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## EMPOWER Data Governance Community of Practice Symposium

A successful Community of Practice (CoP) Symposium was held on Friday 25th November in Dublin. The symposium was well attended by senior leaders from a diverse group of organisations, both industry and public sector. The symposium commenced with two high profile keynotes which were live streamed to an international audience.



The first keynote was delivered by Ms. Anna Ludin from the European Commission DG-CNECT (Data Policy & Innovation) on European Data Strategy, the Data Governance Act, the Data Act and Interoperability and Standardisation. Next up we had the ground-breaking Founder and Executive Chairperson of Soapbox Labs, Dr. Patricia Scanlon. Dr. Scanlon gave an engaging talk on her journey from early career right through to how Soapbox labs became the first company to achieve anti-bias certification in AI. The symposium then proceeded to an invitation only co-design forum focused on priority data governance areas. The CoP aims to co-create a Data Governance Roadmap for Ireland with concrete recommendations and actions that will directly contribute to ensuring Ireland is a world leader in the data economy. The next CoP forum is scheduled for 9th March '23.

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## Markus Helfert participated at the World Credit Congress and Exhibition in Dublin

Prof. Markus Helfert joined Dan Blagojevic PhD - Head of Decision Science, Optima Partners, UK and Medb Corcoran - Managing Director, Accenture Labs at the World Credit Congress and Exhibition in Dublin on 11th October for a panel discussion on "Changing Standards in Credit - Open Payments, Open Banking and Standards in AI".

World Credit Congress and Exhibition (WCCE) is a platform for the exchange of ideas, knowledge, research and a forum for interaction between National and International Credit and Risk Management Professionals together with Colleagues involved in all areas of Collections and Accounts Receivable Management. Further information [here](#).

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# IVI Coffee&Talk 2023- Open to External Speakers

With the success of our IVI Coffee&Talk Series, we are now opening this to external speakers. Researchers, industry practitioners, policy makers are all now welcome to sign up to present and discuss digital transformation.



Sign up today!

## MU Research week 2022

MU Research week took place 24-28th October. With over 40 events in the week IVI had a number of topics that we presented. It was an excellent opportunity for IVI to share its research with colleagues and external guests.

IVI kick started the event on the Monday with a Hybrid presentation from Mansoor Ahmed, [IVI on A path to Success: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowships, Research and Career Path](#).

On Wednesday we had Peter Mooney's panel session on [How can AI work for circular economy?](#) The session provided an opportunity to highlight and discuss ongoing research work into the area of AI and Circular Economy in the Department of Computer Science and the IVI.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the IVI Digital Health Cluster ran the event ["Are you interested in health and technology? We want to hear your opinion!"](#). Colleagues came to IVI and had a chance to talk to IVI researchers and interact with the newest and most fascinating technologies used in healthcare. They also had the opportunity to express their opinions and provide ideas on the future of people-driven health and wellbeing. Find out more about [IVI Digital Health Cluster activities](#).

On Thursday we also held the webinar on [Data Governance & Data for Good](#) where we had an excellent line up of speakers from Dublin City Council, MU, UL, German research centre for AI (DFKI) and the World Economic Forum.

And finally on Friday we had the [Smart Cities as hubs: defining a system for city flows' management- SCHUB](#). An introduction to a collaborative research project between Maynooth University and Thessaly University, as the coordinator for the project. The project was introduced by the project coordinator, Prof. Leonidas Anthopoulos, Thessaly University and Dr. Zohreh Pourzolfaghar, MU as the lead for work package related to smart city architecture.

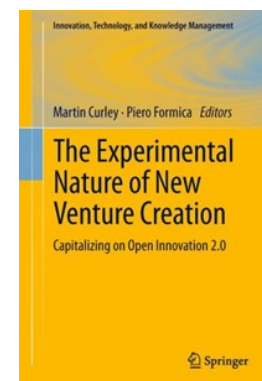


## One Day Workshop 7th Dec 2022 EXPERIMENTAL LAB FOR NEW VENTURE CREATION facilitated by Piero Formica

Prof. Piero Formica will deliver a one-day workshop (in person) for Postgraduate Students and Early-Stage Researchers at Maynooth University on Wednesday Dec 7th.

EXPERIMENTAL LAB FOR NEW VENTURE CREATION

A learning experiment designed and delivered by Prof.



Formica. There are still some places available.

Register  
Now!

## DCU Invent Commercialisation Award 2022

Congratulations to Markus Helfert, Marija Bezbradica and Manoj Kesavulu who won the DCU Invent Commercialisation Award on Monday 28th November for the collaborative research project with IBM titled "Usage Analytics - Understanding User Behaviour in Cloud Systems".

## A BIM Hero Token of Appreciation

Congratulations to Zohreh Pourzolfaghar from Maynooth University, who has been awarded the BIM Hero "Token of Appreciation" by IVI, in recognition for their contribution to AEC. [#BIMcoordinatorSummit2022](#).



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