



Launch of the IERC Annual Conference

Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment Richard Bruton TD launched the International Energy Research Centre (IERC) Annual Conference which will take place in Fota Island on 10 and 11 April 2019. The IERC Conference aims to accelerate climate change solutions by bringing the national and international energy industry and research communities together over 2 days.

Speaking at the launch, Climate Change Minister Richard Bruton TD said, “Innovation is vital for the energy sector to develop new ways to reduce carbon emissions across power, transport and heating particularly. Bringing together entrepreneurs, innovators, researchers and industry players, the IERC is a catalyst to developing energy solutions and bringing them from research to commercialisation as effectively as possible. This year’s IERC Conference brings international leaders together with Irish experts in energy research and industry, and promises to be an important, national energy event.”



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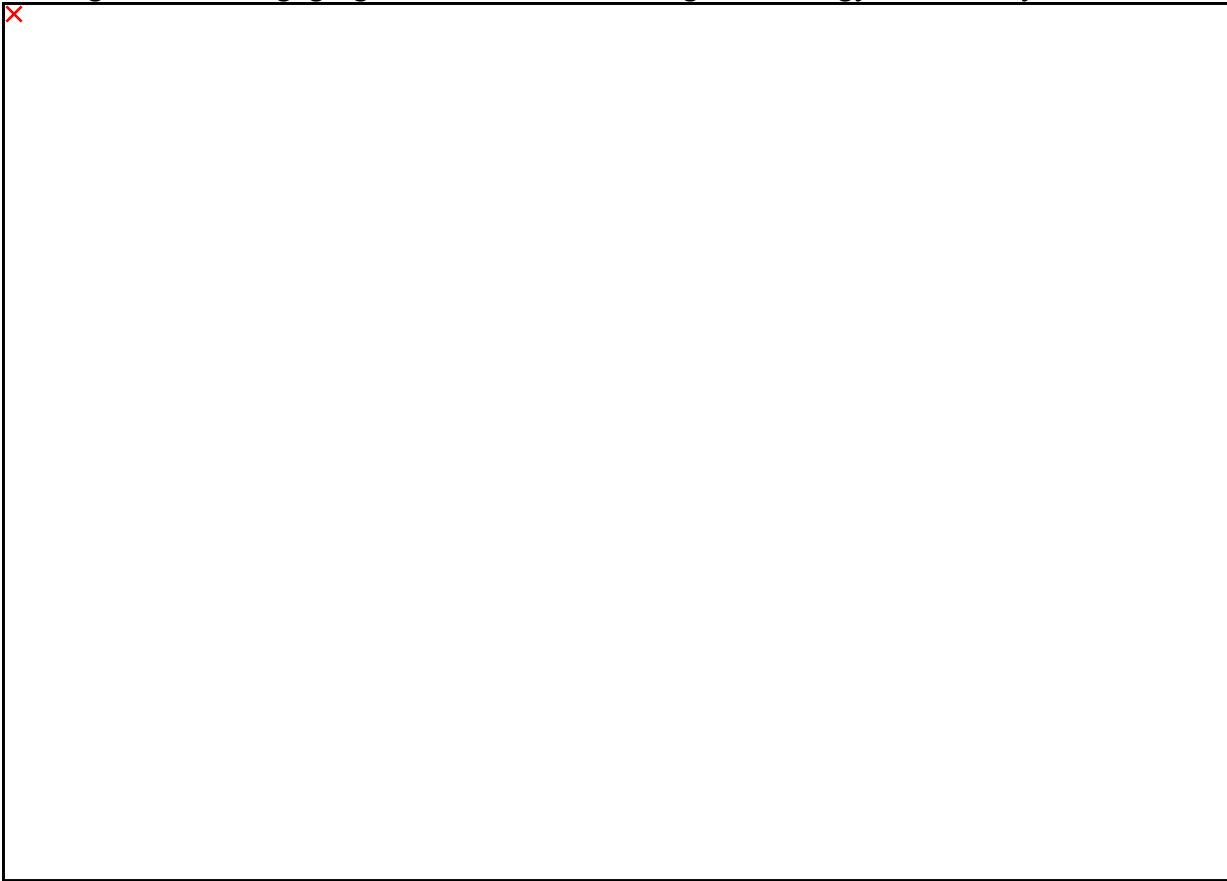
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The IERC Conference 2019 will take place against a backdrop of key issues for the energy sector; the impact of Brexit on Ireland’s energy reserves, security of energy supply and real pressure to reduce carbon emissions or face hefty fines from the EU. These factors are urgent drivers for the transformation of our energy system.

“Research and technology hold the key to creating solutions for our energy ecosystem both in Ireland and globally. Blockchain and data analytics are already paving a way for the digitisation and

democratisation of our energy supply, and delivering energy demand and supply solutions more effectively. IERC research is delivering breakthrough innovation and partnering with industry will accelerate our success and ensure that solutions are market ready as soon as possible. The IERC Annual Conference this year is specifically focused on getting energy concepts to commercialisation as quickly and effectively as possible, and our market leading speakers will share their insights in this regard while engaging with research and the global energy community,” said Prof. Tony Day,



Executive Director of the IERC, based at Tyndall National Institute in Cork.

Speakers from Ireland’s energy tech companies such as Energy Elephant and Climote will discuss the energy trilemma of sustainable security of supply of

energy that is both cost effective and competitive. Leading industry experts from Ervia, ESB, Shell, Eirgrid as well as international speakers from IBM, Oakridge National Lab, World Green Building Council, Joule Assets and UCLA will provide engaging keynotes and lively panel discussions on how to accelerate the commercialisation of energy research.

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