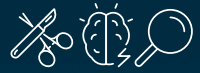




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MILLIN MEETING 2026

## FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2026

| TIME          | EVENT DETAILS                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    |
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| 07.15         | <b>REGISTRATION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                    |
| 07.30 – 08.45 | <b>FELLOWS AND MEMBERS NETWORKING BREAKFAST</b><br>Hosted by the RCSI President and Council                                                                                                                                 | Exam Hall          |
| 09.00         | <b>MILLIN MEETING 2026 WELCOME ADDRESS</b><br>Professor Michael Kerin<br>President RCSI                                                                                                                                     | Desmond Auditorium |
| 09.10         | <b>TBC</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                    |
| 09.35         | <b>SYMPOSIUM I</b><br><b>RCSI NATIONAL SURGICAL RESEARCH SUPPORT CENTRE (NSRSC)</b>                                                                                                                                         |                    |
| 09.35 – 10.00 | <b>SESSION I:</b><br>Empowering Surgical Research and Innovation:<br>Systems, Support, And Strategy                                                                                                                         |                    |
| 10.00 – 11.00 | <b>RCSI NATIONAL SURGICAL RESEARCH COMPETITION</b>                                                                                                                                                                          |                    |
| 11.05 – 11.45 | <b>REFRESHMENTS &amp; EXHIBITION</b><br>including poster viewing                                                                                                                                                            | Exam Hall          |
| 11.45 - 12.10 | <b>KEYNOTE LECTURE</b><br><b>TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS - THE LIFE OF A SURGICAL CHIEF INVESTIGATOR</b><br>Professor Stuart McIntosh<br>Consultant Breast Surgeon,<br>Professor of Surgical Oncology Queens University Belfast |                    |
| 12.10 - 13.15 | <b>SESSION II:</b><br>Making it Happen: Navigating the Irish Research Ecosystem to<br>Deliver Surgical Research and Innovation                                                                                              |                    |
| 13.15 – 14.30 | <b>LUNCH &amp; EXHIBITION</b><br>including poster viewing                                                                                                                                                                   | Exam Hall          |

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| 14.30 – 15.00 | <b>KEYNOTE LECTURE</b><br><b>THE ANATOMY OF TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH:<br/>FROM IDEAS TO MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR BIOTECHS</b><br>Dr Ciaran Lawlor<br>Chief Executive Officer, Travin Bio                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |
| 15.00 - 16.30 | <b>SYMPOSIUM II</b><br><b>WHY ACADEMIC SURGERY REMAINS THE CORNERSTONE<br/>OF THE FUTURE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    |
| 16.30 - 17.00 | <b>KEYNOTE LECTURE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                    |
| 17.00 - 17.15 | <b>ORAL AND POSTER AWARD PRESENTATIONS</b><br><b>RCSI-NSRSC SURGICAL INNOVATION AWARD</b><br><b>SURGICAL RESEARCH POSTER PRESENTATION AWARDS</b><br>Certificates will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.<br><b>AWARD OF RCSI NATIONAL SURGICAL RESEARCH<br/>MEDAL</b><br>The RCSI National Surgical Research Medal will be awarded to<br>the best overall oral research presentation. |                    |
| 17.30         | <b>49th MILLIN LECTURE</b><br><br><b>Call for applications will close on the 7 September</b><br><br>followed by a reception                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Desmond Auditorium |

# RCSI MILLIN MEETING

## PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

**FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2026**

| TIME                                                                          | EVENT DETAILS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 07.15                                                                         | <b>Registration</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 07.30 – 08.45                                                                 | <b>FELLOWS AND MEMBERS NETWORKING BREAKFAST</b><br>Hosted by the RCSI President and Council                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 09.00                                                                         | <b>MILLIN MEETING 2026 WELCOME ADDRESS</b><br>Professor Michael Kerin<br>President RCSI<br><br>Venue: Desmond Auditorium                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 09.10                                                                         | TBC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>SYMPOSIUM I<br/>RCSI NATIONAL SURGICAL RESEARCH SUPPORT CENTRE (NSRSC)</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 09.35 – 10.00                                                                 | <b>SESSION I<br/>EMPOWERING SURGICAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION: SYSTEMS, SUPPORT, AND STRATEGY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 09.35 – 10.00                                                                 | Dr Anne-Marie Byrne<br>Operations Director<br>National Surgical Research Support Centre<br><br>Professor Shirley Potter<br>National Clinical Lead, National Surgical Research Support Centre;<br>Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, Mater Misericordiae<br>University Hospital, Dublin |
| Co-Chair:                                                                     | Professor J Calvin Coffey<br>RCSI Council Member;<br>Foundation Chair of Surgery<br>University Hospital Limerick Group<br>University of Limerick                                                                                                                                                   |
| Co-Chair:                                                                     | Professor Helen Heneghan<br>Consultant Bariatric Surgeon, St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin;<br>Professor of Surgery, University College Dublin                                                                                                                                             |
| 10.00 – 11.00                                                                 | <b>RCSI NATIONAL SURGICAL RESEARCH COMPETITION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                               | The winner of the best overall presentation in this session will receive the RCSI National Surgical Research Medal.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 10.00 – 10.10                                                                 | Oral Presentation I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 10.10 – 10.20                                                                 | Oral Presentation II                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 10.20 – 10.30                                                                 | Oral Presentation III                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10.30 – 10.40                                                                 | Oral Presentation IV                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 10.40 – 10.50                                                                 | Oral Presentation V                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 10.50 – 11.00                                                                 | Session Close                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 11.05 – 11.45                                                                 | <b>REFRESHMENTS, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING</b><br>Venue: Exam Hall                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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|               | <b>SESSION II</b><br><b>MAKING IT HAPPEN: NAVIGATING THE IRISH RESEARCH ECOSYSTEM TO DELIVER SURGICAL RESEARCH &amp; INNOVATION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Co-Chair:     | Professor Ronan Cahill<br>RCSI Council Member;<br>General/Colorectal Surgeon,<br>Mater Misericordiae University Hospital;<br>Professor of Surgery at University College Dublin                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Co-Chair:     | Professor Arnold Hill<br>Dean of Medical Programmes, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences;<br>Professor and Chair of Surgery in RCSI, Beaumont;<br>Consultant General/Breast Surgeon, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 12.10 - 12.15 | Winner of the RCSI-NSRSC Surgical Innovation Award                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 12.15 - 12.25 | Professor Seamus Morris<br>Consultant Orthopaedic and Spine Surgeon,<br>Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 12.25 - 12.35 | <b>FROM BENCHTOP TO BEDSIDE: MY PERSPECTIVES AND LESSONS LEARNED IN INNOVATION IN UROLOGY</b><br>Professor Niall Davis<br>Consultant Urologist, Beaumont Hospital;<br>Honorary Clinical Professor, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland                                                                                                                                                          |
| 12.35 - 13.15 | Panel Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 13.15 – 14.30 | <b>LUNCH, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING</b><br>Venue: Exam Hall                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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## SYMPOSIUM II WHY ACADEMIC SURGERY REMAINS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE FUTURE

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| 15.00 – 15.12 | Professor May Cleary<br>RCSI Council Member;<br>Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, University College Cork<br>and University Hospital Waterford                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 15.12 – 15.24 | <b>ACADEMIA IN CONTEMPORARY IRISH SURGERY:<br/>THE ROLE OF THE TRAINEE</b><br>Dr Matthew Davey<br>Specialist Registrar in General Surgery,<br>Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland & Beaumont Hospital, Dublin                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 15.24 – 15.36 | <b>ACADEMIC SURGERY: A TRAINEE'S VIEW ON GETTING STARTED</b><br>Dr Jennifer McGarry<br>Beaumont Hospital, Dublin;<br>Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 15.36 – 15.48 | <b>ACADEMIC ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY - RESEARCH IS THE KEY TO OUR<br/>FUTURE</b><br>Mr Gerard A. Sheridan, MCh, FRCS<br>Orthopaedic Surgeon, Hip & Knee Reconstruction;<br>Hon. Senior Lecturer,<br>University of Galway                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 15.48 – 16.00 | Professor Michael Kelly<br>Professor of Surgery;<br>Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, St James's Hospital, Dublin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 16.00 – 16.30 | Panel Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 16.30 - 17.00 | <b>KEYNOTE LECTURE</b><br><br>TBC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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# RCSI MILLIN MEETING TERENCE JOHN MILLIN 1903-1980



Born in Helen's Bay, Co. Down, he was the only son of Samuel Shannon Millin (barrister) and Ella Catherine Millin. He was initially schooled in Tipperary but finished his secondary schooling in St. Andrew's College in Dublin. There he demonstrated not only his intelligence, but also his sporting prowess, playing on the side that won the prestigious Leinster Schools Senior Cup in rugby union in 1921 and in later years was selected to play for Ireland in an international match against Wales. He achieved numerous academic achievements and was awarded a scholarship to Trinity College. Here his remarkable career continued and after a period in Arts and Mathematics, he enrolled as a medical student.

After a stellar undergraduate career, he undertook a house surgeon post at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital in Dublin, and from there travelled to London to continue his surgical career. After various posts undertaken to increase his experience, he undertook the examination for the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and passed it on the first attempt. He then took up a position in London's All Saint's Hospital becoming assistant to Canny Ryall, a Trinity graduate who had set up this 11-bed, purely urological hospital. Here Millin developed his interests in matters of the genito-urinary tract.

In 1945, Millin published his landmark paper 'Retro-pubic prostatectomy: a new extra vesical technique', in the Lancet. The new operation for removal of the prostate gland was a huge advance on existing methods and reduced death from open prostatectomy from perhaps 15 per cent to 3 per cent. Millin became world famous almost overnight.

His contribution to male health was recognized in 1955 with the receipt of the prestigious Francis Armory Prize, awarded by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Further honours included the Saint Peter's Medal, the British Association of Urological Surgeons' highest award in 1951, becoming that society's first Irish President in 1954. He was also made an Honorary Fellow of the Australasian College of Surgeons in 1968 and was appointed as Honorary Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Upon his retirement, he returned to Ireland and was elected President of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland for an unprecedented two terms 1963-1966. He was instrumental in rejuvenating the undergraduate part of the college.

Sadly, Millin developed a rare tumour of the vocal cords and passed away in 1980. However, he lives on in RCSI through Millin House, a student residence for which he had obtained the funds, and the annual Millin Lecture.

## MILLIN LECTURE

### 2026 MILLIN LECTURER

# RCSI MILLIN MEETING MILLIN LECTURES 1978 - 2026

|                  | YEAR | DELIVERED BY           |
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| 49 <sup>th</sup> | 2026 | TBC in September       |
| 48 <sup>th</sup> | 2025 | Jarlath Bolger         |
| 47 <sup>th</sup> | 2024 | Christina Fleming      |
| 46 <sup>th</sup> | 2023 | Michael Eamon Kelly    |
| 45 <sup>th</sup> | 2023 | Shirley Potter         |
| 44 <sup>th</sup> | 2022 | Joseph Butler          |
| 43 <sup>rd</sup> | 2021 | Colin Peirce           |
| 42 <sup>nd</sup> | 2019 | Orla McCormack         |
| 41 <sup>st</sup> | 2018 | Padhraig F. O'Loughlin |
| 40 <sup>th</sup> | 2017 | Helen Heneghan         |
| 39 <sup>th</sup> | 2016 | Niall Davis            |
| 38 <sup>th</sup> | 2015 | Aoife Lowery           |
| 37 <sup>th</sup> | 2014 | James Paul O'Neill     |
| 36 <sup>th</sup> | 2013 | John P. Burke          |
| 35 <sup>th</sup> | 2012 | J. Calvin Coffey       |
| 34 <sup>th</sup> | 2011 | Fraser M. Smith        |
| 33 <sup>rd</sup> | 2010 | David G. Healy         |
| 32 <sup>nd</sup> | 2009 | Ronan Cahill           |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | 2008 | Conor Sheilds          |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | 2007 | Malcolm Kell           |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | 2006 | Kevin J. Mulhall       |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | 2005 | Deborah McNamara       |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | 2004 | Fergal Fleming         |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | 2003 | Desmond Winter         |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | 2002 | Deirdre M. O'Hanlon    |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | 2001 | Conor P. Delaney       |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 2000 | Rowan W. Parks         |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 1999 | Mary Claire Barry      |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | 1998 | Arnold D. K. Hill      |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | 1997 | Cathal J. Kelly        |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | 1996 | Michael J. Kerin       |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | 1995 | H. Paul Redmond        |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | 1994 | Kenneth Mealy          |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | 1993 | Peter Gillen           |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | 1992 | James G. Geraghty      |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | 1991 | Austin L. Leahy        |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | 1990 | John R. T. Monson      |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | 1989 | Thomas N. Walsh        |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | 1988 | Raphael Keane          |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | 1987 | M. Kevin O'Malley      |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 1986 | Oscar Traynor          |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 1985 | Patrick J. Broe        |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 1984 | Thomas F. Gorey        |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 1983 | James M. Fitzpatrick   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 1982 | Gerald C. O'Sullivan   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 1981 | Gregor Shanik          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 1980 | William O. Kirwan      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 1979 | David Bouchier Hayes   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 1978 | James M. Smith         |



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