6th TRIAL METHODOLOGY
SYMPOSIUM

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October 14th	Afternoon – Session 1: Methodological challenges for trial conduct
14:00 – 14:10	**Opening Address** **Dr Mairéad O Driscoll, CEO Health Research Board**
14:10 – 14:15	**Welcome to Cork**
14:15 – 14:45	**Prof Peter Bower – University of Manchester** Patient involvement, outcome and experience in randomised trials: two out of three ain't bad
14:45 – 15:15	**Dr Katie Gillies – University of Aberdeen** Making trials less leaky: how can we improve retention?
15:15 – 15:45	**Panel Q&A** **Moderator – Dr Frances Shiely, University College Cork**

October 15th	Morning – Session 2: Conducting challenging trials – shared knowledge and better infrastructure
10:00 – 10:10	**Opening Address** **Dr Mairéad O Driscoll, CEO Health Research Board**
10:10 – 10:15	**Welcome to Cork**
10:15 – 10:45	**Prof Jane Blazeby – University of Bristol** The challenges of surgical trials
10:45 – 11:15	**Dr Jacques Demotes – European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network (ECRIN)** Multinational cooperation and new trial methodologies to improve health decisions
11:15 – 11:45	**Panel Q&A** **Moderator – Prof Joe Eustace, University College Cork**

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14:15 – 14:45	**Derek Stewart OBE – Patient Advocate** **What is 'an informed public' in terms of Trials Methodology Research?**
14:45 – 15:15	**Elaine Finucane and Prof Declan Devane – HRB-TMRN NUI Galway** **Citizen Science: The People's Trial**
15:15 – 15:45	**Panel Q&A** Moderator – Dr Derick Mitchell, Irish Platform for Patient Organisations, Science and Industry
15:45 - 16:00	**Closing summary** Dr Sandra Galvin, Programme Manager, HRB-TMRN

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