

# NRA National Roads Conference 2014

Date: 15-16 October 2014

Venue: Knockranny House Hotel, Westport

## Programme

Day 1: Wednesday 15 October 2014			
<b>8:30</b>	<b>Registration and Coffee</b>		
<b>Session 1: Welcome and official opening</b>			
9:30	<b>Chair:</b> <b>Paul Moran</b> <b>NRA</b>	<i>Official welcome to Westport</i>	<b>Peter Hynes</b> CEO, Mayo CC
9:40		<i>Opening address: Update on NRA activities and future of the organisation</i>	<b>Fred Barry</b> CEO, National Roads Authority
9:50		<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS:</b> <i>Innovation in road research</i>	<b>Adewole Adesiyun</b> Deputy Secretary General FEHRL
10:20		<i>M7 Naas by-pass – Ireland's first motorway</i>	<b>Paul McDonald</b> Kildare NRO
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Coffee</b>		
<b>Session 2: Management/maintenance of National Roads</b>			
11:20	<b>Chair:</b> <b>Richard Glancy</b> Mayo PO	<i>Public Procurement Update</i>	<b>Jenny Mellerick</b> McCann-Fitzgerald
11:45		<i>NRA Motorway Maintenance and Renewals Contracts (MMaRC): Experience to date</i>	<b>Micheál McKittrick</b> Atkins
12:10		<i>N7/11 PPP scheme</i>	<b>Kieran Kelly</b> NRA
12:30		<i>National Road Maintenance in Galway</i>	<b>John Coyle, Evan Molloy,</b> <b>John Leahy, Galway CC</b>
12:50		<i>Discussion</i>	
<b>13:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
<b>Session 3: Developments in road safety</b>			
14.10	<b>Chair:</b> <b>Tara Spain</b> NRA	<i>Road safety and forgiving roadsides</i>	<b>Damien McCormack</b> Cavan CC
14:35		<i>CEDR Research Project: Selection of appropriate vehicle restraint systems (SAVERS)</i>	<b>Francesca La Torre</b> UniFI
15:00		<i>Traffic Management Inspections - the good, the bad and the ugly</i>	<b>Eoin Doyle</b> Jacobs Engineering
15:20		<i>Discussion</i>	
<b>15:30</b>	<b>Coffee</b>		
<b>Session 4: Pavements</b>			
15:45	<b>Chair:</b> <b>Tom Casey</b> NRA	<i>Development of NRA MCDRW 900 series</i>	<b>Sean Cassidy, Quality Asphalt</b> <b>Peter Adams, ARUP</b>
16:10		<i>CEDR Research Programme: Recycling of materials in road construction</i>	<b>Ciaran McNally</b> UCD
16:30		<i>Guidelines for network pavement renewal works</i>	<b>Sam McCurdy, McCurdy Associates</b> <b>Jim Thorpe, ROD</b> <b>Kieran Feighan, PMS</b>
16:55		<i>Discussion</i>	
<b>17:00</b>	<b>Close of Day 1</b>		
<b>19:30</b>	<b>Conference Dinner (dinner served 20:00)</b>		

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### Day 2: Thursday 16 October 2014

9:00	<b>Registration and Coffee</b>		
<b>Session 5: Sustainability</b>			
9:15	<b>Chair:</b> <b>Geraldine Walsh</b> NRA	<i>Sustainability in road construction (SUNRA)</i>	<b>Vincent O'Malley</b> NRA
9:35		<i>Implications of new EIA Directive</i>	<b>Alice Whittaker</b> <b>Philip Lee Solicitors</b>
9:55		<i>Road drainage - SUDS and new NRA Standards</i>	<b>Christian Nea, NRA</b> <b>Catherine Buckley, ARUP</b>
10:20		<i>Opportunities for energy saving in public lighting: achieving the 33% energy reduction target</i>	<b>Alan Ryan, SEAI</b> <b>Gerard Keogh, ARUP</b>
10:50		<i>Discussion</i>	
11:00	<b>Coffee</b>		
<b>Session 6: Recent developments in NRA operations</b>			
11:20	<b>Chair:</b> <b>Declan McIlraith</b> exNRA	<i>On-line traffic information from traffic counters and weigh-in-motion systems</i>	<b>Aidan Smyth, NRA</b> <b>Fergal Cahill, NRA</b>
11:40		<i>NRA National transport model</i>	<b>Phillip Shields</b> AECOM
12:00		<i>NRA ITS Policy 2015-2025</i>	<b>David Laoide-Kemp</b> NRA
12:20		<i>NRA policy on provision of Service Areas</i>	<b>Matt Foy, Kevin Brady</b> AECOM
12:40		<i>Discussion</i>	
12:50	<b>Wrap-up session</b>		
13:00	<b>Lunch</b>		
14:00	<b>Conference end</b>		