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## **Election of Members to the Dietitians Registration Board at CORU**

**Candidate:** Audrey Tierney

**Registration No:** DI024929

**County of Practice:** Limerick

**Nominated in Category:** Category 2: Registrant engaged in the education and training of persons in the practice of the profession

### **Personal Statement/ Biography:**

I am a CORU Registered Dietitian and Senior Lecturer at University of Limerick (UL). I qualified in 2003 from TCD/DIT (BSc Human Nutrition and Dietetics) and completed a PhD in 2008 (TCD). Thereafter, I moved to Melbourne, Australia where I worked clinically (Clinical Specialist, Alfred Health) and academically (Senior Lecturer, La Trobe University (LTU)) for 10 years. I have been involved in the education and training of dietitians since 2008, lecturing on BSc Human Nutrition and MSc Dietetic Practice courses. I have been involved in practice education both supervising students in the hospital and as a coordinator at the University. I was part of a successful accreditation process for the MSc in Dietetics at LTU with the Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA).

Since returning to Ireland in 2017 I established the MSc in Human Nutrition and Dietetics at UL. As well as a strong focus on clinical knowledge and competencies, established partnerships with community organisations through our role emerging placements will impact on community health and provide a rich training environment for our students. I have a strong research profile in the area of diet quality in chronic disease. I have published 50 peer-reviewed papers, collaboratively secured over €1 million in funding, have supervised 4 PhD students to completion and currently supervise 8 PhDs. I hold an Adjunct Senior Lecturer position at LTU. I am a member of the INDI Education Steering Group committee and several interest groups.



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## **Election of Members to the Dietitians Registration Board at CORU**

**Candidate:** Suzanne Doyle

**Registration No:** DI014779

**County of Practice:** Dublin 8

**Nominated in Category:** Category 2: Registrant engaged in the education and training of persons in the practice of the profession

### **Personal Statement/ Biography:**

Dr Suzanne Doyle is a Lecturer in Dietetics at Technological University Dublin. In this role, Suzanne lectures to all years of the BSc Human Nutrition and Dietetics programme, with particular focus on clinical skills and professional practice. Suzanne has served as an Education Representative on the Dietitians Registration Board since 2016.

Suzanne studied Human Nutrition and Dietetics in DIT/TCD and graduated in 2009, receiving a university gold medal for academic achievement. Since then, Suzanne has been actively engaged in dietetic research, clinical practice and education. She completed her PhD studies in 2013 examining the impact of visceral obesity on postoperative recovery. To date, Suzanne has secured in excess of €1.9 million in funding to continue her research, which currently focuses on developing multidisciplinary prehabilitation and rehabilitation programmes to improve outcomes for upper gastrointestinal cancer patients.

Alongside dietetic research, Suzanne worked as a clinical dietitian in St James's Hospital prior to her appointment in TU Dublin, gaining experience in oncology, surgery, geriatric and orthopaedic rotations. She is passionate about dietetic education and in addition to undergraduate teaching, she has delivered training to peers and actively promotes continuous professional development. Suzanne is a former Chair of the Scientific and Research Steering Group within the Irish Nutrition and Dietetic Institute and Committee member of the Nutrition Society.



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## **Election of Members to the Dietitians Registration Board at CORU**

**Candidate:** Annemarie Bennett

**Registration No:** DI007571

**County of Practice:** Dublin 8

**Nominated in Category:** Category 2: Registrant engaged in the education and training of persons in the practice of the profession

### **Personal Statement/ Biography:**

Dr Annemarie Bennett graduated in 2011 with a First Class Honours in the BSc Human Nutrition and Dietetics programme, run jointly by Trinity College and Technological University Dublin. She completed her PhD in 2016, and took up her current post as Assistant Professor in Dietetics with Trinity in 2017.

She has been involved in third-level teaching since 2012, working in Trinity, Technological University Dublin, and Athlone Institute of Technology. Her current role involves overseeing the development of practice education on the undergraduate programme in Human Nutrition and Dietetics. She has led significant improvements in the design and management of undergraduate practice education in dietetics, and is currently part of a national research project determining measures of quality in practice education among all allied health professions.

Alongside her contributions to practice education, she is actively involved in the design, development and implementation of research studies on an ongoing basis, particularly with pregnant couples, infants, school-age children and oesophageal cancer patients. She has also worked with the Food Safety Authority of Ireland to produce policies and documents that translate policies into accessible dietetic advice for food businesses and health professionals nationally.