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# Contemporary Challenges in Impact Assessment

Launch event for the Ireland - UK Branch of the  
International Association for Impact Assessment

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Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2005  
10.45 - 16.00



Speakers include:  
Professor John Glasson  
Timothy O'Riordan  
Professor Judith Petts  
Stephen Tromans

Attendance fee:  
£7 IAIA members  
£20 non-members  
Concessions for  
students

Hosted by the School of Environmental Sciences,  
University of East Anglia, Norwich, Norfolk, NR4 7TJ.

**IAIA**

International Association for Impact Assessment

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## The IAIA

The IAIA is the leading global networking organisation on participatory impact assessment for sustainable environmental decision-making. The organisation provides an international forum for the communication of information on best practices and for promoting innovation. It has over 2,500 members in more than 100 countries.

## The Ireland-UK IAIA Branch

As part of its continuing development, the IAIA recently sanctioned the creation of a regional Branch for the Republic of Ireland and the UK. Through the establishment of an annual programme of events, the Branch aims to promote the continuous professional development of its members, foster a networked regional community of IAIA members, and increase the relevance of the IAIA to all impact assessment professionals in Ireland and the UK.

## The event

To celebrate the creation of the Ireland-UK Branch, a launch event will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2005.

Distinguished speakers, drawn from a range of disciplines and professions, will explore the changing context in which impact assessment operates and the challenges this raises for its future use and development. The topics covered will range from challenges associated with modern conceptions of environmental governance, to commercial threats and opportunities for practitioners.

The event will culminate, through a discussion of the implications of these challenges for the impact assessment community, in the development of a members'-based vision for the Branch.

## The programme

10.00-10.45	Tea and coffee available	
10.45-11.00	Introduction	Ross Marshall
11.00-11.30	Current and future issues: An overview	John Glasson
11.30-12.00	Stakeholder participation	Judith Petts
12.00-12.30	Consideration of health	Colleen Williams
12.30-14.00	Lunch [not provided]	
14.00-14.30	Environmental law	Stephen Tromans
14.30-15.00	Commercial concerns	Ross Singleton
15.00-15.30	The sustainability agenda	Tim O'Riordan
15.30-16.00	Discussion on a vision for the Branch	
16.00-17.00	Tea and coffee available	

## The speakers

*John Glasson:* Professor and co-director of the Oxford Institute for Sustainable Development (Oxford Brookes University); publications include the book 'An introduction to EIA'.

*Ross Marshall:* Manager of the UK Environment Agency's National EIA Service; President-elect of the IAIA.

*Timothy O'Riordan:* Member of the UK Government's Sustainable Development Commission; editor of the book 'Environmental science for environmental management'.

*Judith Petts:* Professor of Environmental Risk (University of Birmingham); member of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution; editor of 'The EIA handbook: Volumes 1 and 2'.

*Ross Singleton:* Technical Director, Parsons Brinkerhoff; lead author of the book 'Environmental Assessment'.

*Stephen Tromans:* Barrister, 39 Essex Street; formerly a Cambridge lecturer and Head of Environmental Law, Simmons & Simmons; regular contributor to IEMA's 'the environmentalist'.

*Colleen Williams:* Policy Adviser Impact Assessment Development, Department of Health; work currently focuses on the consideration of health issues in strategic environmental assessment, sustainability appraisals, and regulatory impact assessment.

## Who should attend?

The event is designed to be relevant to individuals working in all the professions impact assessment encompasses: consultants, regulators, planners, industry, non-governmental organisations, and the research community.

## The venue

The launch event will be hosted by the University of East Anglia's internationally renowned School of Environmental Sciences. The University of East Anglia is located in Norwich, Norfolk, and is less than 2 hours by train from London. The event will take place in the Elizabeth Fry building. For information on travelling to the University of East Anglia and a campus map visit: [www.uea.ac.uk/how\\_to\\_find.html](http://www.uea.ac.uk/how_to_find.html).

## The cost

IAIA members £7 (€10)/£3 (€4) (concessions)  
Non-members £20 (€30)/£7 (€10) (concessions)

## The registration process

To register for the launch event, visit: [www.uea.ac.uk/env/inteream](http://www.uea.ac.uk/env/inteream).

Please note that it will not be possible to register for the event on the day.

## IAIA membership

To join the IAIA, visit: [www.iaia.org](http://www.iaia.org). Membership costs just \$100 (about £57), or \$50 for students.

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