Marino Institute of Education (MIE) is pleased to announce that Professor Teresa O’Doherty has been appointed as the new President of MIE with effect from May 2018. Professor O’Doherty is currently the Dean of Education at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, and will succeed MIE’s current President, Professor Anne O’Gara, who will retire following 12 years in the role.

‘Marino Institute of Education has a very strong tradition and reputation in Ireland’s education sector. In recent years it has grown in terms of its undergraduate and postgraduate programme offering, its student numbers, and its research output. It is a testament to the work of Professor O’Gara and all of her colleagues at MIE that the institute is enjoying a significant growth phase. I welcome this exciting opportunity and I am very much looking forward to working with my new colleagues to continue to deliver a quality third level education experience to our students and to contribute to the Irish and international education research landscape,’ said Professor O’Doherty.

Reflecting on the new appointment, Professor Linda Hogan, Chairperson of MIE’s Governing Body, said: ‘Given the exceptional level of dedication and leadership shown by Professor O’Gara during her tenure, it was imperative that we appointed a successor who would have the qualities to build on the significant progress made to date. With Professor O’Doherty’s appointment, MIE’s Governing Body is confident that the institute will greatly benefit from her stewardship and vision in the coming months and years. On behalf of the MIE Governing Body, I would like to thank Professor O’Gara for her service to MIE and to congratulate her for her overall service to Irish education in a career spanning 40 years.’

Professor Anne O’Gara welcomed the appointment of her successor: ‘Though my role at MIE has been a significant and rewarding part of my professional life, on a personal level it has also led to many friendships with colleagues, students and other members of the MIE community. The sadness of leaving, however, is tempered with the knowledge that my successor is of the highest quality and who has already achieved a significant body of work in Irish education. I extend a very warm Marino welcome to Teresa, and I wish her the very best as she starts this new chapter in her career.’

Prior to her current appointment, Professor O’Doherty has held several positions in the education sector, including: Lecturer in Education and Assistant Dean, Research, at the College of Education, University of Limerick; Senior Lecturer in Education & Director of Continuing Professional Development, Mary Immaculate College; and Head of Education, Mary Immaculate College.

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