

# LEMASS INTERNATIONAL FORUM

Patron T.K. Whittaker

## Jim OHara

Jim OHara is vice president, Technology Manufacturing Group, Intel Corporation and Intel Ireland General Manager. He took over the role of Intel Ireland general manager in April 2002 and was appointed as a vice president in 2003. He is responsible for Intel's Technology and Manufacturing group in Ireland and for the site's strategic direction, management, leadership and development, and government and community relations. A former president of the American Chamber of Commerce, he is a board member of the Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School at UCD and Business in the Community Ireland. He is also a member of the board of Enterprise Ireland and of the Irish Research Council for Science Engineering and Technology and was recently elected to the board of the Association for European Nanoelectronic Activities.

## Dr. Paul Duffy

Dr. Paul Duffy has responsibility for Pfizer manufacturing operations in Ireland, Singapore and Canada. He is Vice President Operations Primary Care/Oncology Operating Unit. He also leads a global team which coordinates the manufacture of Active Pharmaceutical ingredients for the company. He has a Doctorate in Synthetic Chemistry from UCG and an MBA from the Open University, UK. He was president of American Chamber of Commerce in 2009. He is Chair of a Life Science Alliance which will drive the implementation of the report Health Life Sciences in Ireland and Enterprise outlook. Pfizer employs 4,500 people in its Irish operations. It is the world's largest research based biomedical and pharmaceutical company.

## Paul Armstrong

As Operations Director, Europe Beer, with Diageo, Paul Armstrong is responsible for all Beer Manufacturing operations in Ireland and the UK as part of the Diageo Global Supply organisation. A graduate in Electrical and Electronic engineering from Queen's University, Belfast, Mr. Armstrong's career spans ICI Petrochemicals in the UK and Centronics Ireland, before joining Guinness (now Diageo) in 1981. Mr. Armstrong has been Product Change Director, Engineering Director and Customer Service Director, moving on to Brewing Director before taking up his current position as Operations Director.

## Conor Lenihan TD

Elected TD in 1997. Has been Minister of State at Department of Foreign Affairs with special responsibility for overseas development and Human Rights, Minister of State with special responsibility for integration policy at Dept of Community and Rural Affairs, Department of Education and Science, Department of Justice Equality and Law Reform. He is now Minister for Science, Technology, Innovation and natural resources.

## Barry O'Leary

Barry O'Leary was appointed Chief Executive of IDA Ireland in January 2008. Prior to being appointed Chief Executive Designate in 2007, he was Divisional Manager of the IDA's Life Sciences and Information and Communications Technology business units. Mr O'Leary has worked in the IDA for over 30 years in most of its business areas including two periods totalling 15 years in Germany, latterly as Director of Europe. Mr. O'Leary has been primarily responsible for the successful establishment of Ireland as the leading global location outside the US for biopharmaceuticals. He has also undertaken strategic change and built new strengths in R&D, medical technologies, information and communications technology and other areas. He is a Board Member of Forfas.

## Dr. Graham Love

In June, 2008 Science Foundation Ireland appointed Dr. Graham Love as Special Advisor to the Director General, with responsibility for Strategy and Planning. This role involved the development of SFI's strategic plan to enable delivery of the Government's Strategy for Science, Technology and Innovation (SSTI) 2006-2013 and the associated policies and metrics for its successful implementation. Dr. Love is now Director, Policy and Communications with Science Foundation Ireland.

# the role of **Manufacturing** in Ireland's **Economic Recovery**

**PROGRAMME**  
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GUINNESS STOREHOUSE, DUBLIN 8

## SECOND SESSION OF THE LEMASS INTERNATIONAL FORUM

**Date:** Thursday 9th September 2010  
**Theme:** The Role of Manufacturing in Ireland's Economic Recovery  
**Chairperson:** Dr. John Bowman - Broadcaster & Historian

### Part One: Manufacturing's Role in our Economic Recovery

**8.30** Registration  
**8.50** Welcome & Introduction  
**9.00** Manufacturing crucial for recovery  
What contribution can manufacturing make to economic recovery?  
**Speakers:** **Lionel Alexander**, President American Chamber of Commerce/General Manager Hewlett Packard  
**Sean O'Driscoll**, Chief Executive Glen Dimplex  
**Rita Shara**, CEO Shabra Recycling Group  
Audience Participation & Discussion

**10.30** Tea / Coffee Break

### Part Two: Factory of the Future

**11.00** **Speakers:** **Jim O'Hara**, General Manager, Intel Ireland  
**Dr. Paul Duffy**, Head of Manufacturing at Pfizer  
**Paul Armstrong**, Director of Operations, Diageo  
Audience participation and discussion

### Part Three: Securing the Future of Manufacturing

**12.30** Round Table Discussion  
**Minister Conor Lenihan**, TD, Minister for Science, Technology & Innovation  
**Barry O Leary**, Chief Executive, Industrial Development Authority  
**Dr. Graham Love**, Director, Policy & Communications, Science Foundation Ireland

**13.30** Closure

## CHAIRPERSON

**Dr. John Bowman**

Broadcaster and historian, Dr. John Bowman was educated at Belvedere College and Trinity College Dublin. He has presented current affairs and historical programmes on RTE since the 1960s. He has anchored elections results programmes on radio and television since 1981 and has chaired the audience participation programme, Questions and Answers for the past 21 years.

Dr. Bowman is a past President of the Irish association for Cultural, Economic and Social Relations. His book, De Valera and the Ulster Question: 1917-1973, won the Ewart-Biggs Memorial Prize for its contribution to North-South understanding. He is currently engaged in book and television projects to mark the fiftieth anniversary of RTE television.

## PATRON

**Dr. TK Whitaker**

When he was appointed in 1956 TK Whitaker at age 39 was the youngest ever Secretary of the Department of Finance. Having drawn up his economic programme in 1958, he worked closely with Sean Lemass when he became Taoiseach in 1959 in implementing the First Programme for Economic Expansion. The importance of this partnership in the development programme undertaken by Lemass is reflected in popular references to this dynamic period as "the Lemass/Whitaker era".

Dr. Whitaker also served as a member of the Senate and held many other prominent positions, including; Governor of the Central Bank, President of the Royal Irish Academy, Founder/President of the ESRI and Chancellor of the National University. He has received numerous awards in recognition of his contribution to Ireland's development, included being voted ESB/Rehab's "greatest living Irish person" and RTE's "the Irishman of the 20th century"

## PRESENTERS

**Lionel Alexander**

Mr. Lionel Alexander is Vice President of Hewlett Packard , Managing Director of Hewlett Packard manufacturing operations and world wide Customer Assurance and Technology Marketing. He is 2010 President of American Chamber of Commerce. The American Chamber represents the interests of the 600 companies in Ireland which employ 100,000 people, represent 75% of all foreign investment in Ireland and pay 2.5 billion euros in Corporate Tax to the Irish Exchequer. He is a board member of the IDA, the American Chamber of Commerce in Ireland and of IBEC. He is a member of the Innovation Task force established by the Taoiseach. He was appointed Chair of the Enterprise Feedback Group by the Tanaiste in 2008. He is a fellow of the Institute of Engineers Ireland and the Irish Academy of Engineering.

**Sean O' Driscoll**

Mr. Sean O'Driscoll is Chief Executive of Glen Dimplex, which is Ireland's largest privately owned business with a turnover of over 1.5 billion (Euro). Glen Dimplex employs 8,500 people in 22 manufacturing plants worldwide. Founded in 1973, it is now the world's largest electrical heating business. Mr.O'Driscoll graduated from UCC in 1979, joined KPMG and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1982, becoming a partner in 1989. He was appointed Group Finance Director of Glen Dimplex in 1990, Deputy Chief Executive in 1995 and Group Chief Executive in 1998.

He has overseen the expansion of the Glen Dimplex Group out of its Irish and UK base across Europe, Canada and Asia. Commenting on the importance of internationalisation, Mr. O'Driscoll said: "If you don't believe in internationalisation, then it won't work. We are out there because there is a market for our products. Being international is part of our DNA... Glen Dimplex is proud of being Irish, yet less than 2% of our annual turnover is generated by the Irish market."

Sean O'Driscoll is a member of University College Cork President's Advisory Board.

**Rita Shah**

Multi-award winning entrepreneur Ms. Rita Shah is Managing director of Monaghan-based Shabra Plastics Recycling, which she set up in 1986 and has since steered it to become an industry leader in the recycling and manufacturing of plastic products. Growing from a staff of two to a current tally of over 50, Ms Shah says she has poured "determination and a commitment to be the best in Europe" into the company. "We want to be leaders in this market" she says. Setting up in the midst of the recession-hit Eighties, Rita Shah says she didn't envisage Shabra evolving as it has done: "I did not think it would grow to what it is now ... nevertheless I was determined and committed to grow the business."

As co-founder and managing director, Rita Shah oversees all areas of the company – from major decision-making to the daily minutiae on the factory floor. She sees her 'omnipresence' as a crucial part of running a thriving business. Her personal recipe for success: "It's being on the ground, alert, aware and leaving nothing to chance."