The Lecture:
Traditionally, Ireland has had her back to the sea, looking always to the land for economic riches. This explains why only 1.2% of GDP is gained from maritime activity. This lecture will identify the opportunity in the Maritime and Energy sectors. This opportunity coupled with an existing world-leading academic expertise and innovative Irish Naval Service has led to the creation of the Irish Maritime and Energy Resource Cluster (IMERC). IMERC brings together CIT, UCC and the Irish Navel Service in a unique partnership to develop an academic and industrial cluster of world standing in the Energy and Maritime sectors. IMERC’s progress to date will be presented along with a vision of the ambition to become a globally renowned cluster.

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