

Press Release

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At the invitation of the Lord Mayor of Cork City Cllr Terry Shannon, the Chairman of the Cork Region of Engineers Ireland Dr James Robinson paid a courtesy visit to Cork City Hall this afternoon, Tuesday 27th September. Dr Robinson was accompanied by John Power, Director General of Engineers Ireland and members of the senior committee of the Cork Region of Engineers Ireland.

The Lord Mayor and Dr Robinson discussed the valuable contribution made by engineers of all disciplines to the heritage of Cork, its civil infrastructure and its economic development. Mention was made of the pharmaceutical and the medical devices sectors, along with the tremendous advances made by the Tyndall Institute in UCC. It was agreed that the future development of Cork Docklands and the Cork Area Transport Scheme (CATS) would call upon the talents of engineers in both the public and private sectors.

Dr Robinson presented the Lord Mayor with a copy of the “State of Ireland” report recently published by Engineers Ireland, which rates the performance of Ireland in the delivery of key infrastructure under headings of energy, water, waste, communications and transport. The aspects pertinent to Cork City were discussed, including the need for high-quality and robust broadband international connectivity.

Dr Robinson praised Cork City Council for its support for science and engineering through such important projects as the Lifetime Lab at the Waterworks on the Lee Road. He also took the opportunity to inform the Lord Mayor about the extensive programme of lectures and events organised by Engineers Ireland in Cork, which starts this evening with a lecture on “Managing your Career in Challenging Times” at Rochestown Park Hotel.

Notes to Editors:

Engineers Ireland is one of the largest representative bodies on the island of Ireland, with over 24,000 engineers. The membership incorporates all disciplines of the engineering profession in Ireland across industry, the public service, semi-state organisations and academic institutions.

Dr James Robinson is a Chartered Engineer and Fellow of Engineers Ireland. He is a graduate of UCC from where he also obtained his PhD in 1995 in numerical simulation. He founded Kepler Engineering Software to develop PanMesh - advanced simulation software for the petroleum industry.