

**8th ICASE WORLD CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION 2026**  
**University College Cork (UCC) Ireland**      Draft 7 March 2026  
**Monday 22 June – Thursday 25 June 2026**

Note: All events will take place at University College Cork (Boole lecture theatres 1 – 6) except the evening social events on Monday, Tuesday and Weds which will take place in the Metropole Hotel, Cork. We encourage all delegates to arrive in Cork on Sunday 21 June. A registration desk will be set up near the check-in desk of the Metropole Hotel on Sunday 21 June from 6 pm – 9 pm to enable you to register for the conference and avoid the queues on the following day at the university.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Monday 22 June</b>	<b>Tuesday 23 June</b>	<b>Weds 24 June</b>	<b>Thursday 25 June</b>
9:00	Registration opens from 9:00 in the Boole basement lecture theatre complex and is open all day	Welcome Address Professor John O'Halloran, President UCC. Keynote 2 <i>The Assessment of Practical Work in Science Education</i> – Prof. Michael Reiss, Professor of Science Education, University College London (Boole 4)	Keynote 4 <i>PISA and Science Education at International Level</i> . Prof. Jonathan Osborne, Stanford University, USA. Denis Chisman Memorial Lecture (Boole 4)	Keynote 5 <i>Industry-Education Links: Technology in Science Education and Sustainable Development</i> . Chair: John McAuliffe (CEIA) Panel of speakers CEIA: Valerie Cowman ThermoFisher; Ken Keohane BASF: Dr Denis Beecher (Boole 4)
10:05 - 10.45	Pre-Conference Workshop Erasmus + : Science Education Across Europe	Concurrent Sessions 3 (Boole 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)	Concurrent Sessions 8 (Boole 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)	Concurrent Session 10 (Boole 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
10.45 – 11:15	Tea / coffee	Tea / coffee and Exhibitions	Tea / coffee and Poster Presentations	Tea / coffee and Poster Presentations
11:15 – 11:55	Opening Session Panel of Speakers (invited by ICASE Executive) (Boole 4)	Concurrent Sessions 4 (Boole 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)	Concurrent Sessions 9 (Boole 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)	Concurrent Session 11 (Boole 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) Chemistry in the Movies - Dr John O'Donoghue, Royal Society of Chemistry.
12:05 – 12:55	Dr Matthew Thomas, UNESCO speaker	Concurrent Sessions 5 (Boole 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)	LUNCH (12:00 - 13:00) and Poster Presentations	Concurrent Session 12 (Boole 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

	and Dr Teresa Kennedy UNESCO (Ocean Decade): (Boole 4)			
12:55 – 14:00	LUNCH	LUNCH and Exhibitions	Excursions 13:00 Buses depart to Cobh. 1. Spike Island – Heritage Island 2. Titanic Heritage Centre. 3. Cobh Heritage Centre. 4. Cobh Rebel walking tour. 5. Fota Wildlife Park Education Centre. 6. Tyndall National Institute in ICT at UCC	LUNCH and Poster Presentations
14:00 – 14:55.	Keynote 1 <i>Curriculum Development at International level.</i> Professor Aine Hyland (Ireland Chair), Dr Stuart Farmer (Scotland), Dr Donna Governor NSTA (USA), Dr Manabu Sumida (Japan), Prof. Weiping HU (China), Dr Laura Daly (RSC) (Boole 4)	Keynote 3 <i>Artificial Intelligence and the Science Teacher</i> – Prof Miles Berry, University of Roehampton, UK. (Boole 4)		ICASE General Assembly  Presentation of prizes for (i) Top three presentations of research papers (ii) Top three general presentations and (iii) Top three posters presented at the conference.  Student projects SCIFEST and STRIPE Science Exhibition  Closing Ceremony (Boole 4)
15:05 – 15:55	Concurrent Sessions 1 (Boole 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and additional rooms)	Concurrent Sessions 6 (Boole 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) ISTA Workshops		Farewell Reception Tea, coffee pastries Tourism information stand for those staying on for vacation in Ireland.
16:05 – 17:00	Concurrent Sessions 2 (Boole 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) Followed by welcome reception in UCC (Light Refreshments)	Concurrent Sessions 7 (Boole 1, 2, 3,4,5,6) ICASE Regional Meetings ISTA Annual General Meeting		
19:30 – 21:30	Buffet meal in Metropole Hotel	Buffet Meal in Metropole Hotel followed by	Conference Gala banquet in Metropole Hotel and	

	Welcome from Irish Science Teachers' Association (ISTA)	Social event - Irish traditional music and dance.	ICASE presentations / awards Speaker: Dr Robin Groves	
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Room capacities at UCC: Boole 1 = 234; Boole 2 = 234; Boole 3 = 336; Boole 4 = 392; Boole 5 = 40; Boole 6 = 50. Additional rooms available if needed.

- Panel session will consist of a number of keynote speakers who will speak for a short period and then serve on a discussion panel.