The Irish Centre for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Research at NUI Galway in collaboration with Autism Speaks, are pleased to announce the 2nd International conference on Autism Spectrum Disorders on the 11th and 12th of June 2013, entitled: Autism Spectrum Disorders: from Research to Practice.

The conference will include presentations from national and international experts. Over two days there will be plenary presentations and workshops on the latest evidence-based approaches to diagnosis, clinical management, optimal outcomes, innovative technology, adult issues and national health registries. We hope to encourage attendance from persons on the autism spectrum, parents, health and educational practitioners and the research community. Plenary sessions will be followed by parallel research, professional and parent focused workshops.

Invited Speakers include:

- **Professor Susan Swedo** – DSM 5 update
  Paediatrics and Developmental Neuropsychiatry Branch, National Institute of Mental Health

- **Professor Peter Gerhardt** – Adolescents and adults with autism: Effective intervention and a positive quality of life?
  The McCarton School

- **Professor Deborah Fein** – Predictors of optimal outcomes in autism
  Department of Psychiatry, University of Connecticut

- **Professor Richard Hasting** – The importance of the “evidence continuum” in drawing conclusions about evidence-based interventions for children with autism.
  Bangor University

- **Professor Eva Loth** – Development of a European network to support multi-centre clinical trials in autism.
  Institute of Psychiatry, King’s College, London

- **Dr. Jeremy Parr** – Family priorities for research
  Newcastle University

- **Professor Matthew Goodwin** – Innovative technologies for autism
  Dept. of Health Sciences, Bournemouth University & College of Computer and Information Science, Northeastern University

- **Professor Avi Reichenberg** – National health registries
  Institute of Psychiatry, King’s College, London

Irish Autism Database and Repository
The conference will launch the Irish Autism Database and Repository, an exciting and innovative development to enhance the care and quality of life of the autism community by supporting research, services and policy development.

Workshops include:

- Managing challenging behaviour in the home and classroom
- From early signs through to diagnosis
- Interventions for non verbal, minimally verbal and verbal children with autism
- Adolescents, growing up and sexuality
- Mood, anxiety, ADHD and the role of medication
- Managing transitions: What parents and practitioners need to know

To register or for further information please see: [www.conference.ie](http://www.conference.ie)
Spaces are limited so please register early.
Registration Fee – Professionals €120, Parents/Students €60

CPD credits will be available.