

# 20<sup>th</sup> ESPD Annual Meeting

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## Prof. Edel O'Toole

Edel O'Toole is Professor of Molecular Dermatology and Centre Lead of the Centre for Cell Biology and Cutaneous Research, Blizard Institute, Queen Mary University of London. She is also a consultant dermatologist at the Royal London Hospital with an interest in paediatric dermatology and rare genetic skin disorders. She received her medical degree and PhD from University College Galway, Ireland. She trained in medicine and dermatology in Ireland, followed by 4 years at Northwestern University, Chicago, where she worked on keratinocyte biology funded by the Dermatology Foundation and subsequently a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Post-doctoral award for Physicians. She completed her Dermatology training in London.

Her research interests include biology of the basement membrane zone and the skin barrier. She is currently leading an atopic eczema clinical phenotyping and genotyping project in East London as well as laboratory based research on ichthyosis and the basement membrane. She is the current chair of BADGEM (British Association of Dermatologists Dermatology and Genetic Medicine) and is on the board of the ESDR. She is Chair of the Medical Advisory Board of the Ichthyosis Support Group. She has a longstanding interest in harlequin ichthyosis, including genetic diagnosis, pathogenesis and improving management.

