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About Colloquium

In recent years, there has been an increase in interest in action research among researchers and doctoral students from across a range of disciplines and fields such as organisation development, healthcare, education, business, innovation and technology. Action research has many forms, including participatory action research, action science, action inquiry, cooperative inquiry, collaborative research, learning history and related areas such as action learning, practice based research, organisational learning and many others. This Colloquium is intended to bring together researchers interested in exploring the range of action research experiences and challenges, and building a supportive community of practice in this area.

The Action Research Colloquium will provide an opportunity for researchers to present their work and to engage with critical issues emerging in the field. The conference will have Prof Hilary Bradbury-Huang and Prof David Coghlan as keynote speakers.

The Action Research Colloquium should be of interest to:

- Researchers undertaking action research
- Supervisors of students engaging in action research
- Participants in action research projects

Call for Papers

Abstracts are invited from researchers in all stages of their research. Researchers interested in presenting their work in the Colloquium should submit an extended abstract describing their work (not exceeding 1500 words including references). The extended abstract in PDF format should be submitted to actionresearch@wit.ie. It must be written in English according to the guidelines specified in *Appendix A*. Primary authors are responsible for the content of their abstracts.

Deadline for abstracts – **22nd April 2011.**

Colloquium Highlights



Keynote speaker: **Professor Hilary Bradbury-Huang**

Hilary Bradbury-Huang, 黄喜蕊, is Professor of Management in the Management Division of Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU), in Portland Oregon, USA. At OHSU Hilary teaches in the healthcare MBA program, she also advances the action research approach to healthcare known as Community Based Participatory Research for Health. Hilary is editor-in-chief of the *Action Research* journal. She co-edited the *Handbook of Action Research* (Sage, 2001; 2008) with Peter Reason.



Keynote speaker: **Professor David Coghlan**

Professor Coghlan lectures in organisation development at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. He developed the theory and practice of insider action research through several books, numerous articles and teaching. With Dr Teresa Brannick he co-authored *Doing Action Research in Your Own Organization* (Sage, 2001, 2005, 2010). His most recent book (co-authored with Paul Coughlan) is *Collaborative Strategic Improvement through Network Action Learning* (Edward Elgar, 2011).

Interactive sessions

A key element of the Colloquium programme will be the opportunity to share experiences and research ideas. Interactive sessions will consist of a number of short presentations followed by group discussion. We would encourage participants to share their experiences by presenting a short paper. As there will be a strong emphasis on interaction, presentations will be limited to 10 minutes.

Organisation and preliminary schedule

The colloquium has been designed as a two-day programme:

DAY 1 - Thursday, 9th June 2011

- 10.30am Registration
- 11am Welcome & introduction - Dr Derek O'Byrne, WIT Registrar
- 11.15am Setting the Scene – Prof David Coghlan
- 12.30pm Lunch*
- 2pm Keynote Address: The Action Research Process -
Prof Hilary Bradbury Huang
- 3pm Break up to parallel sessions
- 3.15pm Action Research Presentations
- 4.15pm Coffee Break*
- 4.30pm Action Research Presentations
- 5.30pm End of Day 1
- 7pm Colloquium Dinner*

DAY 2 - Friday, 10th June 2011

- 09.30am Key Note Address; Embedding Action Research in the Organisation -
Prof David Coghlan
Response: Prof Hilary Bradbury Huang
- 10.30am Coffee Break*
- 11am Disciplinary-based groups: action research issues
- 12noon Gelling the Points - Prof David Coghlan
- 12.30pm End of Day 2

Colloquium cost

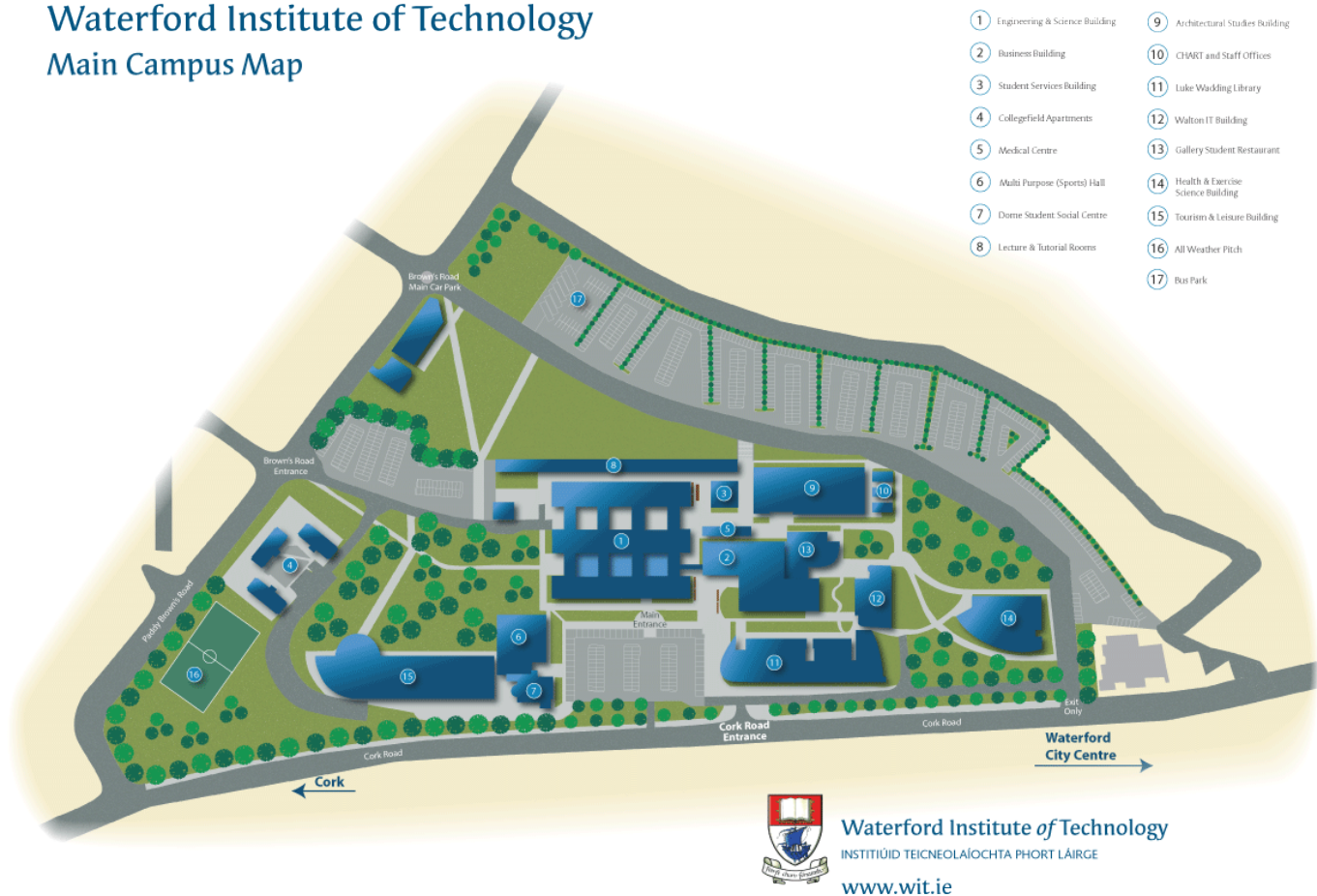
- Colloquium fee is €90 (including coffee breaks, lunch on the Day 1, and Colloquium proceedings)
- Colloquium + Evening Dinner is €135

Local hotel costs vary from €55 to €65 per night single corporate rate and are **not included** in the conference fee. A special rate of €30 per night is available for campus accommodation. Check Colloquium web site www.wit.ie/actionresearch for details.

Venue and travel

The venue for the colloquium is Health & Exercise Science Building (No.14 on the map below), Main Campus, Waterford Institute of Technology, Cork Road, Waterford.

Waterford Institute of Technology Main Campus Map



Booking Options

Option 1: You may book the event and pay the fee online at www.wit.ie/actionresearch

Option 2: Alternatively, you may complete the booking form (*Appendix B*) manually and send it with the relevant fee to the address specified below.

Contact Information

Should you have any queries in relation to the Colloquium, please contact:

Ms. Inna Kuzmenko

Conference Administrator

Waterford Institute of Technology

Cork Road

Waterford

Tel: (+353) 51 302042

Fax: (+353) 51 378792

Email: actionresearch@wit.ie

Abstract Format

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- Word count – not exceeding 1500 words including references
- Title: 14pt, Bold, Centering, Times New Roman Font
- Author(s); Organization(s) and Email: 10pt, Bold, Centering, Time New Roman
- Body part: 12pt with single space, Times New Roman Font

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Booking Form
(for Booking Option 2)



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Address (home): _____

Organisation (where registered if student): _____

Department: _____

Email address: _____ Mobile number: _____

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