

### **Dr Noel Cawley – Chair of the Food Safety and Food Authenticity Steering Committee**



Dr Cawley was Chief Executive of the Irish Dairy Board until 2006. He also served as Chairman of the Irish Horse Board and chaired the Government-established Seafood Strategy Review and Implementation Group. He has recently retired as Chairman of Teagasc and acts as Chair of the DAFM National Farmed Animal Health Strategy. Dr Cawley brings a wealth of expertise to the Food Safety and Food Authenticity Strategy.

### **Dr Susan Steele – Authority Chair Seafood Protection Agency (SFPA)**



Dr Susan Steele (PhD, MBA, MEd, BSc) is currently the Authority Chair at the SFPA. With a focus on strategic direction, Dr Steele works with the senior management team in promoting excellence in the SFPA through a combination of leadership, commitment and clear direction, while ensuring SFPA employees continue to protect our marine resources. She is originally from Castletownbere, where she harboured an ambition to become a marine biologist from the age of three. With a PhD in Zoology from UCC and a BSc in Marine Biology from the University of Wales, Dr Steele has worked in both academic and private and public sector appointments, and prior to joining the SFPA in March 2013, she was involved in developing BIM's Seafood

Development Centre as Head of Innovation. She is also a business and executive coach and was awarded a Harvard Executive Certificate in Public Leadership in 2018. Dr Steele is a chartered Director, sitting on the board at the Health Research Board, and is a member of the Strategic Advisory Board at UCC.

### **Dr Pam Byrne – Chief Executive of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI)**



Dr Byrne holds a PhD in Environmental Toxicology from University College, Cork (UCC); an MSc in Aquatic Resource Management from Kings College, University of London; a BSc in Zoology from UCC and a Higher Diploma in Environmental Law from the University of Aberystwyth in Wales.

Prior to taking up the position of CEO at the FSAI in March 2015, Dr Byrne held the role of Director of Regulatory Policy and Intelligence with Abbott Nutrition. Having previously held senior positions in the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Dr Byrne gained a deep knowledge of the food sector as an environmental toxicologist and risk assessor.

Dr Byrne was instrumental in developing Ireland's research and innovation policy programmes in relation to food and the bio-economy. Dr Byrne also worked in the Cabinet of the European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation - Commissioner Maire Geoghegan-Quinn.

Dr Byrne was the Chair of the Management Board of the Joint Programming Initiative A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life for the last 5 years. She is also the Chair of the Strategic Advisory Board of the Institute of Food and Health at University College Dublin, Ireland. She currently chairs the Board of the Association of Chief Executives of State Agencies in Ireland.

**Dr Donal Sammin – Head of Laboratories, ASG DAFM**



**Donal Coleman – Director of Crop Safety, DAFM**



**Sean Keevey – Chief Information Officer IMT, ASG DAFM**



**Dr Paula Barry Walsh - Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer, DAFM**



**Dr James Choiseul – Director of Agricultural Laboratories, DAFM**

