

# PDA IRELAND MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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▪ **Why did you become involved in PDA Ireland?**

I'm a member of PDA since 2014. Initially, I joined to access the impressive range of publications available from PDA. This, of course, led to attending conferences – which were on the most topical issues & always seemed great value. Further involvement was a gradual adsorption process, encouraged by the many wise and experienced PDA members I met at these events.

▪ **What has been your most recent volunteer role?**

In October 2018, I was part of the organising committee of the PDA Ireland conference on Advances in Aseptic Processing with a focus on Media Fill simulations. It was inspiring to be part of such an innovative & productive team. This year, I have been more adventurous & have volunteered to lead the team organising our Cork based conference in June on Quality Risk Management. This is a topic that I am very enthusiastic about, so it hardly seems like work!

▪ **What significant changes have you seen in your area of expertise?**

I think the focus in Quality has moved from compliance to applied Quality Management, through process measurement & control. I have seen ICH Q8/9/10 evolve from a publication to an implemented control strategy. The next evolution is big data & Pharma 4.0.

▪ **What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?**

Ask questions. If you are new, ask questions. If you don't know, ask question investigating a problem, ask questions. If giving advice, ask questions!

▪ **Who would you choose to switch places with for a day?**

The boss of Dublin Airport. I find complex logistics fascinating.