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‘An engineer’s dream’ NUI Galway opens new €40m facility

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Pictured at the recent launch by Engineers Ireland of new Mediation and Arbitration Procedures were (l-r): John Power Chartered Engineer, Director General, Engineers Ireland; Mr Justice Peter Kelly; and Ciaran Fahy Chartered Engineer, Chairman of the Engineers Ireland Dispute Resolution Board.

Engineers Ireland launches new Mediation and Arbitration Procedures

Engineers Ireland has launched a new suite of dispute resolution documents and these are now available free on its website. The documents were formally launched by the Honourable Mr Justice Peter Kelly at a well-attended gathering in the Lecture Theatre at Engineers Ireland headquarters recently. Those attending were also addressed by John Power Chartered Engineer, Director General, Engineers Ireland and Ciaran Fahy Chartered Engineer, Chairman of the Engineers Ireland Dispute Resolution Board. The procedures comprise *Mediation Procedure 2011*, *Arbitration Procedure 2011* and *100-Day Arbitration Procedure* and all are suitable for a very broad range of commercial disputes. These procedures complement the existing Engineers Ireland arbitration and conciliation procedures and also the recently published *Pupillage Procedure 2011*. All of these documents are available at www.engineersireland.ie/services/dispute-resolution Judge Kelly complimented Engineers Ireland on its work in this area and went on to say that he could see a significant demand for the Mediation and 100-Day procedures in particular.



PJ Rudden, President of Engineers Ireland; Victoria Rockwell, President of ASME; Tom Loughlin, Executive Director, ASME; and John Power, Director General, Engineers Ireland.

ASME's Irish visit

PJ Rudden, President of Engineers Ireland and John Power, Director General, Engineers Ireland had the pleasure of welcoming the President, Executive Director and Board of Governors of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers to Ireland on the occasion of its Summer Strategy Retreat. This was only the second time in its history that the society held this event outside the US.

CPD scheme moves into Europe through Leonardo

Engineers Ireland has secured a place on a major European research project looking at best international practice for engineering competence development through employer-supported learning. Participation in the project will significantly enhance the ability of Ireland's national body for engineering professionals to ensure that Irish engineers and their employers remain to the fore internationally in technical and professional capabilities. Engineers Ireland CPD Director, Aidan Harney, Chartered FCIPD, is leading the project which has already seen valuable knowledge-exchange visits to Ireland and to Portugal. "The CPD Accredited Employer scheme in Ireland offers superb, proven potential for engineering employers to craft development systems which will enhance their business and engage engineering professionals in future-focused development. Engineers Ireland's benchmarking scope is now being extended Europe-wide through this research and this can only deliver a better service to our members and their employers when it comes to keeping ahead internationally," he commented.

Funding for the project is being provided as part of the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme 2007-2013, under the Leonardo da Vinci scheme which focuses on education and training, using transnational cooperation to improve quality, foster innovation and promote the European dimension of development enhancing practices. In Ireland, Léargas is the national agency. Alongside Engineers Ireland, partnering in the best-practice sharing project are The Order of Engineers, Portugal; the General Association of Engineers, Romania; the Slovenia National Committee of FEANI and the Pan-European University, Slovakia. Over a two-year period, the project will reflect on the widely different practices across Europe when it comes to Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for engineers, technicians and technologists in the workplace.

By the end of the project, the consortium will propose a single best-practice European framework for employers of engineers which will ultimately benefit organisations as well as individual learners. The findings of the project are being communicated to FEANI, the federation of professional engineers that unites national engineering associations from 29 European countries, representing the interests of over 3.5m professional engineers in Europe.



Pictured during a CPD benchmarking visit to the largest utilities provider in Portugal, EDP, were (l-r): Sara Raquel Fernandes, EDP, HR specialist; Andreea Ploesteanu, Romania; Professor Alfredo Soeiro, Portugal; Aidan Harney, Engineers Ireland; Dr. Karl Gotlih, Slovenia; Professor Pavol Molnár, Slovakia; Jorge Alexandre Gouveia, director of HR, EDP; Maria Luisa Oliveira, deputy director of HR, EDP; and Susanna Teles, Portugal.