



## Society of Actuaries in Ireland

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### **Society of Actuaries in Ireland awards Honorary Fellowship to Mary Robinson**

### **Society of Actuaries in Ireland Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

As it marks fifty years since its foundation in 1972, the Society of Actuaries in Ireland has elected Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland 1990-97, as an Honorary Fellow.

Mrs Robinson served as President of Ireland for seven years and has been credited with transforming the role.

SAI President, Sheelagh Malin, said 'Mrs Robinson has a long and distinguished track record of public service in Ireland and elsewhere. She is a prominent and highly regarded figure internationally who has made a huge contribution to human rights and world peace, always highlighting the concerns of ordinary people. An area that is of significant relevance and importance to the actuarial profession is her tireless campaigning on climate change and sustainability.'

She also noted the importance of Mrs Robinson's work as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (1997-2002) where she integrated human rights into the United Nations system and became renowned as an outspoken voice dedicated to investigating and exposing human rights abuses across the world.

In 2018 Mrs Robinson was appointed as the Chair of The Elders, an independent group of global leaders working together for peace, justice and human rights.

'Mary's work with the United Nations, Oxfam International, the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, the GAVI Alliance, The Mary Robinson Foundation - Climate Justice, and others, also gives a voice for the vulnerable in our world.'

Sheelagh Malin added, 'On our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, it will also be my pleasure to host our 2022 [President's Conference](#) on the theme "Megatrends: Shaping our Future" with keynote speaker James Maher (Partner/Principal, EMEA Insurance, Ernst & Young Business Advisory Services).'

The Society of Actuaries in Ireland was founded fifty years ago on Wednesday, 3rd May 1972.

At that time, there were 17 actuaries resident in Ireland. Today, the Society has more than 2,000 members and the scope of activities carried out by the Society and by individual members has widened considerably.

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***Society of Actuaries in Ireland***

*The Society of Actuaries in Ireland is the professional body for actuaries practising in Ireland. Actuaries provide advice on and relevant solutions for financial, business and societal issues involving uncertain future events. Most of the Society's members work in the financial services industry, and members of the profession hold statutory or regulated roles relating to the financial management of pension schemes and insurance companies. The Society seeks to make an impartial contribution to public debate on social policy and public interest matters where an actuarial perspective can add value.*