

## **Good Morning, Ladies and Gentlemen.**

On behalf of my fellow Board Members at Healthtech Ireland I am delighted to welcome you all here to our annual conference 2022.

My name is Ray Cahill, I work with a company called Change Healthcare and we have been members of IMSTA/Healthtech for 12 years now. I joined the Board four years ago and have been the Chair for the last number of years. This is my last year as Chair and I will be handing over the reigns to Enda Mulvaney, Medtronic, who was to be at the show today but unfortunately Covid had other plans for him.

It is really great to be back meeting again, physically. That is the part of my Healthtech membership that I value the most. I have found that it is often, on these occasions, where we meet fellow members and invited guests where we **can identify opportunities for collaboration and get greater insights** into what's happening across our industry. Its good to be back!

This year HealthTech Ireland celebrates 40 years. An organisation built to be a voice for the Irish Healthtech industry. From the vision of a few, today we have a diverse membership of more than 170 companies providing services and solutions across the Diagnostics, Devices and Digital healthcare ecosystem.

**The members of Healthtech Ireland all share a common denominator, we are supplying products, services and people into**

the Irish Healthcare system, supporting in many different ways the delivery of health and healthy living to the population of Ireland. Our companies are proud of the contribution we are making daily and eager to do more. As an association, over the last three years we have sought to re-imagine how we can encourage collaboration amongst our members and with all groups involved in healthcare. We have an active set of activities, events, thought leadership publications to spark and fan the flame of collaboration for good.

Real change is hard to achieve on your own but great outcomes can be achieved when we work together. The last few years have shown what can be achieved in the time of crisis when stakeholders work together. The advances our industry has made in technology over the last few years were made available when needed. As an industry we want to explore how we can continue that tread. Our association mantra is "We advocate for an open Irish marketplace, with access to modern Healthcare Technologies, procured in an efficient way, providing value to all stakeholders." I believe this is a mantra shared by most stakeholders in health.

Healthtech Ireland is a not for profit membership organisation. I would like to take the opportunity here today to encourage our members to get involved in the workings of the association. We have a several working groups focused on the areas of Procurement, market access, Sustainability, Regulatory affairs and membership

services. This is an excellent way of contributing to the work of the association and gaining a greater understanding of wider industry perspectives. You will have an opportunity in the meeting room outside to get further information on these activities or indeed speak to any member of the Board.

Last year we said goodbye to Justin our CEO for many years and I am delighted today to introduce you to our new CEO Susan Treacy. Susan is a A passionate, collaborative and strategic leader and I am happy to say our association is in good hands.