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Welcome to the first issue of the Irish Journal of Paramedicine (IJP). Our editorial board consists of respected academics, researchers, clinicians and educators from Ireland and abroad who are committed to furthering the cause of paramedicine, and encouraging its future development of professional standing.

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Eddie has been a practicing advanced life support paramedic for 20 years, 15 years of which has been as a flight paramedic. His current position is as deputy chief flight medic for the UAE Armed Forces SAR program which he has held for 13 years. He holds the South African National Diploma in Emergency Care, Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma in Retrieval Medicine and a Master of Health Sciences in Aeromedical Retrieval and Transport from the University of Otago and is currently in his final year of a PhD in Emergency Medicine. Eddie also serves as a paramedic examiner for the Health Authority in Abu Dhabi licensing committee, and adjunct lecturer for the Bachelor of Emergency Health degree program at Fatima College of Health Sciences in Abu Dhabi

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Mr. Mark Dixon MSc AP

Following 30 years in EMS, Mark is now Course Director for three third level programmes, heading the Paramedic Studies Department based in the Graduate Entry Medical School of the University of Limerick. Each programme contains a heavy research and evidence based practice theme with Mark pushing this new EMS agenda whenever possible. He has presented his prehospital research findings in multiple countries across three continents. His specialist areas of research include supraglottic airway management, high fidelity simulation and spinal immobilisation.

Mr. Ricky Ellis HDipEMT MScLMD AP

Ricky holds an MSc in Leadership and Healthcare Management Development and is an adjunct faculty member of the Royal College of Surgeons, (Institute of Leadership), where he provides supervision on the Masters programme in Healthcare Management and also provides leadership development coaching on several of RCSI's external leadership programmes. Ricky is a practicing Advanced Paramedic with Dublin Fire Brigade who has a history of educational programme development and was seconded to PHECC on a project which saw him redevelop the national examination framework (NQEMT) for three clinical grades in Ireland. He has also published peer reviewed EMS educational research into e-learning and presented this research at a number of international conferences. He has lectured on personal leadership development to the Irish College of Paramedics and other Irish healthcare practitioners.

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David is a Paramedic Clinical Research Specialist employed by the Scottish Ambulance Service and has been attached to the Scottish Government, Chief Scientist Offices' Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professions Research Unit (University of Stirling) for the past 10 years. His position within the Scottish Ambulance Service Clinical Directorate involves undertaking applied research aligned to the services clinical strategy. David's work focuses on improving the quality and safety of pre-hospital emergency and unscheduled care. He completed his PhD in 2015 whereby he undertook a multiple methods investigation into pre-hospital hypoglycaemic care in Scotland. Several other projects are

ongoing at present and involve hypoglycaemic care, mental health/psychiatric related emergencies, COPD, pre-hospital and in-hospital handover. David continues to practice clinically as a paramedic within the West Division of the Scottish Ambulance Service.

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Damien is a French born paramedic who has spent over 17 years working on the front line; initially as an occupational first aider at sea, a firefighter and now as an Advanced Paramedic and Flight Paramedic for the National Ambulance Service in Ireland. Damien is now an Assistant Tutor at the Paramedic Studies Department, Graduate Entry Medical School in the University of Limerick. He is also affiliated with the Centre for Prehospital Research in UL, where he has conducted research projects and undertakes Clinical Practice Guideline reviews. He has experience in adapting and teaching courses in French and English, and setting up a community based Public Access Defibrillator Program.

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John started his prehospital career as an EMT and later as a paramedic in Ireland. He graduated from medical school at University College Cork in 2008, and completed a MSc in Emergency Medical Science (Immediate Care) while working in various critical care posts in Cork and Limerick. He moved to Australia in 2013 to gain further experience in prehospital and retrieval medicine with Sydney HEMS and with Careflight in Queensland. He is currently an Emergency Medicine registrar in Brisbane, and continues to work with Careflight.

Mr. David Halliwell MSc Paramedic

Dave is a paramedic researcher and developer of immersive education strategies. He has almost 30 years of experience in prehospital care and paramedicine. An Olympic gold commander for sailing, David is currently advising and educating teams throughout the Middle East on mass casualty response and counter terror measures. Dave was the main investigator for the UK arm of the LINC study - Lucas in Cardiac Arrest. He is a Director at the Academy of Professional Development based near London, and an international lecturer/educator for EMS and disaster relief strategies. He is often found in many of the worlds trouble zones helping to implement education strategies and newer technologies. A former army medic, David joined Dorset Ambulance service in 1989 and progressed from care assistant to head of education for the South Western Ambulance Service Trust.

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Jason graduated from University College Dublin in 2002. He embarked on specialist training in Emergency Medicine in Ireland and took up his first Consultant post in 2013. He currently works in Mayo University Hospital. He has been involved with the Graduate Diploma in Emergency Medical Science in UCD since 2008. He holds postgraduate diplomas in medical toxicology and immediate medical care. He is medical advisor for Mountain Rescue Ireland and is on the WEMSI-International faculty for their Wilderness EMT and Wilderness Physician programmes. He is also the clinical lead for Mayo ICRR (Irish Community Rapid Response).

Ms. Tania Johnston RN MA PhD(c) EMT-P(cc)

Dual trained as a paramedic and nurse, Tania has 22 years experience in prehospital care. Her clinical experience includes emergency nursing as well as paramedic practice in rural and urban ambulance services. Tania spent two years teaching in the paramedic program at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT), in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada before transitioning into an educator role with the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) air ambulance retrieval program. She enjoyed working as a critical care flight nurse/paramedic and Medical Base Manager during her 5½ years with STARS. Upon completing her Master's studies, Tania gained valuable experience working in government in the area of Emergency Medical Services and provincial air ambulance dispatch. Since arriving in Australia in 2010, she has been involved in educating CSU paramedic students and is a lecturer in the Bachelor of Clinical Practice (Paramedicine) at the Port Macquarie, NSW campus. She continues to practice as an emergency nurse and paramedic in New South Wales. Additionally, she enjoys spending time travelling internationally as a cruise ship nurse. Tania is currently studying for her PhD on the topic of paramedic professionalism.

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model of Continuous Professional Development for Pre-Hospital Practitioners in Ireland'. This PhD represents the first such award in Ireland for a pre-hospital practitioner and the first awarded by an Irish University (University of Limerick, Graduate Entry Medical School) to a member of the paramedic discipline.

Mr. Ciaran McKenna BSc(Hons.) DipECP

Ciaran trained as a Paramedic in London, completing his BSc Hons in Paramedic Science in 2005. He continued his studies and gained his Emergency Care Practitioner Diploma in 2010. He worked for the London Ambulance Service for 12 years during which time he undertook a number of operational and management roles including working as a Station Officer and Venue Commander at the 2012 London Olympics. In 2011-2012, Ciaran completed a secondment as a Flight Paramedic with London's Air Ambulance. He returned to Northern Ireland in 2013 and is currently employed as the Clinical Service Improvement Lead with the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service. His current role involves the development and implementation of Appropriate Care Pathways.

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Adrian graduated from University College Cork (UCC) in 2003 and undertook his higher specialist training in emergency medicine at various hospitals throughout Ireland. Adrian was conferred with a PhD from University College Dublin in 2015 for research exploring current and future trends in prehospital paediatric pain management. His research has directly facilitated the introduction of intranasal fentanyl for use by advanced paramedics in Ireland for the prehospital treatment of acute severe pain in children. Adrian has completed a Fellowship in Prehospital Emergency Care with London Air Ambulance and is currently a Consultant in Emergency Medicine and Prehospital Emergency Care in Cork, Ireland.

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Canada. Since working as a front line clinician, Chief Nolan has worked to align and advance emergency services leadership locally, nationally and internationally through research, government relations, policy development and the creation of regulatory standards in support of evidence based practice for paramedicine and emergency services.

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Cian works in the Emergency Management Office with the Health Service Executive South Region, Cork, Ireland. From a clinical perspective, Cian is an Emergency Medical Technician, Registered General Nurse, and holds a Masters degree in Public Health & Epidemiology from University College Cork. A life-long member of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Cian has always had a keen interest in pre-hospital emergency care. He currently holds posts at both local and national levels. Cian is the National Director of the Emergency First Responder Programme, and the Programme Director for the Emergency Medical Technician Programme in the southern region of Ireland.

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at the University of Toronto. He has published and presented on prehospital and emergency medicine research both nationally and internationally and continues to be involved in paramedic education and professional development.

Ms. Brigid Sinnott RGN MScEMS

Brigid qualified as an RGN in 1989 from Waterford University Hospital. She worked in Wexford General Hospital from 1990 until 2006. Fourteen of those years were spent in Intensive Care. In 2006 Brigid took up the role of the Basic Life support Coordinator in the Irish Heart Foundation, she continues in this role today ten years on. In 2012 she completed her MSc in Emergency Medical Science (Immediate Care) in UCD. Her current role involves her strengthening all the links in the chain of survival, mainly through training. She is passionate about the need to improve the quality of CPR in Ireland.

Ms. Nadine Seymour NDipEMC BTech MPhil

Nadine is an advanced life-support paramedic working at the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST). She started her ambulance career in 2001 as a Basic Ambulance Assistant and in 2003 completed the Ambulance Emergency Assistant course. She then joined the Western Cape Provincial Government Emergency Services and during this time completed the National Diploma in Emergency Medical Care as well as the Bachelors degree in Emergency Medical Care at Cape Peninsula University of Science and Technology. She completed a Master of Philosophy in Emergency Medicine specialising in Clinical Emergency Care at the University of Cape Town, during which time she completed electives in Education as well as Disaster management. She is currently Head of Department for Health Sciences at NUST which incorporates four programmes namely Biomedical Sciences, Environmental Health Sciences, Emergency Medical Care as well as Health Information Systems Management.

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MJ graduated from medical school in South Africa in 2001. She worked in Cape Town for three years in Emergency Medicine and Pediatric Trauma, and also worked briefly with Red Cross Air Mercy Services. After a brief stint as an Emergency Medicine resident in the UK, she started her Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine joint residency training in 2005. She also completed 18-months full-time Helicopter Emergency Medicine (HEMS) and Retrieval Medicine training with Careflight and the Royal Flying Doctors Service in Australia, London's Air Ambulance and Essex and Hertfordshire Air Ambulances in the UK. Since 2008, she has been flying with Thames Valley Air Ambulance in Oxford, England, in her role as a Pre Hospital Emergency Physician. She is currently completing a Fellowship in Trauma and Critical Care Anesthesiology and Trauma Team Leading in Toronto, Canada, and has done

some work with Ornge (the Ontario Air Ambulance Service) in 2015. She will be taking up an Attending Physician (Consultant) post in Critical Care and Anesthesiology in British Columbia, Canada from August 2016 onwards.

Dr. Christine Tomkinson BM BS BSc(Hons.)

Christine completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences (with a minor in neuroscience) from the University of Guelph in Ontario, and graduated with Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees from the University of Limerick, Ireland. She has taught assessment and management of neurological emergencies and neurological conditions to civilian and remote paramedics and medical students in Ireland, Canada, the Middle East and the USA. She is currently a Resident Physician in Adult Neurology in Ontario, Canada.

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