

May 2019: ASPHER Executive Board Vacancies

Nominee: Mary Codd, University College Dublin, Ireland

Mary Codd is Associate Professor of Epidemiology & Biostatistics at the School of Public Health, Physiotherapy & Sports Science (SPHPSS) at University College Dublin (UCD). She graduated in medicine from UCD, completed internal medicine residency in Dublin and London and studied epidemiology and biostatistics at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota and University of Minnesota School of Public Health from which she graduated with an MPH and PhD. She is a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine of Ireland and the Royal Statistical Society, UK.

Mary was project co-ordinator of the EU-funded pilot project for breast cancer screening in Ireland prior to the implementation of the Irish national breast screening programme and co-authored early editions of the European Guidelines for Quality Assurance in Breast Cancer Screening. She worked as a clinical epidemiologist at a university teaching hospital providing methodological and analytical support for clinical researchers and hospital management for several years before taking up her current academic post.

In her present position Mary has been director of the SPHPSS PhD programme and is actively engaged with the UCD Graduate School Research Supervisor Support and Development Programme (RSSDP). She is currently director of the MPH programmes and director of the consultative group, CSTAR, a recognised Academic Centre for Support and Training in Analysis and Research. She teaches epidemiology, biostatistics, applied research methods, data management and computational methods at undergraduate and graduate level and as CPD courses. She has extensive experience as a research supervisor and mentor (14 completed PhD/MD as principal/co-supervisor; 15 doctoral studies panels; 60 MPH dissertations). Recognised for her teaching, she has received awards within UCD and internationally at the Universitas 21 Health Sciences Group (<http://u21health.org/2017-teaching-excellence-award-winners>). Her research profile runs to over 250 scientific publications, a Google Scholar h-index of 38 and current research funding of €3.48m.

Mary has extensive experience of collaborative and committee work locally, nationally and internationally as a member of School and University Committees, the Board of the Irish Heart Foundation and national strategy groups, adjudicator for ISSOTL (International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning) and active member of ASPHER for the past 10 years. She is a member of the ASPHER Working Group on Doctoral Programmes and Research Capacities (report, May 2013), is hugely supportive of the ASPHER Young Researcher Forum and an advisor on the 5th Edition of ASPHER's Core Competences for the Public Health Professional. She has also served as an external examiner with APHEA. As a member of the Executive Board, she would be fully committed to supporting and advancing the mission of ASPHER with, and on behalf of, current and future members of the organisation.