



Governing Council appointments at Irish Taxation Institute

Paul Haran and Don Thornhill join ITI Council

Wednesday, 20 June 2007: The Irish Taxation Institute (ITI) is pleased to announce the appointments of Mr Paul Haran and Dr Don Thornhill to its Council. Both Mr Haran and Dr Thornhill will take up their positions on the ITI Council, the governing board of the 5,500 member taxation body this August.

Mr Paul Haran

Former Secretary General of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Mr Haran is credited with being instrumental in the development and implementation of policies that contributed directly to our economic development. Paul Haran has recently joined the board of the Road Safety Council. Along with being Chairman of the National Qualifications Authority, Principal of UCD's College of Business and Law, board member of UCD's Michael Smurfit School of Business, he is on the Court of the Bank of Ireland, council member of the Irish Management Institute, chair of Forfás Taxation Advisory Committee, and a Director of Glanbia plc, the Mater Private Hospital and Edward Dillon & Company.

Dr Don Thornhill

Dr Don Thornhill is a consultant and adviser on strategy and policy and a board member of organisations in the public and private sectors.

He was appointed Chairman of the National Competitiveness Council (NCC) of Ireland in February 2005 by the Irish Government. He is also Chairman of the Irish Payments Services Organisation (IPSO) - the organisation established by the Irish banks to manage the financial payments system in Ireland.

He completed a seven year term as executive chairman of the Higher Education Authority (HEA) in January 2005. He was Secretary General of the Department of Education and Science from 1993 to 1998. He was previously an Assistant Secretary General in the Office of the Revenue Commissioners in Dublin and has also worked in the Irish Departments of Finance and Foreign Affairs and in the Unilever organisation. His board memberships, in addition to the NCC and IPSO, include the Irish Management Institute, Forfás and Science Foundation Ireland (SFI).

Welcoming their appointments, ITI President, Mr Dermot O'Brien said: "We are delighted that two individuals of Paul and Don's calibre and expertise have joined the governing Council of ITI. The wealth of experience they bring from their distinguished careers will play an important role in the strategic direction of ITI.

Incoming ITI President, Joan O'Connor said: "Both Paul and Don offer valuable business, governmental and educational perspectives to ITI and we look forward to the contribution they will make to the workings of ITI."

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