

SMARTskills 2014 Workshop

Developing Successful Shiptime Proposals & Survey Plans

Marine Institute, Galway, Ireland

Wednesday 27th August 2014



Practical Information for Participants

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The Strategic Marine Alliance for Research and Training (SMART) and the Marine Institute will host a one-day SMARTskills 2014 workshop on Wednesday 27th August in Oranmore, Galway. This workshop is aimed at preparing emerging researchers to develop successful grant-aid proposals in order to secure shiptime in 2015 on the National research vessel RV Celtic Voyager. The workshop is free and open to all marine-related graduate, postgraduate and postdoctoral students from across the Island of Ireland.

If you have further queries regarding the workshop please contact smart@gmit.ie.

Workshop Registration

All prospective delegates are requested to register online by **Thursday 21st August**. Registration forms are available <https://smartseaschool.wufoo.eu/entries/smartskills-2014>.

What to Bring

All workshop participants are asked to prepare a 2 minute *flash* presentation, with one slide, to introduce themselves, their research and a brief outline of potential shiptime proposals. Please note presentations are informal and are intended as introductions which will help facilitate networking and collaborations.

A 'Proposal Surgery' will also be held as part of the breakout sessions that will allow experts to analyse and advise on preliminary shiptime proposals and input on survey plans. Please feel free to bring along a draft of your proposed shiptime proposals for feedback. Please note this is optional.

All presentations should be mailed to smart@gmit.ie by **Thursday 21st August**.

Meeting Times

There will be a minibus provided from Eyre Square, Galway City to the Marine Institute at **08:30am** with a pick-up **08:35am** at the main bus stop outside of GMIT and additional pickups as requested en-route to the Marine Institute. The bus will leave the Marine Institute on Thursday evening at **17:30hrs** with stops as requested en route to Eyre Square.

The "private" bus stop is at the north side of Eyre Square (see map below marked in C) and the minibus will have a Marine Institute notice in the front window.



Figure 1. Map of Galway and Eyre Square.

Travelling to Galway & Oranmore

Public Transport links to Galway and Oranmore

Galway and Oranmore are linked by rail with Dublin. There are six trains from Dublin every day and the local commuter service to Galway runs 12 times per day. For schedules please see: <http://www.irishrail.ie>

There are also a number of frequent and reliable bus services to choose from to travel to Galway, including: Bus Éireann, CityLink and GoBus.

Bus Éireann timetables can be found at: <http://www.buseireann.ie>

City Link timetables can be found at: <http://www.citylink.ie>

Go Bus: timetables can be found at: <http://www.gobus.ie>

Travelling to the Marine Institute by Car

The Marine Institute is located on the shores of Galway Bay at Rinville just under 6km from Oranmore, and 16km from Galway.

Approaches to Oranmore and Galway from around Ireland are as follows:

- From Cork or Limerick, Oranmore and Galway are approached on the N18.
- From Dublin, Belfast and Coleraine, Oranmore and Galway are approached by M6 and M1.
- From Sligo, Donegal and Derry, Galway and Oranmore are approached by the N15 and N17.



Figure 2: Marine Institute approaches.

Travelling by Car

To travel from Oranmore to the Marine Institute please follow the signs for Galway Bay Sailing Club:

1. Exit the village by taking the Maree Road. After 3.5km you will see a signpost for left turn - Maree & Tawin - please ignore.
2. Take the next right turn, which is signposted for the Marine Institute and Galway Bay sailing Club. You will pass in front of the sea by Rinville Park.
3. Take the right turn away from the sea. It is sign posted again for the Marine Institute and the Golf & Country Club. This road takes you through woodland area for 0.75km. This looks like a private road and has lots of speed ramps up to the entrance of the Marine Institute HQ.

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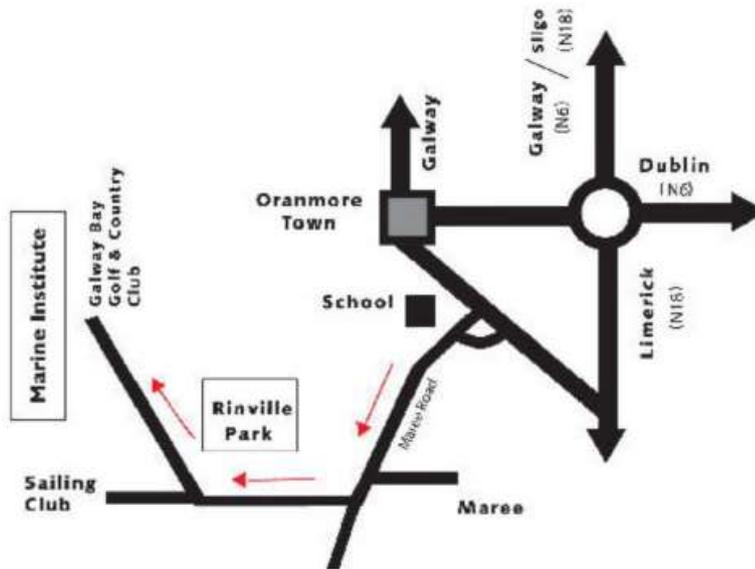


Figure 3: Oranmore to Marine Institute directions

Travelling by Taxi

Taxi fares from Oranmore and Galway to the Marine Institute are in the order of €10 and €20 respectively. Among the many taxi companies operating in Galway and Oranmore are:

- Galway Taxis: +353 (0)91 561111
- Big O Taxis: +353 (0)91 585858
- Oran Cabs: +353 (0)91 787787

Parking

All workshop participants travelling to the Marine Institute by car are asked to park in the hotel next door, just 20m away. There will be signs at the entrance to the Marine Institute and someone to guide you.

Accommodation

If you need to travel the evening before the workshop there are a number of accommodation options within **Oranmore**. Among these are:

- Oranmore Lodge Hotel: <http://www.oranmorelodge.ie/>
- Maldron Hotel: <http://www.maldronhotelgalway.com/>
- Coach House Hotel: <http://www.coachhousehotel.ie/>
- Shanlin House B+B: <http://www.shanlinhouse.com/>

Recommended accommodation in **Galway City** includes:

Budget accommodation in Galway starts at around €18/night.:

- Kinlay House Hostel: <http://www.kinlaygalway.ie>
- Sleepzone: <http://www.sleepzone.com/>
- Galway City Hostel: <http://www.galwaycityhostel.com>

Hotel accommodation in Galway includes:

- Victoria Hotel: <http://victoriahotelgalway.com/>
- Jurys Hotel: <http://galwayhotels.jurysinns.com/>
- Harbour Hotel: <http://www.harbour.ie/en/>

Contact Details

We look forward to seeing you at SMARTSkills 2014. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us at smart@gmit.ie, or during the workshop, on the numbers below:

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