



India-Ireland Lecture series supported by Waterford IT, SFI Research Ireland India & Irish Research Council

Location, Date and time

Waterford Institute of Technology, Auditorium in the Tourism & Leisure Building; 11th July, 2014 from 11:00 – 12:45, followed by lunch. Registration (free but mandatory) site available soon.

Themes of Lecture

Over the last number of years, there have been activities related to the building of International Cooperation (INCO) between the EU and India in Research & Innovation & Industry (R&I&I). Our guest lecturer, Mr. Abhishek Sharma, has obtained a wealth of experience in the building of India-EU INCO with past experiences in implementing and running working groups and advisory boards of the FP7 *EU-India Spirit* and FP7 *BIC projects*¹, the latter being coordinated by Waterford Institute of Technology for the EU Commission. Mr. Sharma is thus planning to share this knowledge in the Ireland – India setting in the following two themes:

1. **Building a sustainable International Cooperation (INCO) model between Ireland and India for Research & Innovation & Industry**, based on his successful BIC Extended Working Group experience, which he was responsible for architecting and implementation during 2013, along with the EU Commission Delegation in New Delhi and the Indian Government: Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY). This talk will place the EWG concept in the Ireland – India setting and could prove very interesting for SFI ISCA India / Research India Ireland (<http://rii.ie/>) participants and can be extended beyond ICT to all other domains of coverage within the RII project.
2. **Building Int'l Cooperation for Business & Economic Engagements in area of a mobile / cloud business**, analysing/suggesting how the Indian and Irish companies can cooperate together for mutual benefit. Mr. Sharma will explain an example of this cooperation undertaken between his company Beyond Evolution Tech Solutions and companies around Europe and how this model can be extended to Ireland, Inc.

Speakers



Abhishek Sharma is the founder and CEO of Beyond Evolution Tech Solutions (P) Ltd, a company developing innovative mobile applications, Mobile Systems Integration and Machine to Machine (M2M) Solutions. Mr. Sharma has nearly 40 years of global experience working in the India Air Force (Rtd.) and ICT industrial domains on high end technologies such as Radar & Satellite Systems, Missile Guidance systems, Mobile Networks, IT applications & services, Information Security, and System Integration projects. He is a Visiting Lecturer at Waterford Institute of Technology, and has worked in the EU FP7 *BIC project* within the International Advisory Group (IAG). In this latter role, he was chief architect for the design and implementation of a multi-lateral international cooperation Extended Working Group structure between the EU and India-Brazil-Africa in Trustworthy ICT. He also works very closely with IIT Delhi on building of R&I&I projects in this domain.



James Clarke has been working for the Waterford Institute of Technology in the TSSG group since February, 2005. Since January 2011, Mr. Clarke has been project coordinator of the FP7 *BIC project*, which stands for *Building International Cooperation for Trustworthy ICT: Security, Privacy and Trust in Global Networks & Services*. Since April 2014, Mr. Clarke is coordinator of the Irish Research Council's New foundations grant entitled *International cooperation long term strategy planning and development between Ireland and India for EU H2020 cooperation (INDO-IE-EU)*, and is becoming involved in the SFI ISCA *Research India Ireland project* in Phase II starting in Sept. 2014.

¹ (<http://www.euroindia-ict.org/>) (<http://www.bic-trust.eu>)