



ASOI 2014 Seminar: Stigma and Bias in Obesity

May 7th 2014

Belfast Campus of the University of Ulster room 82B01

Attendees will receive 5 CPD Points from RCPI

SCHEDULE

09.00	Registration	
10.00	Welcome and Opening	
10.10	Anti-fat attitudes: development & prevalence <i>Discussion</i>	<i>Prof AJ Hill</i>
10.50	The Physiological determinants energy balance & behaviour <i>Discussion</i>	<i>Dr. J O'Connell</i>
11.30	Addressing stigma and bias in healthcare trainees	<i>Dr. J Swift</i>
12.10	Addressing stigma & bias in obesity treatment <i>Discussion</i>	<i>Prof. P Nowicka</i>
12.50	LUNCH & Centre of Excellence for Public Health (QUB) Poster Session	
14.00	On the receiving end: a personal perspective <i>Discussion</i>	<i>V Mooney</i>
14.40	How to tackle stigma & bias: Lessons from childhood diseases and disabilities <i>Discussion</i>	<i>Dr.E Hennessy</i>
15.20	Practical Workshop and reducing bias	
16.20	ASOI Award and AGM	

The 2014 ASOI Prize will be awarded to the best poster presentation



Professor Andrew Hill,
*Professor of Medical Psychology,
Leeds University School of Medicine, UK.*

Andrew trained as a psychologist at the University of Leeds. His research interests include weight and shape self-perception in children/adolescents, appetite control, and the variety of psychological issues inherent in obesity and eating disorders. Andrew is a past Chairman of the UK Association for the Study of Obesity and is an editorial board member of the International Journal of Obesity, Body Image, and Pediatric Obesity.



Dr. Judy Swift,
*Lecturer in Human Nutrition,
University Of Nottingham, UK.*

Judy's research investigates ways in which we can talk about obesity sensitively yet effectively. Obesity is a complex, value-laden subject and people with obesity deserve to be treated with respect. However, healthcare professionals, and the wider healthcare system, also have an important obligation to provide accurate medical information and promote healthy behaviour change. Judy's work in this area describes and evaluates different methods of communicating about obesity - particularly between healthcare professionals and their clients.



Prof. Paulina Nowicka,
*Associate Professor,
Karolinska Institute, Sweden*

Paulina is a postdoctoral researcher who seeks to identify the most important familial and sociocultural drivers of obesity early in life, and to investigate how lifestyle patterns develop across generations, with a specific focus on immigrant families. Her research is inspired by experiences from the Childhood Obesity Unit in Malmö, Sweden, Yale University and the University of Oregon. She is the scientific secretary for the Swedish Association for the Study of Obesity (SFO) and an elected member of the European Childhood obesity Group and The EASO Childhood Obesity Task Force.



Dr Jean O'Connell,
Consultant Endocrinologist,
The Obesity Group,
St Vincent's University Hospital, Ireland

Jean has been working as part of a multi-disciplinary weight management team for the last 10 years and she is a Senior Investigator in the Obesity and Immunology Research Group in St Vincent's University Hospital, DUBLIN. A HRB clinical fellowship allowed her to complete a PhD thesis focused on the demographic, metabolic and adipose tissue profiles of severely obese patients. She helped establish the Association for the Study of Obesity in Ireland and chairs the Education sub-group of the RCPI Policy Group on Obesity.



Dr. Eilis Hennessy,
Senior Lecturer in Developmental Psychology
UCD School of Psychology, Ireland.

Eilis has previously held lecturing positions in the Psychology Department in Sheffield University, and UCC and was a research officer in the Thomas Coram Research Unit in the University of London. Her research focuses on health related stigma in childhood and adolescence with a particular emphasis on the stigma associated with mental health problems. This research explores the way in which stigma develops from early childhood through adolescence and how stigma is experienced by young people with mental health problems.

Venue: Belfast Campus of the University of Ulster room 82B01

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