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## BID COMMITTEE SPEAKERS

**Prof. Patrick Cunningham**  
Chief Scientific Adviser to the Irish  
Government

**Prof. Frank Gannon**  
Science Foundation Ireland

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 14:30 – 18:00, Level 3, Room 8**

***Dolly for dinner? Technological and social-economic perspectives of animal cloning***

**Speaker: Prof. Patrick Cunningham, Chief Scientific Adviser to the Irish Government**

Technological developments in animal cloning are approaching the point where the commercial use of cloned animals in food production is attracting public attention and raising policy issues. Governments are already confronted with the need to formulate policies on animal cloning, while scientists are challenged to provide the necessary expert advice. This session will discuss the scientific, technical and socio-economic issues facing policy makers and regulators, the trends in commercial applications and international legislation, the opportunities and risks for breeding and food production globally, and the needs and challenges of assessing and managing the potential risks.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 16:30 – 18:00, Level 3, Auditorium**

***Mars and Venus: How Europeans and Americans view and use science***

**Moderator: Prof. Patrick Cunningham, Chief Scientific Adviser to the Irish Government**

While global competition is pushing all regions to become the best place for science, does overall success depend on greater and closer collaboration between the US and Europe? Both US and Europe face new challenges in terms of how science is viewed and used. From stem cells to GMOs and climate change, there continues to be a tension between scientific information and political direction. In general, the public supports the need to find solutions to global issues such as infectious diseases, food security, climate change and energy supply. However, with stakeholders from big business to the media pitching different views, citizens are left wondering who they can really trust.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 08:30 – 12:00, Level 3, Auditorium**

***Achieving a more innovative Europe***

**Speaker: Prof. Frank Gannon, Science Foundation Ireland**

European public policy relating to scientific research is linked to the Lisbon Strategy's ambitions to increase jobs and growth in knowledge-oriented economies. The aim of this session is to engage the scientific and business communities in a debate about the nature of these economies and how to achieve them. Does a 3% target for R&D aid the process? Speakers will review progress, give their perspectives of the Aho Report and possible subsequent actions in Europe, and comment on similar initiatives in other parts of the world.