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Since it first opened in September 1970, IT Sligo has been one of Ireland's leading third level institutions. It is home to 6,000 students across the Institute's full-time, part-time and apprenticeship programmes. Of those, 2,000 are studying online. IT Sligo is delivering professional accounting programmes since 1974 producing top quality accounting graduates.

Across the Institute's three Schools of Learning in Business & Social Sciences; Engineering & Design; and Science, IT Sligo is constantly developing and enhancing its courses and facilities to provide an overall package matching the needs of the student today and tomorrow. A €60 million investment in campus facilities over the last decade has created a state of the art 21st century learning environment. IT Sligo is working towards re-designation as a Technological University.



Think Ahead

ACCA is the global body for professional accountants. We aim to offer business relevant, first choice qualifications to people around the world who seek a rewarding career in accountancy, finance and management. ACCA has over 200,000 members and 500,000 students in 181 countries, and works to help them to develop successful careers in accounting and business, with the skills required by employers. We work through a network of 101 offices and centres and 7,291 Approved Employers worldwide, who provide high standards of employee learning and development.

Through our public interest remit, we promote appropriate regulation of accounting and conduct relevant research to ensure accountancy continues to grow in reputation and influence. The expertise of our senior members and in-house technical experts allows ACCA to provide informed opinion on a range of financial, regulatory, public sector and business areas, including: audit; taxation; small business; pensions; education; and corporate governance and corporate social responsibility.

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TECHNOLOGY AND ACCOUNTING – THINKING AHEAD

Venue	IT Sligo, Aurivo Auditorium
Date	12th April 2019
Time	10.00am – 5.00pm
Cost	Attendance is free for all delegates
CPD	7 Units

A special overnight delegate rate has been arranged for the Clayton Hotel Sligo (walking distance to the venue) and with the Radisson Sligo (4km from venue). Contact the hotels directly for details

Morning Session

- 10:00** *Opening address by the President of IT Sligo*
Dr Brendan McCormack, PhD
- 10:15** *Modern Finance - Digital transformation in Microsoft Finance*
Donal O'Beirne, Senior Finance Manager, Microsoft
- 10:35** *Finance Transformation and how Technology is an enabler of Transformation*
Stephen Doyle, Senior Manager, Advisory Services, EY
- 11:00** *How the finance function is changing within Abbott and the future role of an accountant in the pharma industry*
Lorraine Hennessy, Finance Director, Abbott Diabetes Care
- Coffee Break**
- 11:45** *The future for accountants in a robotic world*
Don Brown, Head of Performance, AIB
- 12:10** *The Race for Relevance*
Clive Webb, Professional Insights, ACCA
- 12:35** *Panel Q&A*
- 13:00** *Lunch break*

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Afternoon Sessions

Education Channel – room 1

- 14:00** *Preparing accountants for the future: changes to the ACCA syllabus*
Ronnie Patton, ACCA Council Member
- 14:45** *Introduction to the NUIG MSc in International Accounting and Analytics*
Dr. Geraldine Robbins and Ms. Sharon Cotter, NUIG
- 15:30** *Online education - the present and the future*
Brian Mulligan IT Sligo
Using Innovative technology in the delivery of Education: Quitch - Gamified, mobile learning – A whole of Institution Solution
Dr Grainne Oates, Associate Professor at Swinburne University, Australia
- 16:15** *Introduction to the Online Higher Diploma in Data Analytics*
Dr Eugene O'Loughlin, National College of Ireland, IFSC
Introduction to Executive Education: Business Analytics and Big Data
Michael John Flynn, Trinity College Dublin

Accounting Solutions Channel – room 2

- 14:00** *Demonstration of Sage Accounts Production*
Joanne Gilson, Sage
- 14:45** *Demonstration of Relate Accounts production*
Representative from relate
- 15:30** *Demonstration of Surf Accounts production*
Representative from relate/Surf
- 16:15** *Demonstration of Zero accounts preparation package*
Marc Stewart

Accounting Technology Channel - room 3

- 14:00** *Robotics in action*
Clive Webb, Professional Insights, ACCA
- 14:45** *Cyber security*
Martin Adams, Arachas
- 15:30** *Implementation of data analytics - Revenue Commissioners*
Representative from the Revenue Commissioners
- 16:15** TBC

Technology employers channel – Aurivo Auditorium

- 14:00** A number of companies in the technology area have announced plans to locate facilities in the Sligo region. Each has been invited to a panel presentation to introduce their companies and to outline the career opportunities that they offer. The employers will have career information stand outside the theatre and will be available for individual consultation after the panel presentations are completed.

Plenary Session Speakers

	Don Browne is Head of Portfolio and Performance Management for Consumer Banking in AIB. In this role, he harnesses the power of data analytics to: highlight emerging credit trends in AIB's Consumer Lending portfolio; and to drive opportunities for service excellence, revenue growth & cost efficiencies. He previously served as Finance Business Partner for AIB Retail & Business Banking, Head of Capital Management and held a number of senior positions with AIB's Asset & Liability Management team.
	Stephen Doyle is a Senior Manager in the EY Advisory practice in Ireland. Stephen experience includes Shared Services, SAP and systems implementation, US GAPP, operational and project management. Stephen has substantial experience in finance transformation, leading and participating in SSC migration activities and implementations, controlling, accounting, PMO and project management. Stephen holds an B.A in Business Management from John Moore University in Liverpool and is an ACCA Qualified Chartered Certified Accountant.
	Clive Webb is the Head of Business Management in ACCA's Professional Insights team. Clive leads research projects that cover the agenda of the CFO from technology and reporting through to skills and careers. Prior to joining ACCA Clive had an extensive career at KPMG in various roles including financial statement audit, IT Audit and Attestation and latterly as a global Director of Learning and Development for their Advisory function.
	Donal O'Beirne is a Senior Finance Manager supporting the Operations Finance Leadership Team in Microsoft's EMEA Operation's center based in Dublin. Joined Microsoft 3 years ago from an Italian Shipping Group where he led the financial accounting and reporting teams as Group Finance Manager. ACCA Qualified Chartered Certified Accountant, with extensive experience in IFRS and US GAAP, financial controllership, project management and change management across a variety of industries.
	Lorraine Hennessy is Finance Director, Operations Abbott Diabetes Care since March 2019. Abbott is a leading Global healthcare provider helping people lead their best lives through better health. Lorraine has over 20 years finance experience in manufacturing encompassing medical device and diagnostics. She was the Global Manufacturing Controller in Abbott Diagnostics for five years with responsibility for two plants in the US, one in Germany and two in Ireland.