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National University of Ireland, Galway Changes Designation from Podiatry to Podiatric Medicine; Designation Better Reflects University's High Standards and Term in Use in US, Europe



Dean Trepal (5th from left) and President Levine (5th from right) flank Caroline McIntosh, Professor at NUI Galway, as they pose with NUI Galway faculty at Superbones East.

Earlier this year, The National University of Ireland (NUI), Galway announced a change in title in its discipline of Undergraduate and Postgraduate Podiatric education from Podiatry to “Podiatric Medicine;” the latter is increasingly being employed across the globe, so it is appropriate that Ireland use the term. This designation better reflects the significant advances that the profession has made, particularly regarding extended scope of practice, podiatric surgery and independent prescribing. The term, podiatric medicine, is employed by all podiatric training institutions in the United States and increasingly it is being adopted by other institutions in Europe. Furthermore the term is used by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, which recently confirmed the professional status of our profession through the establishment of the Faculty of Podiatric Medicine in Glasgow, Scotland.

The term podiatric medicine also better reflects the high academic and clinical standards of the undergraduate program at NUI Galway, headed by Professor Caroline McIntosh. NUI enjoys a strong, dynamic affiliation with NYCPM, and is one of many international affiliations started by NYCPM President Louis L. Levine and Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Trepal, DPM. The NUI affiliation has led to a number of joint initiatives, including research collaborations, the establishment of the Transatlantic Podiatric Medicine international conference series and student exchange programs. The change in title to podiatric medicine will undoubtedly raise their profile, strengthen their position internationally and increase opportunities for further international collaborations.

Professor McIntosh expressed excitement for the NUI Galway's delegation to travel to New York for the second transatlantic seminar held in conjunction with NYCPM and featured at this year's SuperBones East meeting. She was looking forward to catching up with her colleagues at NYCPM.