expenditure and included in the income of the year in which the related expenditure has been incurred, unless the grant has performance related conditions or restrictions associated with it. The most common classes of such transactions are:

- *Donations with no restrictions*
  Donations with no restrictions include amounts given to the Institute by way of cash or assets with no restriction as to how the donation should be used. Such donations are recorded in the Statement of Income and Expenditure on entitlement to the income.

- *Donations with restrictions*
  Donations with restrictions are recorded within the Statement of Income & Expenditure on entitlement to the income. The restricted income received is held in the temporarily restricted reserve until such time that the expenditure is incurred in accordance with the restrictions.

- *Research grants from non-government sources*
  Income from grants from non-government sources is recognised in the Statement of Income and Expenditure when performance related conditions are met. If a restriction is in use but no performance related condition exists, the income is recorded in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when the Institute becomes entitled to the income.

Grants with unfulfilled performance related conditions are held as deferred income until such time as the conditions are met, at which point the income is recorded in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Grants with restrictions are recorded within the Statement of Comprehensive Income on entitlement to the income and subsequently retained within a restricted reserve until such time that the expenditure is incurred in line with the restriction.

(iv) Minor Capital Works

The Minister for Education and Skills introduced a scheme to devolve responsibility to the Institute for Summer and other Capital Works. In all cases Minor Capital Works funding is recognised in the period received.

(v) Income from short-term deposits

All income from short-term deposits is credited to the income and expenditure account in the period in which it is earned.

Employee benefits

(i) Retirement Benefits

Pension entitlements of staff recruited prior to 1 January 2013 are conferred under a defined benefit pension scheme established under the Education Sector Superannuation Scheme 2015 (ESSS 2015). The scheme is operated on a "pay-as-you-go" basis, with superannuation deductions made from employees being retained by the Institute as an agreed part of its funding.

The Institute also operates the Single Public Service Pension Scheme ("Single Scheme"), which is the defined benefit scheme for pensionable public servants appointed on or after 1 January 2013 in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012. Single Scheme members' contributions are paid over by the Institute to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER).

Pension costs charged to expenditure in the year reflect the benefits earned by current employees during the year and are shown net of staff pension contributions which, in respect of (i) the ESSS 2015, are retained by the Institute and (ii) the Single Scheme, are remitted to DPER. An amount corresponding to the pension cost is recognised as income.

Is ionann dliteanais pinsin agus an luach faoi láthair atá ag íocaíochtaí pinsin na todhchaí atá tuillte go dáta. Léiríonn an tsócmhainn chistithe sochair scoir an t-ionchas go leanfaidh an Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna de phinsin agus cnapshuim scoir a íoc de réir mar a mbíonn siad dlite.

Léirítear gnóthachain nó caillteanais achtúireacha a eascraíonn as dliteanais na scéime sa Ráiteas ar Ioncam Cuimsitheach agus aithnítear coigeartú comhfhreagrach sa tsuim atá in-aisghabhála ag an Institiúid ón Údarás um Ard-Oideachas.

Léiríonn na ráitis airgeadais, ar luach cóir, na sócmhainní agus na dliteanais a eascraíonn as oibleagáidí pinsin na hInstitiúide i dtaca lena foireann reatha amháin agus cistiú gaolmhar ar bith eile. Aithnítear na costais a bhaineann le sochair pinsin a sholáthar sna tréimhsí cuntasaíochta ina dtuilleann fostaithe iad. Ní chuirtear san áireamh dliteanais pinsin iarfhostaithe a bhfuil pinsin á bhfáil acu. De bhrí go ngearrtar íocaíochtaí do chuntas leithghabhála na Roinne Oideachais agus Scileanna léirítear an laghdú i ndliteanas a eascraíonn ó na baill a théann ar scor le linn na bliana mar ghnóthachan ó thaithí. Tomhaistear dliteanais scéime sochair scoir ar bhonn achtúireach agus modh na n-aonad réamh-mheasta creidmheasa á úsáid.

Tá rogha ag baill foirne fochuideachta (foireann *GMIT Catering Company CLG*) dul isteach i scéim pinsin na hearnála poiblí.

(ii) Sochair Ghearrthéarmacha

Aithnítear sochair ghearrthéarmacha amhail pá saoire mar chostas sa bhliain, agus cuimsítear na sochair a fhabhraítear ag deireadh na bliana san fhigiúr Iníoctha sa Ráiteas ar an Riocht Airgeadais. Ní bhíonn fabhrú ar bith i leith pá saoire i gceist don fhoireann acadúil ag deireadh na bliana i ngeall ar nádúr a gcuid conarthaí.

Oibleagáid Sochair Scoir

Déantar na toimhdí atá mar bhonn leis an luacháil achtúireach faoina n-aithnítear na suimeanna sna ráitis airgeadais a shocrú (ar a n-áirítear rátaí lascaine, rátaí méadaithe i leibhéil chúitimh sa todhchaí agus rátaí mortlaíochta) a nuashonrú go bliantúil bunaithe ar chúinsí reatha eacnamaíochta, agus le haghaidh athruithe ábhartha ar bith ar na téarmaí agus coinníollacha na bpleananna pinsin agus iarscoir.

Féadfaidh iad seo a leanas cur isteach ar na toibhdí sin:

(i) an ráta lascaine, athruithe ar an ráta fáltais ar bhannaí corparáideacha d'ard-cháilíocht.

(ii) leibhéil chúitimh sa todhchaí, cúinsí an mhargaidh saothair sa todhchaí.

Airgeadra eachtrach

Déantar bearta in airgeadraí eachtracha a thaifeadadh de réir an ráta malartaithe ar dháta an bhirt. Tuairiscítear sócmhainní agus dliteanais airgid atá ainmnithe in airgeadraí eachtracha ar dháta an chláir chomhardaithe de réir na rátaí malartaithe atá i bhfeidhm ar an dáta sin.

Léasanna

Muirearaítear cíosanna faoi léasanna oibriúcháin ar bhonn dronlíne thar théarma an léasa, fiú mura ndéantar na híocaíochtaí ar bhonn dá leitheid.

Deontais Chaipitil Stáit Iarchurtha

Seasann deontais chaipitil iarchurtha do luach neamhamúchta chistí carntha a úsáidtear chun sócmhainní seasta a fháil nó a thógáil. Caitear le Deontais Chaipitil ón ÚAO nó ó chomhlachtaí Stáit eile a fhaightear i dtaca le fáil nó tógáil sócmhainní seasta mar dheontais chaipitil Stáit agus déantar amúchadh orthu ag teacht le dímheas a mhuirearaítear thar shaolré na sócmhainní.

Cúlchiste Caipitil Forbartha

Seasann an cúlchiste caipitil forbartha do chistí atá curtha ar leataobh ag an Institiúid le haghaidh críocha forbartha caipitil neamhshainithe. D'eascair cistí dá leithéid as Táillí Clárúcháin Neach Léinn, tabhartais caipitil neamhstáit, táillí saoráide baincéireachta agus aistrithe ó Chúlchistí Ioncaim, a bhfuil acu sa chás deiridh réamhfhaomhadh an Údaráis um Ard-Oideachas mar aon leis an ús bainc a tuilleadh ar an airgead sin. Coinneofar cistí dá leithéid sa chuntas cúlchiste caipitil forbartha ar choinníoll go bhfuil na tionscadail shainithe a bhfuil siad tiomanta dóibh ag teacht le plean caipiteal forbartha na hInstitiúide, iad faofa ag an mBord Rialaithe, céimnithe ó thaobh ama de agus le meastacháin ar na costais.

Pension liabilities represent the present value of future pension payments earned to date. The retirement benefit funding asset reflects the expectation that the Department of Education and Skills will continue to pay pensions and retirement lump sums as they fall due.

Actuarial gains or losses arising on scheme liabilities are reflected in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, and a corresponding adjustment is recognised in the retirement benefit funding asset.

The financial statements reflect, at fair value, the assets and liabilities arising from the Institute's pension obligations in respect of its current staff only and any related funding. The costs of providing pension benefits are recognised in the accounting periods in which they are earned by employees. Pension liabilities in respect of former employees who are in receipt of pensions are excluded because payments are charged to the appropriation account of the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research Innovation and Science (DFHERIS). The reduction in liability arising from members who retire during the year is reflected as an experience gain. Retirement benefit scheme liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method.

Subsidiary staff (staff of GMIT Catering Company CLG) have the option to join the public sector pension scheme.

(ii) Short-Term Benefits

Short-term benefits such as holiday pay are recognised as an expense in the year, and benefits that are accrued at year end are included in the Payables figure in the Statement of Financial Position. There is no accrual for holiday pay for academic staff at year end due to the nature of their contracts.

Retirement Benefit Obligation

The assumptions underlying the actuarial valuation for which the amounts recognised in the financial statements are determined (including discount rates, rates of increase in future compensation levels and mortality rates) are updated annually based on current economic conditions, and for any relevant changes to the terms and conditions of the pension and post-retirement plans.

The assumptions can be affected by:

(i) the discount rate, changes in the rate of return on high-quality corporate bonds;

(ii) future compensation levels, future labour market conditions.

Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the Statement of Financial Position date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date.

Leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the lease term, even if the payments are not made on such a basis.

Deferred State Capital Grants

Deferred state capital grants represent the unamortised value of accumulated funds used for the acquisition or construction of fixed assets. Capital Grants from the HEA or other State bodies received in respect of acquisition or construction of fixed assets are treated as deferred State capital grants and amortised in line with depreciation charged over the life of the assets.

Capital Development Reserve

The capital development reserve represents funds set aside by the Institute for specified capital development purposes. Such funds arose from student registration fees, non-state capital donations, banking facility fees and transfers from revenue reserves, together with bank interest earned on these monies. Such funds shall be retained in the capital development reserve account provided the defined projects to which they are committed are in line with the Institute's capital development plan, have been approved by the Governing Body and are time phased and with estimates of costs.

2. Breitheanna criticiúla cuntasaíochta agus príomhfhoinsí éiginnteachta meastacháin

Agus polasaithe cuntasaíochta na hInstitiúide á gcur i bhfeidhm, a bhfuil cur síos orthu i nóta 1, éilítear ar an mBord Rialaithe breitheanna, meastacháin agus toimhdí a dhéanamh maidir le suimeanna glanluacha sócmhainní agus dliteanas nach léir go héasca ó fhoinsí eile. Tá na meastacháin agus na toimhdí gaolmhara bunaithe ar thaithí stairiúil agus tosca eile a meastar a bheith ábhartha. D'fhéadfadh na torthaí iarbhír a bheith difriúil leis na meastacháin sin.

Déantar na meastacháin agus na toimhdí bunúsacha a athbhreithniú ar bhonn leanúnach. Aithnítear athbhreithnithe ar mheastacháin chuntasaíochta sa tréimhse ina ndéantar an meastachán a athbhreithniú mura mbaineann an t-athbhreithniú leis an tréimhse sin amháin, nó i dtréimhse an athbhreithnithe agus tréimhsí todhchaíocha má bhaineann an t-athbhreithniú leis na tréimhsí reatha agus todhchaíocha araon.

Breitheanna criticiúla agus polasaithe cuntasaíochta na hInstitiúide á gcur i bhfeidhm

Mar seo a leanas atá na breitheanna criticiúla, seachas iad siúd a mbíonn meastacháin i gceist leo (a bhfuil tuairisc orthu ar leithligh thíos), a rinne an Bord Rialaithe agus iad ag cur na bpolasaithe cuntasaíochta i bhfeidhm ag a bhfuil an éifeacht is suntasaí ar na suimeanna a aithnítear sna ráitis airgeadais

Gnóthas Leantach

Tá dúshláin mhóra ghnó cruthaithe ag an ngéarchéim COVID-19 do gach institiúid tríú leibhéal. Leanann an Institiúid de mheasúnú a dhéanamh ar na héifeachtaí leanúnacha agus teilgthe airgeadais agus oibriúchtúla. Tá athbhreithniú déanta ag an mBord Rialaithe ar an tionchar airgeadais a bhfuil súil leis ó COVID-19 agus tá siad sásta go bhfuil dóthain cistithe ar fáil don Institiúid chun freastal ar a cuid dliteanas de réir mar a mbeidh siad dlite agus leanúint mar ghnóthas leantach. Rinne an Bord Rialaithe smaoineamh a thuilleadh ar an ábhar seo ar fhaomhadh na ráiteas airgeadais dóibh. Ar an mbonn sin measann an Institiúid go bhfuil sé iomchuí na ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú ar bhonn gnóthais leantaigh. Dá bhrí sin, ní chuimsíonn na ráitis airgeadais seo coigeartuithe ar bith ar shuim ghlanluacha agus aicmiú na sócmhainní agus dliteanas a d'fhéadfadh tarlú mura mbeadh an Institiúid in ann leanúint ar aghaidh mar ghnóthas leantach.

Saolréanna a aimsiú do chríocha dímheasa réadmhaoine, gléasra agus trealaimh

Cuimsíonn sócmhainní a bhfuil saolré fhada acu, a chuimsíonn go príomha réadmhaoin, gléasra agus trealamh, cuid shuntasach de na sócmhainní iomlána. Braitheann an muirear dímheasa bliantúil go príomha ar shaolré mheasta gach cineál sócmhainne agus meastacháin ar luacha iarmharacha. Déanann an Institiúid athbhreithniú go rialta ar shaolréanna na sócmhainní sin agus athraíonn iad de réir mar is gá chun tuairimíocht reatha a léiriú i bhfianaise úsáid ionchasach eacnamaíochta agus riocht fisiciúil na sócmhainní atá i gceist. Féadfaidh athrú ar shaolréanna sócmhainne tionchar suntasach a imirt ar an muirear dímheasa don tréimhse.

Tá sonraí maidir leis na saolréanna úsáideacha cuimsithe sna polasaithe cuntasaíochta.

Soláthar in aghaidh fhiach amhrasach

Déanann an Institiúid meastachán ar luach in-aisghabhála fhéichiúnaithe trádála agus féichiúnaithe eile. Baineann an Institiúid úsáid as meastacháin bunaithe ar thaithí stairiúil chun leibhéil na bhfiach a bhféadfadh sé tarlú nach mbaileofar a aimsiú. Cuimsíonn na meastacháin sin cúinsí amhail rátáil reatha an fhéichiúnaí, próifíl aosaithe fhéichiúnaithe agus taithí stairiúil. Déantar athbhreithniú ar an leibhéal soláthair ar bhonn leanúnach.

Fabhrú Pá Saoire

Ríomhtar fabhrú pá saoire agus tagairt do na laethanta saoire atá amuigh ag deireadh na bliana. Ní bhíonn fabhrú ag teastáil ón bhfoireann acadúil ag deireadh na bliana i ngeall ar nádúr a gconartha.

3. Deontais Stáit

	Cionroinnte do Chaiteachas Athfhillteach €'000	Cionroinnte do Chaiteachas Caipitil €'000	Iomlán 2020 €'000	Iomlán 2019 €'000
Caiteachas athfhillteach – ÚAO	31,267	1,974	33,241	29,289
Deontais chaipitil stáit eile– ÚAO	14	1,705	1,719	622
Deontas déabhlóidithe – ÚAO	750	-	750	750
Deontais stáit eile - ÚAO	3,351	99	3,450	2,341
Iomlán 2020 (Nóta 6)	**35,382**	**3,778**	**39,160**	**33,002**
Iomlán 2019	**31,127**	**1,875**	**33,002**	

San áireamh sa chionroinnt deontais reatha ón ÚAO in 2020,baineann suim de €1,621,668 le cistiú a bhaineann go sonrach le freastal ar na costais bhreise a tabhaíodh mar fhreagairt ar COVID-19.

2. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Institute's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, the Governing Body is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgements in applying the Institute's accounting policies

The following are the critical judgements, apart from those involving estimations (which are dealt with separately below), that the Governing Body has made in the process of applying the Institute's accounting policies, and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Going Concern

The COVID-19 crisis has created major business challenges for all third level institutions. The Institute continues to assess the ongoing and projected financial and operational impacts. The Governing Body has conducted a review of the expected financial impact of COVID-19 and was satisfied that there is sufficient funding for the Institute to meet its liabilities as they fall due and to continue as a going concern. The Governing Body further considered this matter on the approval of the financial statements. On this basis the Institute considers it appropriate to prepare financial statements on a going concern basis. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that may arise if the Institute was unable to continue as a going concern.

Establishing lives for depreciation purposes of property, plant & equipment

Long lived assets, consisting primarily of property, plant and equipment comprise a significant portion of the total assets. The annual depreciation charge depends primarily on the estimated lives of each type of asset and estimates of residual values. The Institute regularly reviews these asset lives and changes them as necessary to reflect current thinking on remaining lives in light of prospective economic utilisation and physical condition of the assets concerned. Change in asset lives can have a significant impact on depreciation charge for the period.

Details of the useful lives are included in the accounting policies.

Provision for doubtful debts

The Institute makes an estimate of the recoverable value of trade debtors and other debtors. The Institute uses estimates based on historical experience in determining the level of debts, which may not be collected. These estimates include such factors as the current rating of the debtor, the ageing profile of debtors and historical experience. The level of provision is reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Holiday Pay Accrual

The holiday pay accrual is calculated by reference to the number of days holidays outstanding at the year end. Academic staff do not require an accrual at year end due to the nature of their contracts.

3. State Grants

	Allocated for Recurrent Expenditure €'000	Allocated for Capital Expenditure €'000	2020 Total €'000	2019 Total €'000
Recurrent expenditure - HEA	31,267	1,974	33,241	29,289
Other state capital grants - HEA	14	1,705	1,719	622
Devolved grant - HEA	750	-	750	750
Other state grants- HEA	3,351	99	3,450	2,341
Total 2020 (Note 6)	**35,382**	**3,778**	**39,160**	**33,002**
Total 2019	**31,127**	**1,875**	**33,002**	

Included in the recurrent grant allocation from the HEA in 2020, an amount of €1,621,668 relates to funding specifically associated with meeting the extra costs incurred in response to COVID-19.

D'íoc an ÚAO deontais stáit eile sa bhliain de:

- € 1,403,150 (18/19: € 524,224) le haghaidh cúrsaí Springboard
- € 1,377,672 (18/19: € 1,590,259) le haghaidh cúrsaí Scileanna TF/ITIF
- € 380,980 (18/19: € 65,188) le haghaidh Tionscadal Teagaisc & Foghlama Nuálaíochta ÚAO iNOTE
- € 80,000 (18/19: € 55,000) le haghaidh Sparánachtaí 1916 PATH 11
- € 68,354 (18/19: € 13,986) le haghaidh Aistriú Rochtana agus Tionscadal PATH III
- € 52,795 (18/19: € -) le haghaidh Chiste Náisiúnta um Fheabhsúchán Teagaisc & Foghlama 2020
- € 30,000 (18/19: € 30,000) le haghaidh Litearthacht & Uimhirtheacht an ÚAO
- € 56,696 (18/19: € 62,198) le haghaidh tionscnamh eile cistithe ag an ÚAO

4. Táillí teagaisc agus cion tairbhe neach léinn

	2020				2019			
	Líon na Neach Léinn CLA	Stát-Chistithe €'000	Neamh-stát Chistithe €'000	Iomlán €'000	Líon na Neach Léinn CLA	Stát-Chistithe €'000	Neamh-stát Chistithe €'000	Iomlán €'000
Táillí íoctha ag an Stát	4,989	4,539	-	4,539	4,925	4,288	-	4,288
Táillí íoctha ag gníomhaireachtaí eile Stáit	123	196	-	196	125	193	-	193
Táillí Neamh-AE	106	-	555	555	100	-	539	539
Táillí íoctha ag neacha léinn nó ar son neach léinn	517	-	383	383	521	-	308	308
Táillí d'Fhoghlaim ar Feadh an tSaoil agus táillí eile	143	-	550	550	194	-	686	686
Cion tairbhe neach léinn, táillí athscrúdaithe san áireamh	-	8,562	8,370	16,932	-	9,055	7,708	16,763
Glanioncam ó tháillí/ Líon na neach léinn (Nóta 6)	**5,878**	**13,297**	**9,858**	**23,155**	**5,865**	**13,536**	**9,241**	**22,777**

D'íoc an tÚdarás um Ard-Oideachas Táillí Teagaisc sa bhliain de:

- € 3,568,863 (18/19: € 3,312,814) i leith chúrsaí céime lánaimseartha,
- € 288,251 (18/19: € 334,250) i leith chúrsaí ardteastais agus cúrsaí gnáthchéime, agus
- € 681,596 (18/19: € 640,536) i leith chúrsaí céime altranais lánaimseartha a bpáirtmhaoiníonn an ESF na costais iomlána.
- D'íoc SUSI táillí teagaisc agus cion tairbhe neach léinn léinn de €8,479,214 go hiomlán (18/19: €8,915, 354).
- Níl líon na neach léinn Springboard cuimsithe thuas: 254, áit a bhfuil an t-ioncam taifeadta i nDeontas Stáit Nóta 3.

Luaitear líon na neach léinn mar chóibhéisí lánaimseartha, bunaithe ar chreidiúintí clárúcháin.

5. Deontais Taighde & Conarthaí

	2020 Iomlán €000	2019 Iomlán €000
Ioncam		
Stát agus leathstát	3,591	3,345
Aontas Eorpach	732	553
Tionscal	267	586
Eile	70	181
	4,660	**4,665**
Caiteachas		
Costais phá	2,767	2,548
Costais neamh-Phá	1,961	2,039
	4,728	**4,587**
Glantoradh	**(68)**	**78**

The HEA paid other state grants in the year of:

- € 1,403,150 (18/19: € 524,224) for Springboard courses
- € 1,377,672 (18/19: € 1,590,259) for ICT/ITIF Skills courses
- € 380,980 (18/19: € 65,188) for iNote HEA Innovation Teaching & Learning Project
- € 80,000 (18/19: € 55,000) for 1916 Bursaries PATH 11
- € 68,354 (18/19: € 13,986) for Access Transition and succeed PATH III Project
- € 52,795 (18/19: € -) for National Forum for Teaching & Learning Enhance Fund 2020
- € 30,000 (18/19: € 30,000) for HEA - Literacy & Numeracy
- € 56,696 (18/19: € 62,198) for other HEA funded initiatives

4. Tuition Fees and Student Contribution

	2020				2019			
	Student Numbers WTE	State funded €'000	Non-state funded €'000	Total €'000	Student Numbers WTE	State funded €'000	Non-state funded €'000	Total €'000
Fees paid by state	4,989	4,539	-	4,539	4,925	4,288	-	4,288
Fees paid by other state agencies	123	196	-	196	125	193	-	193
Non-EU fees	106	-	555	555	100	-	539	539
Fees paid by students or on behalf of students	517	-	383	383	521	-	308	308
Lifelong learning and other fees	143	-	550	550	194	-	686	686
Student contribution including repeat exam fees	-	8,562	8,370	16,932	-	9,055	7,708	16,763
Net fee income / Student numbers (Note 6)	**5,878**	**13,297**	**9,858**	**23,155**	**5,865**	**13,536**	**9,241**	**22,777**

The HEA paid other state grants in the year of:

- € 3,568,863 (18/19: € 3,312,814) for full-time degree courses,
- € 288,251 (18/19: € 334,250) for higher certificate and ordinary degree courses, and
- € 681,596 (18/19: € 640,536) for full-time nursing degree course, the total costs of which are partly funded by the ESF.
- SUSI paid tuition and student contribution fees totalling €8,479,214 (18/19: €8,915,354).
- Springboard student numbers not included in the above: 254, where the income is recorded in State Grant Note 3.

Student numbers are stated as whole-time equivalents based on enrolled credits.

5. Research Grants and Contracts

	2020 Total €000	2019 Total €000
Income		
State and semi-state	3,591	3,345
European Union	732	553
Industry	267	586
Other	70	181
	4,660	**4,665**
Expenditure		
Pay costs	2,767	2,548
Non-pay costs	1,961	2,039
	4,728	**4,587**
Net Outcome	**(68)**	**78**

6. Anailís ar Ioncam ón Stáit

Ainm an Deontóra	Iarchur tosaigh 1 M.Fómhair '19	Deontas faighte	Iarchur deiridh 31 Lúnasa '20	I&E 2020
	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Nóta 3 – Deontas Stáit				
ÚAO	(584)	34,634	1,332	35,382
Ioncam Stáit Iomlán	**(584)**	**34,634**	**1,332**	**35,382**
Nóta 4 – Táillí teagaisc agus cion tairbhe neach léinn				
ÚAO	12	4,499	28	4,539
SUSI	-	8,491	(12)	8,479
Stát eile	-	285	(6)	279
Ioncam Stáit Iomlán	**12**	**13,275**	**10**	**13,297**
Nóta 5 – Deontas Taighde & Conarthaí				
Roinn Cumarsáide, Aeráide & Comhshaoil	-	5	-	5
Fiontraíocht Éireann	860	723	(179)	1,404
Bord Oideachais & Oiliúna		14	(9)	5
Gníomhaireacht um Chaomhnú Chomhshaoil	(108)	446	(296)	42
Comhairle Taighde na hÉireann	31	135	(47)	119
Bórd Iascaigh Mhara	(88)	257	83	252
Foras na Mara	(173)	419	241	487
Ospidéal na hOllscoile Gaillimh	-	9	-	9
Roinn Talmhaíochta & Bia	(40)	128	166	254
Idirthrádáil Éireann	3	-	-	3
Seirbhís Páirceanna Náisiúnta & Fiadhúlra	6	-	7	13
Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail & Rialtais Áitiúil	4	12	3	19
ÚAO	117	753	(184)	686
Fáilte Éireann	4	-	(3)	1
NUIG	7	20	(7)	20
NUI Mánuat	2	-		2
Údarás na Gaeltachta	-	113	-	113
UCD	24	3		27
UCC	7	20	(7)	20
Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe	2	2	-	4
Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha	2	4	(3)	3
Comhairle Chontae Mhaigh Eo	-	4	(4)	-
Fondúireacht Eolaíochta Éireann	93	-	(6)	87
Teagasc	3	18	(5)	16
Ioncam Stáit Iomlán	**756**	**3,085**	**(250)**	**3,591**
Nóta 7 – Cistiú tacaíochta neacha léinn				
ÚAO	514	1,147	(773)	888
Ioncam Stáit Iomlán	**514**	**1,147**	**(773)**	**888**

6. Analysis of state derived income

Name of Grantor	Opening deferral 01-Sep-19	Grant received	Closing deferral 31-Aug-20	I&E 2020
	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Note 3 - State grant				
HEA	(584)	34,634	1,332	35,382
Total State Income	**(584)**	**34,634**	**1,332**	**35,382**
Note 4 - Tuition fees and student contribution				
HEA	12	4,499	28	4,539
SUSI	-	8,491	(12)	8,479
Other state	-	285	(6)	279
Total State Income	**12**	**13,275**	**10**	**13,297**
Note 5 - Research grant and contracts				
Dept. of Comms, Climate Action & Environment	-	5	-	5
Enterprise Ireland	860	723	(179)	1,404
Education & Training Board		14	(9)	5
Environmental Protection Agency	(108)	446	(296)	42
Irish Research Council	31	135	(47)	119
Bórd Iascaigh Mhara	(88)	257	83	252
Marine Institute	(173)	419	241	487
University Hospital Galway	-	9	-	9
Dept. of Agriculture & Food	(40)	128	166	254
Intertrade Ireland	3	-	-	3
National Parks and Wildlife Service	6	-	7	13
Dept. of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Govt.	4	12	3	19
HEA	117	753	(184)	686
Fáilte Ireland	4	-	(3)	1
NUIG	7	20	(7)	20
NUI Maynooth	2	-		2
Údarás na Gaeltachta	-	113	-	113
UCD	24	3		27
UCC	7	20	(7)	20
Galway County Council	2	2	-	4
Dept. of Foreign Affairs	2	4	(3)	3
Mayo County Council	-	4	(4)	-
Science Foundation Ireland	93	-	(6)	87
Teagasc	3	18	(5)	16
Total State Income	**756**	**3,085**	**(250)**	**3,591**
Note 7 – Student support funding				
HEA	514	1,147	(773)	888
Total State Income	**514**	**1,147**	**(773)**	**888**

7. Cistiú Tacaíochta Neach Léinn

	2020 Míchumais €'000	2020 Cúnamh Neacha léinn €'000	2020 Iomlán €'000	2019 Iomlán €'000
Iarmhéid ar 1 Meán Fómhair	513	1	514	2
Fáltais:				
ÚAO	742	681	1,423	1,444
Lúide Aistriú go cuntas caipitil	(276)	-	(276)	(32)
	979	682	1,661	1,414
Iarmhéid ar 31 Lúnasa go hiarchur Ioncaim	(415)	(358)	(773)	(514)
Ioncam	564	324	888	900
Suimeanna Feidhmithe:				
Costais phá	407	-	407	423
Costais neamhphá	157	324	481	477
Caiteachas Iomlán	**564**	**324**	**888**	**900**
Muirear don ráiteas ar ioncam agus caiteachas	-	-	-	-

Cuireann an tÚAO cistiú ar fáil faoin bPlean Forbartha Náisiúnta agus tá sé páirtchistithe ag Ciste Sóisialta na hEorpa.

8. Ioncam Eile

	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Asbhaintí aoisliúntais coinnithe	2,310	2,452
Saoráidí ar cíos	162	354
Ioncam Ilghnéitheach	1,223	1,203
Glantoradh	**3,695**	**4,009**

9. Costais Foirne

Is é meánlíon na ndaoine (sealbhóirí post sinsearach san áireamh) a bhí fostaithe ag an Institiúid le linn na bliana, luaite mar cóibhéis lánaimseartha ná:

	2020 Líon na bhfostaithe	2019 Líon na bhfostaithe
Teagasc agus taighde	465	436
Teicniúil	64	63
Príomhriarachán agus seirbhísí	232	227
	761	**726**

	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Tuarastail agus pá	46,555	43,776
Liúntais agus ragobair	387	478
Costais Á.S.P.C. an fhostóra	4,317	4,041
Tuarastail agus pá na cuideachta lónadóireachta	612	783
	51,871	**49,078**

Íocaíochtaí foirceannta don fhoireann uile

	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Íocaíochtaí iomlána foirceannta le luach comhiomlán de bhreis ar €10k a íocadh le gach fostaí	11	110

7. Student Support Funding

	2020 Disabilities €'000	2020 Student Assistance €'000	2020 Total €'000	2019 Total €'000
Balance at 1 September	513	1	514	2
Receipts:				
HEA	742	681	1,423	1,444
Less transfer to capital account	(276)	-	(276)	(32)
	979	682	1,661	1,414
Balance at 31 August to defer	(415)	(358)	(773)	(514)
Income	564	324	888	900
Amounts applied:				
Pay costs	407	-	407	423
Non-pay costs	157	324	481	477
Total expenditure	**564**	**324**	**888**	**900**
Charge to statement of income and expenditure	-	-	-	-

Funding is provided by the HEA under the National Development Plan and is part funded by the European Social Fund.

8. Other Income

	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Superannuation deductions retained	2,310	2,452
Rental of facilities	162	354
Sundry income	1,223	1,203
Net outcome	**3,695**	**4,009**

9. Staff Costs

The average number of persons (including senior post-holders) employed by the Institute during the year, expressed in whole time equivalent is:

	2020 No. of employees	2019 No. of employees
Teaching and research	465	436
Technical	64	63
Central administration and services	232	227
	761	**726**

	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Salaries and wages	46,555	43,776
Allowances and overtime	387	478
Employer's welfare costs	4,317	4,041
Catering company salaries and wages	612	783
	51,871	**49,078**

Termination payments to all staff

	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Total termination payments with an aggregate value in excess of €10k paid to each employee	**11**	**110**

Cúiteamh i leith príomhphearsanra bainistíochta

Is éard atá i gceist le príomhphearsanra bainistíochta ná na daoine sin a bhfuil údarás agus freagracht orthu as pleanáil, stiúradh agus rialú gníomhaíochtaí na hInstitiúide, go díreach nó go hindíreach, ar a n-áirítear baill ar bith den Bhord Rialaithe (cibé acu feidhmeannach nó eile) de chuid na hInstitiúide a thuairiscíonn go díreach don Uachtarán.

Bhí an luach saothair le haghaidh príomhphearsanra bainistíochta don bhliain mar seo a leanas:

	CLA	Táillí €	Íocaíochtaí Tuarastail €	Iomlán €
Baill den Bhord Rialaithe	-	3,562	-	3,562
Uachtarán	0.4		73,858	73,858
Uachtarán Gníomhach	0.6		94,138	94,138
Bord Feidhmeannach	10		1,113,737	1,113,737
		3,562	**1,281,733**	**1,285,295**

Ceapadh an Cláraitheoir, an Dr Michael Hannon, mar Uachtarán Gníomhach ar 30 Bealtaine 2019 go dtí 25 Márta 2020. Thosaigh an Dr Orla Flynn mar Uachtarán GMIT ar 18 Márta 2020. Is baill de scéim na hInstitiúide iad an tUachtarán agus an Bord Feidhmeannach. Is socrú pinsin sochair shainnithe an tuarastail dheiridh í an scéim pinsin ag a bhfuil sochair agus ranníocaí atá sainnithe trí thagairt do "eiseamláir" reatha rialacháin na hearnála poiblí.

Sochair Fhostaí

Léirítear sa tábla thíos sonraí na bhfostaithe a thuilleann €60,000 nó níos mó i mbandaí tuarastail de €10,000.

Bandaí Tuarastail €	31 Lúnasa 2020 Líon na bhfostaithe	31 Lúnasa 2019 Líon na bhfostaithe
60,000 - 70,000	73	68
70,001 - 80,000	71	75
80,001 - 90,000	159	161
90,001 - 100,000	26	30
100,001 -110,000	19	10
110,001 - 120,000	2	2
120,001 - 130,000	-	1
130,001 - 140,000	-	-
140,001 – 150,000	1	-
150,001+	-	-
Móriomlán	**351**	**347**

10. Costais Oibriúcháin Eile

	2020 Costais Pá €'000	2020 Costais Oibriúcháin Eile €'000	2020 Iomlán €'000	2019 Iomlán €'000
Ranna acadúla	37,609	1,748	39,357	37,781
Seirbhísí acadúla	1,959	784	2,743	3,001
Saoráidí	1,898	3,669	5,567	4,929
Príomhriarachán	4,847	2,311	7,158	6,982
Oideachas ginearálta	361	437	798	813
Seirbhísí do neacha léinn	1,411	1,089	2,500	2,304
Cistiú tacaíochta neacha léinn	407	481	888	900
Deontais taighde & conarthaí	2,767	1,961	4,728	4,587
Lónadóireacht	612	350	962	1,471
Dímheas			3,507	3,099
Costais sochair scoir			16,751	16,378
Caiteachas Iomlán	**51,871**	**12,830**	**84,959**	**82,245**
Iomlán 2019	**49,078**	**13,690**	**82,245**	

Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the Institute, directly or indirectly, including any Governing Body members (whether executive or otherwise) of the Institute who report directly to the President.

The total remuneration for key management personnel for the year is as follows:

	WTE	Fees €	Salary Payments €	Total €
Governing Body Members	-	3,562	-	3,562
President	0.4		73,858	73,858
Acting President	0.6		94,138	94,138
Executive Board	10		1,113,737	1,113,737
		3,562	**1,281,733**	**1,285,295**

The Registrar, Dr. Michael Hannon was appointed Acting President of GMIT on 30th May 2019 until the 25th March 2020. Dr. Orla Flynn commenced as President of GMIT on 18th March 2020. The President and the Executive Board are members of the Institute scheme. The pension scheme is a defined benefit final salary pension arrangement with benefits and contributions defined by reference to current "model" public sector regulations.

Employee Benefits

The table below provides details of employees earning €60,000 or more in salary bands of €10,000.

Salary bands €	31 August 2020 No. of employees	31 August 2019 No. of employees
60,000 - 70,000	73	68
70,001 - 80,000	71	75
80,001 - 90,000	159	161
90,001 - 100,000	26	30
100,001 -110,000	19	10
110,001 - 120,000	2	2
120,001 - 130,000	-	1
130,001 - 140,000	-	-
140,001 – 150,000	1	-
150,001+	-	-
Grand Total	**351**	**347**

10. Other Operating Expenses

	2020 Pay costs €'000	2020 Other operating expenses €'000	2020 Total €'000	2019 Total €'000
Academic departments	37,609	1,748	39,357	37,781
Academic services	1,959	784	2,743	3,001
Facilities	1,898	3,669	5,567	4,929
Central administration	4,847	2,311	7,158	6,982
General education	361	437	798	813
Student services	1,411	1,089	2,500	2,304
Student support funding	407	481	888	900
Research grants and contracts	2,767	1,961	4,728	4,587
Catering	612	350	962	1,471
Depreciation			3,507	3,099
Retirement benefit costs			16,751	16,378
Total expenditure	**51,871**	**12,830**	**84,959**	**82,245**
Total 2019	**49,078**	**13,690**	**82,245**	

Anailís ar Chaiteachas Oibriúcháin Eile

	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Seirbhísí do neacha léinn	1,262	1,156
Táillí gairmiúla	1,174	1,186
Oideachas ginearálta	847	940
Ábhair & tomhaltáin eile	843	1,074
Costais chothabhála	1,715	1,261
Costais ar Fhuinneamh	732	788
Lónadóireacht	350	688
Taisteal & cothú	625	856
Costais eile áitribh	556	565
Trealamh	430	524
Costais ríomhaire	800	1,201
Ilghnéitheach	416	380
Cíos agus rátaí	396	407
Fógraíocht & poiblíocht ghinearálta	312	351
Costais phearsanra	343	404
Ábhair leabharlainne	258	233
Stáiseanóireacht & ábhair oifige	201	301
Deontais neacha léinn iarchéime	453	444
Árachas	301	273
Cumarsáid	120	148
Soláthar in aghaidh drochfhiach	238	147
Costais eile taighde	318	177
Costais airgeadais	103	76
Luach saothair iniúchóirí	36	29
Speansais Bhord Rialaithe	1	3
Díscríobh sócmhainní i mbun tógála	-	78
Costais Iomlán Oibriúcháin Eile	**12,830**	**13,690**

Ar Chostais Oibriúcháin eile bhí:

Luach Saothar Iniúchóirí:

- Iniúchadh seachtrach na hInstitiúide	36	29
- Iniúchadh seachtrach fochuideachta	5	3
- Seirbhísí iniúchóireachta inmheánaí a chuir tríú páirtí ar fáil	57	35

Níl CBL san áireamh i luach saothair na n-iniúchóirí a nochtar thuas.

11. Cánachas

Tá Institiúide Teicneolaíochta na Gaillimhe-Maigh Eo díolmhaithe ó Chánachas Corparáideach, faoi ordú stádas carthanachta.

Níl GMIT Catering Company Ltd, fochuideachta faoi lánúinéireacht, san áireamh sa díolúine sin.

GMIT Catering Company Limited	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Cáin reatha ar bhrabús ar ghnáthghníomhaíochtaí		
Cáin chorparáideach na hÉireann ar bhrabús fochuideachtaí don bhliain	-	-
Cáin iarchurtha	-	-
Cáin iomlán ar bhrabús ar ghnáthghníomhaíochtaí	**-**	**-**

Analysis of other operating expenditure

	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Services to students	1,262	1,156
Professional fees	1,174	1,186
General education	847	940
Materials and other consumables	843	1,074
Maintenance costs	1,715	1,261
Energy costs	732	788
Catering	350	688
Travel and subsistence	625	856
Other premises costs	556	565
Equipment	430	524
Computer costs	800	1,201
Miscellaneous	416	380
Rent and rates	396	407
General advertising and publicity	312	351
Personnel costs	343	404
Library materials	258	233
Stationery and office materials	201	301
Postgraduate student grants	453	444
Insurance	301	273
Communications	120	148
Bad debts provision	238	147
Other research costs	318	177
Finance costs	103	76
Auditors remuneration	36	29
Governing body expenses	1	3
Write down of assets in course of construction	-	78
Total other operating expenses	**12,830**	**13,690**

Other operating expenses include:

Auditors remuneration:

- External audit of Institute	36	29
- External audit of subsidiary	5	3
- Internal audit services provided by a third party	57	35

Auditors remuneration disclosed above excludes VAT.

11. Taxation

The Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology is exempt from corporation tax under a charitable status order.

The GMIT Catering Company Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary, is not included in this exemption.

GMIT Catering Company Limited	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Current tax on profit on ordinary activities		
Irish corporation tax on profits of subsidiaries for the year	-	-
Deferred tax	-	-
Total tax on profit on ordinary activities	**-**	**-**

12. Toradh airgeadais don bhliain

Tá an barrachas/(easnamh) don bhliain ar oibríochtaí leanúnacha comhdhéanta mar seo a leanas:

	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Barrachas Institiúide don bhliain	4,042	2,189
(Easnamh) a ghin fochuideachtaí agus gnóthais eile	(252)	(97)
	3,790	**2,092**

13. Réadmhaoin, Gléasra & Trealamh

Comhdhlúite

	Talamh & Foirgnimh €'000	Foirgnimh i mbun tógála €'000	Daingneáin & feistí €'000	Trealamh ríomhaire €'000	Gléasra & innealra €'000	Troscán & trealamh €'000	Feithiclí mótair €'000	Sócmhainní eile i mbun tógála €'000	Fochuideachta €'000	Iomlán €'000
Costas										
Ar 1 Meán Fómhair 2019	90,152	1,843	1,299	4,967	679	10,373	120	113	41	109,587
Breiseanna sa bhliain	-	3,657	13	1,744	31	1,290	-	87	-	6,822
Aistriú ó shócmhainní i mbun tógála	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diúscairtí sa bhliain	-	-	(7)	(3)	-	(82)	-	-	-	(92)
Ar 31 Lúnasa 2020	**90,152**	**5,500**	**1,305**	**6,708**	**710**	**11,581**	**120**	**200**	**41**	**116,317**
Dímheas										
Ar 1 Meán Fómhair 2019	38,440	-	1,227	3,848	522	8,546	99	-	37	52,719
Muirear don bhliain	1,895	-	17	797	27	763	6	-	2	3,507
Scriosta ar dhiúscairtí	-	-	(7)	(3)	-	(82)	-	-	-	(92)
Ar 31 Lúnasa 2020	**40,335**	**-**	**1,237**	**4,642**	**549**	**9,227**	**105**	**-**	**39**	**56,134**
Glanluach de réir na leabhar:										
Ar 31 Lúnasa 2020	**49,817**	**5,500**	**68**	**2,066**	**161**	**2,354**	**15**	**200**	**2**	**60,183**
Ar 1 Meán Fómhair 2019	**51,712**	**1,843**	**72**	**1,119**	**157**	**1,827**	**21**	**113**	**4**	**56,868**

14. Réadmhaoin, Gléasra & Trealamh

Institiúid amháin

	Talamh & Foirgnimh €'000	Foirgnimh i mbun tógála €'000	Daingneáin & feistí €'000	Trealamh ríomhaire €'000	Gléasra & innealra €'000	Troscán & trealamh €'000	Feithiclí mótair €'000	Sócmhainní eile i mbun tógála €'000	Iomlán €'000
Costas									
Ar 1 Meán Fómhair 2019	90,152	1,843	1,299	4,967	679	10,373	120	113	109,546
Breiseanna sa bhliain	-	3,657	13	1,744	31	1,290	-	87	6,822
Aistrithe ó shócmhainní i mbun tógála	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diúscairtí sa bhliain	-	-	(7)	(3)	-	(82)	-	-	(92)
Ar 31 Lúnasa 2020	**90,152**	**5,500**	**1,305**	**6,708**	**710**	**11,581**	**120**	**200**	**116,276**
Dímheas									
Ar 1 Meán Fómhair 2019	38,440	-	1,227	3,848	522	8,546	99	-	52,682
Muirear don bhliain	1,895	-	17	797	27	763	6	-	3,505
Scriosta ar dhiúscairtí	-	-	(7)	(3)	-	(82)	-	-	(92)
Ar 31 Lúnasa 2020	**40,335**	**-**	**1,237**	**4,642**	**549**	**9,227**	**105**	**-**	**56,095**
Glanluach de réir na leabhar:									
Ar 31 Lúnasa 2020	**49,817**	**5,500**	**68**	**2,066**	**161**	**2,354**	**15**	**200**	**60,181**
Ar 1 Meán Fómhair 2019	**51,712**	**1,843**	**72**	**1,119**	**157**	**1,827**	**21**	**113**	**56,864**

12. Financial result for the year

The surplus/(deficit) for the year on continuing operations is made up as follows:

	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Institute surplus for the year	4,042	2,189
(Deficit) generated by subsidiaries and other undertakings	(252)	(97)
	3,790	**2,092**

13. Property, plant & equipment

Consolidated

	Land & buildings €'000	Buildings in course of construction €'000	Fixtures & fittings €'000	Computer equipment €'000	Plant & machinery €'000	Furniture & equipment €'000	Motor vehicles €'000	Other assets in course of construction €'000	Subsidiary €'000	Total €'000
Cost										
At 1 September 2019	90,152	1,843	1,299	4,967	679	10,373	120	113	41	109,587
Additions in year	-	3,657	13	1,744	31	1,290	-	87	-	6,822
Transfer from assets in course of construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals in year	-	-	(7)	(3)	-	(82)	-	-	-	(92)
At 31 August 2020	**90,152**	**5,500**	**1,305**	**6,708**	**710**	**11,581**	**120**	**200**	**41**	**116,317**
Depreciation										
At 1 September 2019	38,440	-	1,227	3,848	522	8,546	99	-	37	52,719
Charge for year	1,895	-	17	797	27	763	6	-	2	3,507
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	(7)	(3)	-	(82)	-	-	-	(92)
At 31 August 2020	**40,335**	**-**	**1,237**	**4,642**	**549**	**9,227**	**105**	**-**	**39**	**56,134**
Net book value:										
At 31 August 2020	**49,817**	**5,500**	**68**	**2,066**	**161**	**2,354**	**15**	**200**	**2**	**60,183**
At 1 September 2019	**51,712**	**1,843**	**72**	**1,119**	**157**	**1,827**	**21**	**113**	**4**	**56,868**

14. Property, plant & equipment

Institute only

	Land & buildings €'000	Buildings in course of construction €'000	Fixtures & fittings €'000	Computer equipment €'000	Plant & machinery €'000	Furniture & equipment €'000	Motor vehicles €'000	Other assets in course of construction €'000	Total €'000
Cost									
At 1 September 2019	90,152	1,843	1,299	4,967	679	10,373	120	113	109,546
Additions in year	-	3,657	13	1,744	31	1,290	-	87	6,822
Transfers from assets in course of construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals in year	-	-	(7)	(3)	-	(82)	-	-	(92)
At 31 August 2020	**90,152**	**5,500**	**1,305**	**6,708**	**710**	**11,581**	**120**	**200**	**116,276**
Depreciation									
At 1 September 2019	38,440	-	1,227	3,848	522	8,546	99	-	52,682
Charge for year	1,895	-	17	797	27	763	6	-	3,505
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	(7)	(3)	-	(82)	-	-	(92)
At 31 August 2020	**40,335**	**-**	**1,237**	**4,642**	**549**	**9,227**	**105**	**-**	**56,095**
Net book value:									
At 31 August 2020	**49,817**	**5,500**	**68**	**2,066**	**161**	**2,354**	**15**	**200**	**60,181**
At 1 September 2019	**51,712**	**1,843**	**72**	**1,119**	**157**	**1,827**	**21**	**113**	**56,864**

15. Réadmhaoin, Gléasra & Trealamh – i leith na bliana roimhe sin

Comhdhlúite

	Talamh & Foirgnimh €'000	Foirgnimh i mbun tógála €'000	Daingneáin & feistí €'000	Trealamh ríomhaire €'000	Gléasra & innealra €'000	Troscán & trealamh €'000	Feithiclí mótair €'000	Sócmhainní eile i mbun tógála €'000	Fochuideachta €'000	Iomlán €'000
Costas										
Ar 1 Meán Fómhair 2018	90,067	599	1,785	4,781	880	10,255	110	131	94	108,702
Breiseanna sa bhliain	1	1,278	9	751	-	922	10	110	-	3,081
Aistriú ó shócmhainní i mbun tógála	84	(34)	-	-	-	-	-	(50)	-	-
Diúscairtí sa bhliain	-	-	(495)	(565)	(201)	(804)	-	(78)	(53)	(2,196)
Ar 31 Lúnasa 2019	**90,152**	**1,843**	**1,299**	**4,967**	**679**	**10,373**	**120**	**113**	**41**	**109,587**
Dímheas										
Ar 1 Meán Fómhair 2018	36,544	-	1,693	3,828	694	8,803	95	-	64	51,721
Muirear don bhliain	1,896	-	29	585	28	547	4	-	10	3,099
Scriosta ar dhiúscairtí	-	-	(495)	(565)	(200)	(804)	-	-	(37)	(2,101)
Ar 31 Lúnasa 2019	**38,440**	**-**	**1,227**	**3,848**	**522**	**8,546**	**99**	**-**	**37**	**52,719**
Glanluach de réir na leabhar:										
Ar 31 Lúnasa 2019	**51,712**	**1,843**	**72**	**1,119**	**157**	**1,827**	**21**	**113**	**4**	**56,868**
Ar 1 Meán Fómhair 2018	**53,523**	**599**	**92**	**953**	**186**	**1,452**	**15**	**131**	**30**	**56,981**

16. Réadmhaoin, Gléasra & Trealamh - i leith na bliana roimhe sin

Institiúid amháin

	Talamh & Foirgnimh €'000	Foirgnimh i mbun tógála €'000	Daingneáin & feistí €'000	Trealamh ríomhaire €'000	Gléasra & innealra €'000	Troscán & trealamh €'000	Feithiclí mótair €'000	Sócmhainní eile i mbun tógála €'000	Iomlán €'000
Costas									
Ar 1 Meán Fómhair 2018	**90,067**	**599**	**1,785**	**4,781**	**880**	**10,255**	**110**	**131**	**108,608**
Breiseanna sa bhliain	1	1,278	9	751	-	922	10	110	3,081
Aistrithe ó shócmhainní i mbun tógála	84	(34)	-	-	-	-	-	(50)	-
Diúscairtí sa bhliain	-	-	(495)	(565)	(201)	(804)	-	(78)	(2,143)
Ar 31 Lúnasa 2019	**90,152**	**1,843**	**1,299**	**4,967**	**679**	**10,373**	**120**	**113**	**109,546**
Dímheas									
Ar 1 Meán Fómhair 2018	36,544	-	1,693	3,828	694	8,803	95	-	51,657
Muirear don bhliain	1,896	-	29	585	28	547	4	-	3,089
Scriosta ar dhiúscairtí	-	-	(495)	(565)	(200)	(804)	-	-	(2,064)
Ar 31 Lúnasa 2019	**38,440**	**-**	**1,227**	**3,848**	**522**	**8,546**	**99**	**-**	**52,682**
Glanluach de réir na leabhar:									
Ar 31 Lúnasa 2019	**51,712**	**1,843**	**72**	**1,119**	**157**	**1,827**	**21**	**113**	**56,864**
Ar 1 Meán Fómhair 2018	**53,523**	**599**	**92**	**953**	**186**	**1,452**	**15**	**131**	**56,951**

15. Property, plant & equipment – in respect of the prior year

Consolidated

	Land & buildings €'000	Buildings in course of construction €'000	Fixtures & fittings €'000	Computer equipment €'000	Plant & machinery €'000	Furniture & equipment €'000	Motor vehicles €'000	Other assets in course of construction €'000	Subsidiary €'000	Total €'000
Cost										
At 1 September 2018	90,067	599	1,785	4,781	880	10,255	110	131	94	108,702
Additions in year	1	1,278	9	751	-	922	10	110	-	3,081
Transfer from assets in course of construction	84	(34)	-	-	-	-	-	(50)	-	-
Disposals in year	-	-	(495)	(565)	(201)	(804)	-	(78)	(53)	(2,196)
At 31 August 2019	**90,152**	**1,843**	**1,299**	**4,967**	**679**	**10,373**	**120**	**113**	**41**	**109,587**
Depreciation										
At 1 September 2018	36,544	-	1,693	3,828	694	8,803	95	-	64	51,721
Charge for year	1,896	-	29	585	28	547	4	-	10	3,099
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	(495)	(565)	(200)	(804)	-	-	(37)	(2,101)
At 31 August 2019	**38,440**	**-**	**1,227**	**3,848**	**522**	**8,546**	**99**	**-**	**37**	**52,719**
Net book value:										
At 31 August 2019	**51,712**	**1,843**	**72**	**1,119**	**157**	**1,827**	**21**	**113**	**4**	**56,868**
At 1 September 2018	**53,523**	**599**	**92**	**953**	**186**	**1,452**	**15**	**131**	**30**	**56,981**

16. Property, plant & equipment – in respect of the prior year

Institute only

	Land & buildings €'000	Buildings in course of construction €'000	Fixtures & fittings €'000	Computer equipment €'000	Plant & machinery €'000	Furniture & equipment €'000	Motor vehicles €'000	Other assets in course of construction €'000	Total €'000
Cost									
At 1 September 2018	**90,067**	**599**	**1,785**	**4,781**	**880**	**10,255**	**110**	**131**	**108,608**
Additions in year	1	1,278	9	751	-	922	10	110	3,081
Transfers from assets in course of construction	84	(34)	-	-	-	-	-	(50)	-
Disposals in year	-	-	(495)	(565)	(201)	(804)	-	(78)	(2,143)
At 31 August 2019	**90,152**	**1,843**	**1,299**	**4,967**	**679**	**10,373**	**120**	**113**	**109,546**
Depreciation									
At 1 September 2018	36,544	-	1,693	3,828	694	8,803	95	-	51,657
Charge for year	1,896	-	29	585	28	547	4	-	3,089
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	(495)	(565)	(200)	(804)	-	-	(2,064)
At 31 August 2019	**38,440**	**-**	**1,227**	**3,848**	**522**	**8,546**	**99**	**-**	**52,682**
Net book value									
At 31 August 2019	**51,712**	**1,843**	**72**	**1,119**	**157**	**1,827**	**21**	**113**	**56,864**
At 1 September 2018	**53,523**	**599**	**92**	**953**	**186**	**1,452**	**15**	**131**	**56,951**

17. Foghnóthais agus infheistíochtaí

Tá leas ag an Institiúid san fhochuideachta seo a leanas:

Foghnóthais
GMIT Catering Company Ltd

Príomhghníomhaíocht
Bainistiú Ceaintín
Leas 100%

	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Brabús coinnithe ar 1 Meán Fómhair	86	183
Easnamh don bhliain	(252)	(97)
Easnamh/brabús coinnithe ar 31 Lúnasa	**(166)**	**86**

Tá oifig chláraithe agus ionad gnó ag an bhfoghnóthas thuas in GMIT, Bóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath, Gaillimh. D'éirigh The GMIT Catering Company as trádáil ar 31 Lúnasa 2020. Aistríodh gnó The GMIT Catering Company chuig GMIT ar 1 Meán Fómhair 2021, d'aistrigh gach fostaí chuig GMIT agus rinneadh fostaithe de GMIT díobh agus a gcuid téarma agus coinníollacha fostaíochta á gcoinneáil acu. Is é líon iomlán na bhfostaithe ná 27 fostaí a íoctar in aghaidh na huaire agus 3 ball foirne lánaimseartha. Tá an chuideachta á tabhairt chun críche trína baint den liosta go deonach gan aon chostas ábhartha agus sócmhainní agus dliteanais uile na cuideachta á n-aistriú chuig GMIT.

18. Infháltais

	Comhdhlúite		Institiúid	
	2020 €'000	2019 €'000	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Infháltais tradála	237	303	237	303
Deontais taighde agus conarthaí infhaighte	2,624	1,978	2,624	1,978
Deontais stáit infhaighte	2,122	813	2,122	813
Deontas caipitil stáit infhaighte	625	370	625	370
Táillí acadúla infhaighte	728	654	728	654
Soláthar in aghaidh droch-fhiach	(548)	(552)	(545)	(552)
Réamhíocaíochtaí	360	351	357	348
Infháltais eile	733	478	756	406
	6,881	**4,395**	**6,904**	**4,320**

19. Airgead agus Cóibhéisí Airgid

	Comhdhlúite		Institiúid	
	2020 €'000	2019 €'000	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Airgead sa bhanc ar a n-áirítear iarmhéideanna coinnithe ar thaisce gearrthéarma	**16,453**	**12,273**	**16,444**	**12,092**

20. Suimeanna Iníoctha: suimeanna dlite laistigh de 1 bhliain amháin

	Comhdhlúite		Institiúid	
	2020 €'000	2019 €'000	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Suimeanna trádála iníoctha	440	155	438	160
Deontais taighde agus conarthaí réamhíoctha	2,477	2,211	2,477	2,211
Táillí teagaisc réamhfhaighte	528	1,111	528	1,111
Deontais stáit réamhfhaighte	1,677	-	1,677	-
Deontas caipitil stáit réamhfhaighte	294	96	294	96
Fabhruithe	3,146	2,576	3,103	2,493
Suimeanna eile réamhfhaighte	1,098	280	1,098	280
Cistiú tacaíochta neacha léinn	773	513	773	513
Cáin eile agus leas sóisialta	1,507	1,498	1,395	1,399
	11,940	**8,440**	**11,783**	**8,263**

17. Subsidiary Undertakings and Investments

The Institute holds an interest in the following subsidiary:

Subsidiary undertakings
GMIT Catering Company Ltd.

Principal activity
Management of canteen
Interest 100%

	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Retained profit at 1st September	86	183
Deficit for the year	(252)	(97)
Retained deficit/profit at 31st August	**(166)**	**86**

The subsidiary undertaking has their registered office and place of business in GMIT, Dublin Road, Galway. The GMIT Catering Company ceased to trade on 31st August 2020. The business of GMIT Catering Company transferred to GMIT on 1st September 2020, all employees transferred to GMIT and became employees of GMIT retaining their existing term and conditions of employment. The total number of employees are 27 hourly paid staff and 3 full-time staff. The company is being wound down through voluntary strike off with no material cost and all assets and liabilities of the company transferring to GMIT.

18. Receivables

	Consolidated		Institute	
	2020 €'000	2019 €'000	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Trade receivables	237	303	237	303
Research grants and contracts receivable	2,624	1,978	2,624	1,978
State grants receivable	2,122	813	2,122	813
State capital grant receivable	625	370	625	370
Academic fees receivable	728	654	728	654
Provision for bad debts	(548)	(552)	(545)	(552)
Prepayments	360	351	357	348
Other receivables	733	478	756	406
	6,881	**4,395**	**6,904**	**4,320**

19. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	Consolidated		Institute	
	2020 €'000	2019 €'000	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Cash at bank including balances held on short term deposit	**16,453**	**12,273**	**16,444**	**12,092**

20. Payables: amounts falling due within one year

	Consolidated		Institute	
	2020 €'000	2019 €'000	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Trade payables	440	155	438	160
Research grants and contracts in advance	2,477	2,211	2,477	2,211
Fees received in advance	528	1,111	528	1,111
State grants received in advance	1,677	-	1,677	-
State capital grant received in advance	294	96	294	96
Accruals	3,146	2,576	3,103	2,493
Other amounts received in advance	1,098	280	1,098	280
Student support funding	773	513	773	513
Other tax and social security	1,507	1,498	1,395	1,399
	11,940	**8,440**	**11,783**	**8,263**

21. Ceangaltais Léasa/Comhaontuithe Ceadúnais

Tá na híosíocaíochtaí iomlána todhchaíocha léasa faoi léasanna/ceadúnas oibriúcháin inchealaithe mar seo a leanas:

	Talamh & Foirgnimh 2020 €'000	Talamh & Foirgnimh 2019 €'000
Léasanna oibriúcháin-ag dul in éag:		
laistigh de 1 bhliain	315	292
idir 2 agus 5 bliana	101	117
níos mó ná 5 bliana	36	54
Ceangaltais Iomlána	**452**	**463**

Rinne GMIT comhaontú ceadúnais i nDeireadh Fómhair 2019 le club CLG Liam Mellows ar feadh tréimhse 30 bliain chun a sealúchas a úsáid ar mhaithe le gníomhaíochtaí CLG GMIT a éascú ar pháirceanna imeartha agus tailte traenála Liam Mellows. Íocfaidh GMIT táille bhliantúil cheadúnais de €24,000, síntiús caipitil de €410,000 agus méid breise de €17,410 le haghaidh táillí deartha, tairisceana agus pleanála.

Sa bhliain acadúil 2019/2020, d'íoc GMIT síntiús caipitil de €100,000 agus €210,000 breise sa bhliain acasdúil 2020/2021.

22. Deontais Chaipitil Iarchurtha

	Comhdhlúite		Institiúid	
	2020 €'000	2019 €'000	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Iarmhéid tosaigh ar 1 Meán Fómhair	56,864	56,951	56,864	56,951
Airgead faighte sa bhliain				
Cionroinnte ó dheontas athfhillteach stáit	1,974	1,204	1,974	1,204
Deontais stáit eile	4,848	1,877	4,848	1,877
Iomlán	**6,822**	**3,081**	**6,822**	**3,081**
Amúchta d'ioncam agus caiteachas sa bhliain				
Amúchta ag teacht le dímheas	(3,505)	(3,089)	(3,505)	(3,089)
Díscríobh sócmhainní i mbun tógála	-	(78)	-	(78)
Scaoil d'ioncam re NBV ar dhiúscairtí	-	(1)	-	(1)
Iomlán	**(3,505)**	**(3,168)**	**(3,505)**	**(3,168)**
Iarmhéid Deiridh ar 31 Lúnasa	**60,181**	**56,864**	**60,181**	**56,864**

23. Cúlchiste Forbartha Caipitil

	Comhdhlúite		Institiúid	
	2020 €'000	2019 €'000	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Iarmhéid tosaigh ar 1 MeánFómhair	8,274	8,333	8,274	8,333
Aistriú go Chuntas Ioncaim & Caiteachais	(125)		(125)	
Aistriú go deontais stáit iarchurtha	(626)	(59)	(626)	(59)
Iarmhéid deiridh ar 31 Lúnasa	**7,523**	**8,274**	**7,523**	**8,274**

24. Ceangaltais Chaipitil

	Comhdhlúite		Institiúid	
	2020 €'000	2019 €'000	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Ar conradh ach gan bheith curtha ar fáil	1,520	4,726	1,520	4,726
Údaraithe ach gan bheith ar conradh	-	-	-	-
	7,523	**8,274**	**7,523**	**8,274**

21. Lease Commitments/Licence Agreements

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases/licenses are as follows:

	Land & buildings 2020 €'000	Land & buildings 2019 €'000
Operating leases - Expiring:		
within 1 year	315	292
between 2 and 5 years	101	117
greater than 5 years	36	54
Total commitments	**452**	**463**

GMIT entered into a licence agreement in October 2019 with Liam Mellows GAA club for a period of 30 years to use their property for the purpose of facilitating the GAA activities of GMIT on Liam Mellows playing pitches and training grounds. GMIT will pay an annual licence fee of €24,000, a capital contribution of €410,000 and an amount of €17,410 for design, tendering and planning fees.

In the academic year 2019/2020 GMIT paid a capital contribution of €100,000 and a further €210,000 in the academic year 2020/2021.

22. Deferred Capital Grants

	Consolidated		Institute	
	2020 €'000	2019 €'000	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
At 1 September opening balance	56,864	56,951	56,864	56,951
Cash received in year:				
Allocated from state recurrent grant	1,974	1,204	1,974	1,204
Other state grants	4,848	1,877	4,848	1,877
Total	**6,822**	**3,081**	**6,822**	**3,081**
Amortised to income and expenditure in year				
Amortised in line with depreciation	(3,505)	(3,089)	(3,505)	(3,089)
Write down of assets in course of construction	-	(78)	-	(78)
Release to income NBV on disposals	-	(1)	-	(1)
Total	**(3,505)**	**(3,168)**	**(3,505)**	**(3,168)**
At 31 August closing balance	**60,181**	**56,864**	**60,181**	**56,864**

23. Capital Development Reserve

	Consolidated		Institute	
	2020 €'000	2019 €'000	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
At 1 September opening balance	8,274	8,333	8,274	8,333
Transfer to income and expenditure account	(125)		(125)	
Transfer to deferred state capital grants	(626)	(59)	(626)	(59)
At 31 August closing balance	**7,523**	**8,274**	**7,523**	**8,274**

24. Capital Commitments

	Consolidated		Institute	
	2020 €'000	2019 €'000	2020 €'000	2019 €'000
Contracted for but not provided	1,520	4,726	1,520	4,726
Authorised but not contracted	-	-	-	-
	7,523	**8,274**	**7,523**	**8,274**

25. Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta – Comhghuaillíocht Chonnacht-Uladh (CCU)

Tá mar sprioc ag CCU (an chomhghuaillíocht straitéiseach idir Institiúid Teicneolaíochta na Gaillimhe-Maigh Eo, Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Leitir Ceanainn agus Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Shligigh ainmniú a bhaint amach chun feidhmiú mar Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta don Iarthar agus don Iarthuaisceart a dhéanann oideachas agus taighde a sheachadadh chun freastal ar riachtanais eacnamaíochta agus sóisialta an Iarthair/Iarthuaiscirt. Neartóidh forbairt dá leithéid stádas eacnamaíochta, sóisialta agus cultúrtha réigiún an Iarthair/Iarthuaiscirt agus cuideoidh go mór chun na haschuir a bhfuil breac-chuntas orthu i bPlean Forbartha Náisiúnta na hÉireann 2040 a bhaint amach.

Le linn na tréimhse 2019/20, bhí comhpháirtithe CCU dírithe ar thrí phríomhghníomhaíocht (i) doiciméad iarratais CCU OT a dhréachtadh (ii) critéir OT a bhaint amach agus fíorú seachtrach air sin (iii) comhaontú a dhéanamh le ceardchumainn maidir le téarmaí agus coinníollacha don fhoireann sa todhchaí. Ach na trí phríomhghníomhaíocht thuas a bheith bainte amach go rathúil cuirfear bonn daingean ar fáil don CCU-OT le bheith ina haonán amháin mar OT don Iarthar agus an Iarthuaisceart.

Tá dul chun cinn suntasach bainte amach ag CCU le linn na tréimhse atá faoi athbhreithniú mar seo a leanas:

1. Critéir OT mar a shonraítear in Acht na nOllscoileanna Teicneolaíochta 2018 a chomhlíonadh

D'fhostaigh CCU seirbhísí Shainchomhairleoirí Deloitte chun tabhairt faoi Athbhreithniú ar Phróiseas Samplach na gCritéar Incháilitheachta. Rinneadh an t-athbhreithniú idir Deireadh Fómhair agus Nollaig 2020. Dheimhnigh Deloitte i bhFeabhra 2021 gur chomhlíon CCU na critéir ábhartha OT mar atá sonraithe in Acht OT 2018.

2. Doiciméad iarratais le bheith ina OT a réiteach agus a chur isteach

Réitigh an Grúpa Dréachtaithe CCU, i gcomhar leis na Grúpaí agus Foghrúpa Oibre CCU go léir, doiciméad iarratais OT. In éineacht leis an doiciméad bhí sraith aguisíní agus doiciméad forlíontach a thacaíonn leis an iarratas OT. Rinneadh eagarthóireacht go seachtrach ar an doiciméad agus chuaigh sé trí phróiseas críochnúil inmheánach athbhreithnithe in Institiúidí CCU.

3. Teacht ar chomhaontú le ceardchumainn

Le linn na tréimhse 2019/20, cuireadh tús le hidirbheartaíocht leis an TUI maidir le Meamram Tuisceana (agus staidpháipéir ghaolmhara). Chuir CCU iarratas isteach chuig an Aire ar bheith ina hOT i dtús Bealtaine 2021. Chuir sé sin tús le próiseas measúnachta ar an iarratas, a raibh mar chríoch leis go bhfuair CCU faomhadh le bheith ainmnithe mar Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta (OT) a d'fhógair an tAire Breisoideachais agus Ard-Oideachais Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta, Simon Harris TD ar 28 Deireadh Fómhair 2021.

4. Iarainmniú, dul isteach i gcéim aistrithe ar feadh tréimhse teoranta

Tá tús curtha ag CCU lena pleanáil do chéim aistrithe. Cuimsíonn sé sin obair na 4 ghrúpa oibre agus 19 foghrúpa a athdhíriú ón doiciméad aighneachta agus critéir OT a bhaint amach go dtí pleananna a fhorbairt le haghaidh aistrithe chuig OT, polasaithe, gnáthaimh agus gníomhaíochtaí gaolmhara a chuirfidh ar chumas CCU OT a fheidhmiú mar a bheadh aon eagraíocht amháin. Ar na gníomhaíochtaí sin tá oibriú le Edu Campus chun pleananna Ailínithe Próisis Gnó, dréachtpholsaithe agus gnáthaimh a ullmhú, agus Fochoiste Comh-Bhord Rialaithe. Is é an costas iomlán measta go dtí deireadh Lúnasa 2021 ná €24.6M, a bhfuil €11.6M de maoinithe go díreach ag an ÚAO trí mheicníochtaí maoinithe Landscape agus Tuft. Caitheadh an cistiú go léir ar mhaithe le cuspóirí an tionscadail.

26. Páirtithe Gaolmhara

I ngnáthchúrsaí gnó d'fhéadfadh an Institiúid dul isteach i socruithe conarthachta le gnóthais ina bhfuil baill de Bhord Rialaithe na hInstitiúide fostaithe nó ina bhfuil leas de shaghas eile acu. Tá glactha ag an Institiúid leis na gnáthaimh de réir Chód Rialachais an ÚAO d'Institiúidí Teicneolaíochta 2018 maidir le nochtadh na leasanna atá ag baill an Bhord Rialaithe agus chomhlíon an Institiúid na gnáthaimh sin i rith na bliana.

Rinne an Institiúid Comhaontú Ceadúnais le TruCorp Ltd ar 25 Meán Fómhair 2018. Thug an socrú sin cearta don cheadúnaí (TruCorp Ltd) Maoin Intleachtúil (a bhaineann le Taibhsí a Thraenáil le haghaidh Ainéistéise Réigiúnach Ultrafhuaime Treoraithe), ar leis an Institiúid í, a úsáid agus táirgí ceadúnaithe a fhorbairt agus a thráchtálú. Níl aon socrú scairshealbhóireachta ag GMIT le TruChorp Ltd. Ní fhabhraíonn ioncaim ón gceadúnas do TruCorp Ltd ach amháin trí chéad íocaíochtaí clochmhíle (fuarthas €50,000 in íocaíochtaí dá leithéid in 2018/2019) agus trí dhleachta leanúnacha (€2,463 a fuarthas ag deireadh na bliana 2020, (€0.00 18/19).

25. Technological University: Connacht-Ulster Alliance (CUA)

The CUA (strategic alliance between Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology, Letterkenny Institute of Technology, and Institute Technology Sligo) aims to achieve designation to function as Technological University for the West and North West that delivers education and research to meet the economic, social and cultural needs of the west/north-west region and contributes significantly to the achievement of the outcomes outlined in the National Development Plan and Ireland 2040.

During the period 2019/20, CUA partners focused on three key activities (i) drafting CUA TU application document (ii) achievement of TU criteria and external verification of same and (iii) agreement with unions on future terms and conditions for staff. Successful achievement of the above three key activities provides the CUA-TU with a solid basis upon which to become a single entity as a TU for the West and North-West.

The CUA has achieved significant progress during the period under review as follows:

1. Meet the TU criteria as detailed in the Technology Universities Act 2018

The CUA engaged the services of Deloitte Consultants to undertake an Eligibility Criteria Sample Process Review. The review was undertaken between October and December 2020. Deloitte confirmed in February 2021 that the CUA has met the relevant TU criteria as detailed in the TU Act 2018.

2. Prepare and submit an application document to become a TU

The CUA Drafting Group, in conjunction with all the CUA Working and Subgroups, prepared a TU application document. The document was accompanied by a series of appendices and supplementary documents which support the TU application. The document has been edited externally and been through a thorough internal review process across the CUA Institutes.

3. Reach agreement with unions

During the period of 2019/20, negotiations commenced with the TUI on a Memorandum of Understanding (and related position papers). The CUA submitted its application to become a TU to the Minister at the beginning of May 2021. This began a process of evaluation of the application, which concluded with the CUA receiving approval for designation as a Technological University (TU) announced by the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Simon Harris, TD, on the 28th October 2021.

4. Post designation, enter into a transition phase for a limited period

The CUA has commenced its planning for a transition phase. This includes re-focusing the work of the 4 working groups and 19 sub-groups from submission document preparation and attainment of TU criteria to developing plans for the transition to a TU, related policies, procedures and activities which will enable the CUA TU to act as one. Such activities include working with Edu Campus on the development of Business Process Alignment plans, preparation of draft policies and procedures, and establishment of a Joint Governing Body Sub-committee. The estimated total project cost to the end of August 2021 will be €24.6M, of which €11.6M has been funded directly by the HEA through the Landscape and TUTF funding mechanisms. All funding was expended in pursuance of the project objectives.

26. Related Parties

In the normal course of business, the Institute may enter into contractual arrangements with undertakings in which the Institute's Governing Body members are employed or otherwise interested. The Institute has adopted procedures in accordance with the THEA Code of Governance for Institutes of Technology 2018 in relation to the disclosure of interests by members of the Governing Body and the Institute has complied with these procedures during the year.

The Institute entered into a Licence Agreement arranged with TruCorp Ltd on 25th September 2018. This arrangement provided the Licensee (TruCorp Ltd) with rights to use Intellectual Property owned by the Institute (relating to Training Phantoms for Ultrasound Guided Regional Anaesthesia) and to develop and commercialise licensed products. GMIT has no shareholding arrangement with TruCorp Ltd. Revenues from the licence to TruCorp Ltd accrue only through initial milestone payments (€50,000 in such payments were received in 2018/19) and through ongoing royalties (€2,463 received at year end August 2020 (€0.00 2018/19)).

27. Costais Sochair Scoir

(i) Soláthar Foirne

Tugadh cuntas ar oibleagáidí sochair scoir den chéad uair i ráitis airgeadais 2016/2017. Rinne achtúire measúnú ar an staid thosaigh ar 1 Meán Fómhair 2016, bunaithe ar na cúinsí margaidh an uair sin. D'fhéadfadh scrúduithe ar na taifid athruithe ar thaifid na mball a shainaithint sa todhchaí agus léirítear iad sin mar chostais seirbhíse chaite (féach (iii) thíos).

(ii) Cur Síos ar na Scéimeanna

Scéim na hInstitiúide

Is socrú sainithe sochair tuarastail dheiridh í an scéim pinsin le sochair agus ranníocaíochtaí sainithe trí thagairt do rialacháin reatha "eiseamláire" na scéime earnála poiblí. Soláthraíonn an scéim pinsean (aon ochtódú in aghaidh na bliana seirbhíse), aisce nó cnapshuim (trí ochtódú in aghaidh na bliana seirbhíse) agus pinsin céile agus leanaí. Is í an Ghnáthaois Scoir ná 65ú lá breithe an bhaill, agus tá an teidlíocht ag baill réamh-2004 dul ar scor gan laghdú achtúireach ó aois 60. De ghnáth tagann méadú ar phinsin in íocaíocht (agus iarchur) ar aon dul le boilsciú tuarastail ghinearálta na hearnála poiblí. Coinníonn an Institiúid asbhaintí ón bhfoireann.

An Scéim Aonair

Is baill den Scéim Aonair Pinsin na Seirbhíse Poiblí iad baill foirne iontrála nua a d'fhostaigh an Institiúid i ndiaidh 1 Eanáir 2013 de réir Achtanna Pinsin na hEarnála Poiblí (Forálacha Scéime Aonair agus Eile) 2012. Aistrítear asbhaintí ó thuarastail na mball foirne faoin Scéim Aonair chuid an DEPR ar bhonn míosúil de réir an Achta.

Is scéim phinsin ghairme í an Scéim Aonair, le haghaidh seirbhíseach poiblí nua-iontrála a fostaíodh ó 1 Eanáir 2013. Is scéim sochair shainithe í, le sochair scoir bunaithe ar mheánphá gairmréime. Gineann an scéim creidmheasanna pinsin agus creidmheasanna cnapshuime scoir do gach ball den scéim. Fabhraíonn na creidiúintí airgid, ar a dtugtar "suimeanna intagartha", mar chéatadán den phá ar bhonn leanúnach. Déantar na suimeanna intagartha a fhabhraítear gach bliain a athluacháil go bliantúil go dtí am scoir ar aon dul le méaduithe ar bhoilsciú (Praghasinnéacs Tomhaltóra). Is é atá sa phinsean bliantúil a bhronntar ar scor ná iomlán carntha shuimeanna intagartha scéim pinsin an bhaill, agus mar a chéile is é atá sa chnapshuim scoir a bhronntar ná iomlán shuimeanna intagartha chnapshuim pinsin an bhaill scéime.

Luacháil

Bunaíodh an luacháil a úsáidtear le haghaidh nochtaí FRS 102 ar luacháil iomlán achtúireach ag achtúire cáilithe neamhspleách agus riachtanais an FRS á dtabhairt san áireamh d'fhonn measúnú a dhéanamh ar dhliteanais na scéime ar 31 Lúnasa 2020. Ar dhul ar scor dóibh, íocann an Oifig Náisiúnta Seirbhísí Comhroinnte pinsin na mball ar son na Roinne Oideachais agus Scileanna agus muirearaítear na híocaíochtaí sin do chuntas leithghabhála na Roinne. Dá bhrí sin, tá iarfhostaithe de chuid na hInstitiúide a bhfuil pinsean á fháil acu eisiata ón luacháil. Léirítear an laghdú i ndliteanas ag eascairt as baill a théann ar scor le linn na bliana mar ghnóthachan ó thaithí agus sainaithnítear ar leithligh é i réiteach an dliteanais.

Ba iad na príomhthoimhdí achtúireacha á úsáideadh chun comhpháirteanna an chostais sochair shainithe a ríomh don bhliain dar críoch 31 Lúnasa 2020 mar seo a leanas;

	2020	2019
Ráta lascaine	1.05%	0.90%
Ráta boilscithe	1.40%	1.30%
Méaduithe ar thuarastal	2.65%	2.55%
Méaduithe ar phinsean – Scéim Aoisliúntais	2.15%	2.05%
Méaduithe ar phinsean – Scéim Aonair	1.40%	1.30%

Ligeann an bunús mortlaíochta a glacadh d'fheabhsuithe ar ionchas saoil le caitheamh ama, ionas go mbraithfidh ionchas saoil ag scor ar an mbliain ina mbaineann ball aois scoir amach (aois 65). Tá líon na mball sa Scéim agus líon na mbásanna róbheag le anailís a dhéanamh orthu chun meastacháin sainscéime le brí a chur ar fáil ar leibhéil mortlaíochta sa todhchaí. Is é an meánionchas saoil de réir na dtáblaí mortlaíochta a úsáidtear chun na dliteanais pinsin a aimsiú ná:

	2020 Blianta	2019 Blianta
Fireannach in aois 65	21.7 bliain	21.5 bliain
Baineannach in aois 65	24.1 bliain	24.0 bliain

27. Retirement Benefit Costs

(i) Staffing

Retirement benefit obligations were accounted for the first time in the 2016/2017 financial statements. The opening position at 1 September 2016 has been estimated by the actuary, based on market conditions at that time. Examinations of records may identify changes to members' records in the future and these are reflected as past service costs. (see (iii) below)

(ii) Description of Schemes

Institute Scheme

The pension scheme is a defined benefit final salary pension arrangement with benefits and contributions defined by reference to current "model" public sector scheme regulations. The scheme provides a pension (one eightieth per year of service), a gratuity or lump sum (three eightieths per year of service) and spouse's and children's pensions. Normal Retirement Age is a member's 65th birthday, and pre 2004 members have an entitlement to retire without actuarial reduction from age 60. Pensions in payment (and deferment) normally increase in line with general public sector salary inflation. Deductions from staff are retained by the Institute.

Single Scheme

New entrant staff employed by the Institute after 1 January 2013 are members of the Single Public Service Pension Scheme in accordance with Public Sector Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Acts 2012. Deductions from staff salaries under the Single Scheme are transferred to DEPR on a monthly basis in accordance with the Act.

The Single Scheme is the occupational pension scheme for new-entrant public servants hired since 1 January 2013. It is a defined benefit scheme, with retirement benefits based on career-average pay. The scheme generates pension credits and retirement lump sum credits for each scheme member. These money credits, known as "referable amounts", accrue as percentages of pay on an ongoing basis. The referable amounts accrued each year are revalued annually until retirement in line with inflation increases (Consumer Price Index). The annual pension awarded on retirement is the cumulative total of a scheme member's pension referable amounts, and the retirement lump sum awarded is, similarly, the total of the scheme member's lump sum referable amounts.

Valuation

The valuation used for FRS 102 disclosures has been based on a full actuarial valuation by a qualified independent actuary taking account of the requirements of the FRS in order to assess the scheme liabilities at 31 August 2020. On retirement, members' pensions are paid by the National Shared Services Office on behalf of the DES and those payments are charged to that Department's appropriation account. Therefore, former employees of the Institute who are in receipt of a pension have been excluded from the valuation. The reduction in liability arising from members who retire during the year is reflected as an experience gain and is separately identified in the liability reconciliation.

The principal actuarial assumptions used to calculate the components of the defined benefit cost for the year ended 31 August 2020 were as follows:

	2020	2019
Discount rate	1.05%	0.90%
Inflation rate	1.40%	1.30%
Salary increases	2.65%	2.55%
Pension increases - Superann Scheme	2.15%	2.05%
Pension increases - Single Scheme	1.40%	1.30%

The mortality basis adopted allows for improvements in life expectancy over time, so that life expectancy at retirement will depend on the year in which a member attains retirement age (age 65). The number of members in the Scheme and the number of deaths are too small to analyse and produce any meaningful Scheme-specific estimates of future levels of mortality. Average future life expectancy according to the mortality tables used to determine the pension liabilities are:

	2020 Years	2019 Years
Male aged 65	21.7 years	21.5 years
Female aged 65	24.1 years	24.0 years

(iii) Anailís ar na costais iomlána scoir a ghearrtar de mhuirear sa Ráiteas ar Ioncam Uileghabhálach

	Comhdhlúite 2020 €'000	Comhdhlúite 2019 €'000	Institiúid 2020 €'000	Institiúid 2019 €'000
Costas reatha seirbhíse	16,637	13,946	16,529	13,818
Ús ar dhliteanais na scéime sochair scoir	2,818	5,042	2,804	5,016
Ranníocaíochtaí an fhostaí / (sochair íoctha)	(2,704)	(2,610)	(2,683)	(2,579)
	16,751	**16,378**	**16,650**	**16,255**

(iv) Gluaiseacht i nglanoibleagáidí sochair scoir le linn na bliana airgeadais

	Comhdhlúite 2020 €'000	Comhdhlúite 2019 €'000	Institiúid 2020 €'000	Institiúid 2019 €'000
Glanoibleagáid sochair scoir ar 1 Meán Fómhair	304,840	245,104	303,277	243,876
Costais reatha seirbhíse	13,933	11,335	13,846	11,239
Ranníocaíochtaí fostaí	2,704	2,610	2,683	2,579
Costais úis	2,818	5,042	2,804	5,016
Sochair íoctha sa tréimhse	-	-	-	-
Caillteanas/(gnóthachan) ó thaithí ar dhliteanais	1,248	6,798	1,277	6,797
Athruithe ar thoimhdí achtúireacha	(4,085)	38,634	(4,066)	38,453
Caillteanais/(gnóthachain) iarsheirbhíse	-	-	-	-
Laghdú ar dhliteanais phinsin ag eascairt as dul ar scoir	(4,527)	(4,683)	(4,527)	(4,683)
Glanoibleagáidí sochair scoir ar 31 Lúnasa	**316,931**	**304,840**	**315,294**	**303,277**
Roinnte idir:				
SPSPS	5,342	3,859	5,282	3,818
ESS	311,589	300,981	310,012	299,459

(v) Sócmhainn cistithe iarchurtha le haghaidh sochar scoir

Tá an Institiúid forordaithe in I.R. Uimh 581 de 2012 mar údarás ábhartha do chríocha na scéime aonair. Is é tuairim na hInstitiúide (de réir Alt 44 d'Acht 2012) go mbeadh dliteanas ar bith i dtaca leis an Scéim Aonair fritháirithe ag sócmhainn chóibhéiseach maidir le cistiú stáit sa todhchaí.

Aithníonn an Institiúid suimeanna atá dlite ón Stát le haghaidh dliteanais iarchurtha tearcmhaoinithe ar shochair scoir a bhaineann le Scéim Aoisliúntais na hEarnála Oideachais 2015 ar bhonn na sraithe toimhdí a bhfuil cur síos orthu thuas agus roinnt imeachtaí san am atá caite. Cuimsíonn na himeachtaí sin an bunús reachtúil le haghaidh bhunú na scéime sochair scoir, agus an polasaí agus an cleachtas atá i bhfeidhm faoi láthair i dtaca le cistiú pinsin na seirbhíse poiblí ar a n-áirítear ranníocaíochtaí ag fostaithe agus an próiseas meastachán bliantúil. Níl fianaise ar bith ag an Institiúid nach leanfaidh an polasaí cistithe sin de bheith ag íoc suimeanna dá leithéid de réir chleachtais reatha.

Ba é an glanchistiú iarchurtha le haghaidh sochar scoir a aithnítear sa Ráiteas ar Ioncam Uileghabhálach mar seo a leanas:

	Comhdhlúite 2020 €'000	Comhdhlúite 2019 €'000	Institiúid 2020 €'000	Institiúid 2019 €'000
Cistiú inaisghabhála i dtaca le costais sochair scoir	16,751	16,378	16,650	16,255
	16,751	**16,378**	**16,650**	**16,255**

Ba iad na dliteanais chistithe iarchurtha le haghaidh sochar scoir mar a bhí ar 31 Lúnasa 2020 ná suim de €316,931,092, (2018/10: €308,840,484).

(vi) Stair na nOibleagáidí sochair shainithe

	Comhdhlúite 2020 €'000	Comhdhlúite 2019 €'000	Institiúid 2020 €'000	Institiúid 2019 €'000
Oibleagáidí sochair shainithe	316,931	304,840	315,294	303,277

(iii) Analysis of total retirement benefit costs charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Consolidated 2020 €'000	Consolidated 2019 €'000	Institute 2020 €'000	Institute 2019 €'000
Current service cost	16,637	13,946	16,529	13,818
Interest on retirement benefit scheme liabilities	2,818	5,042	2,804	5,016
Employee contributions / (benefits paid)	(2,704)	(2,610)	(2,683)	(2,579)
	16,751	**16,378**	**16,650**	**16,255**

(iv) Movement in net retirement benefit obligations during the financial year

	Consolidated 2020 €'000	Consolidated 2019 €'000	Institute 2020 €'000	Institute 2019 €'000
Net retirement benefit obligation at 1 September	304,840	245,104	303,277	243,876
Current service costs	13,933	11,335	13,846	11,239
Employee contributions	2,704	2,610	2,683	2,579
Interest costs	2,818	5,042	2,804	5,016
Benefits paid in period	-	-	-	-
Experience losses /(gains) on liabilities	1,248	6,798	1,277	6,797
Changes in actuarial assumptions	(4,085)	38,634	(4,066)	38,453
Past service losses / (gains)	-	-	-	-
Reduction in pension liabilities arising from retirements	(4,527)	(4,683)	(4,527)	(4,683)
Net retirement benefit obligations at 31 August	**316,931**	**304,840**	**315,294**	**303,277**
Split between:				
SPSPS	5,342	3,859	5,282	3,818
ESS	311,589	300,981	310,012	299,459

(v) Deferred funding asset for retirement benefits

The Institute is prescribed in S.I. No 581 of 2012 as a relevant authority for the purposes of the Single Scheme. It is the Institute's opinion (in accordance with Section 44 of the 2012 Act) that any liability in respect of the Single Scheme would be offset by an equivalent asset in respect of future state funding.

The Institute recognises amounts owing from the State for the unfunded deferred liability for retirement benefits relating to the Education Sector Superannuation Scheme 2015 on the basis of the set of assumptions described above and a number of past events. These events include the statutory basis for the establishment of the retirement benefit scheme, and the policy and practice currently in place in relation to funding public service pensions including contributions by employees and the annual estimates process. The Institute has no evidence that this funding policy will not continue to meet such sums in accordance with current practice.

The net deferred funding for retirement benefits recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income was as follows:

	Consolidated 2020 €'000	Consolidated 2019 €'000	Institute 2020 €'000	Institute 2019 €'000
Funding recoverable in respect of retirement benefit costs	16,751	16,378	16,650	16,255
	16,751	**16,378**	**16,650**	**16,255**

The deferred funding liabilities for retirement benefit as at 31 August 2020 amounted to €316,931,092, (2018/19: €308,840,484).

(vi) History of defined benefits obligations

	Consolidated 2020 €'000	Consolidated 2019 €'000	Institute 2020 €'000	Institute 2019 €'000
Defined benefit obligations	316,931	304,840	315,294	303,277

28. Dliteanais Theagmhasacha

Ní raibh dliteanais theagmhasacha ar bith ann ar 31 Lúnasa 2020.

29. Imeachtaí Iar-Chlár Comhardaithe

Níor tharla teagmhais shuntasacha ar bith a bhféadfadh impleachtaí a bheith acu do na ráitis airgeadais seo.

30. Figiúirí Comparáideacha

De réir mar ba ghá, tugadh aitheantas do na figiúirí comparáideacha ar an mbonn céanna le figiúirí na bliana reatha.

31. Faomhadh na Ráiteas Airgeadais

D'fhaomh an Bord Rialaithe na Ráitis Airgeadais ar 30 Meán Fómhair 2021.

28. Contingent Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities existing at 31 August 2020.

29. Post Balance Sheet Events

There were no significant events since the balance sheet date which could have implications for these financial statements.

30. Comparative Figures

Where necessary, the comparative figures have been recognised and restated on the same basis as the current year figures.

31. Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Governing Body on 30th September 2021.

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