

**Sarah Ingle BScEng, MIE, PhD, CEng, FIEI, MIOD**

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Dr Sarah Ingle is Secretary General of the Association of Consulting Engineers of Ireland (ACEI), appointed in June 2015. She is a Chartered Engineer and a Fellow of Engineers Ireland by Presidential invitation.

Sarah's education and training includes a bachelor's degree in Production Engineering from the Technological University Dublin, and a master's degree in Industrial Engineering from University College Dublin. She was also awarded a PhD in Strategic Management by Dublin City University.

As Secretary General, Sarah is accountable for all of ACEI's governance, strategic, operational, human resources, financial, sponsorship, communication, management, and related activities, along with external liaison and representation nationally and internationally. Internal and external stakeholder engagement and collaboration are important areas of focus, including membership of, and activities with, the ACEI Sustainability, CPD and Health & Safety committees. The development and provision of member services, including an annual conference, engineering excellence awards, and a variety of training courses, is a key aspect of the role.

Sarah has recently been appointed a #BuildingLife Ambassador by the Irish Green Building Council (IGBC). The #BuildingLife campaign aims to achieve a mix of private sector action and public policy necessary to address the complete life cycle impact of buildings. She is also a member of the Irish National Leadership Forum on Whole Life Carbon. The forum's objective is to set out a national roadmap with actions and timelines for whole life carbon for Ireland, that complies with the imperative for a carbon neutral built environment by 2050 in accordance with Paris agreement made at COP21. A related task is to direct the work of a technical working group with industry experts.

Sarah's international activities on behalf of the consulting engineering sector include developing and administering an EFCA member survey, Chairing an EFCA Directors & Secretaries meeting, participating in key decision-making activities, and managing on behalf of ACEI, the hosting of the 2019 EFCA Conference and GAM in Dublin, Ireland. She was also a member of the FIDIC Advisory Council for two years, assisting in providing contributions to support and advise the FIDIC Board.

Before joining ACEI, Sarah worked as a senior engineer in several Irish multinationals including Fruit of the Loom, AT&T and Cabletron Systems. Her most recent post before ACEI was in Dublin City University (DCU) as Director of Quality Promotion. Previously she was an Associate Professor in Entrepreneurship and Enterprise at DCU Business School and completed her PhD in 2000. Her doctoral research explored the introduction of World Class Manufacturing (WCM) and Total Quality Management (TQM) in the Irish automotive rubber mouldings component industry.

Sarah was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Arizona State University in 2006 to research start-up enterprise activities in Phoenix, Arizona and is President Emeritus of the Irish Fulbright Alumni Association (IFAA). She is also a previous Chair of the Irish Fulbright Commission Board, and currently Chairs its Finance & Audit Committee. She has been a member of the Board, nominated by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, since 2004.