

# BREATH Project

As we start 2020, here's a snapshot of some of the main achievements of The BREATH Project in 2019. More detailed information can be found on the BREATH website [www.breath-copd.org](http://www.breath-copd.org)

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## BREATH presents to Michel Barnier



During an All-Island Civil Dialogue on Brexit hosted by DKIT, PhD students from BREATH had the opportunity to meet with delegates to discuss how EU funding is making a positive difference to people's lives on both sides of the border

EU Chief Negotiator for the Article 50 process, Michel Barnier delivered the keynote address to the plenary session which comprised an audience of 500 representatives from civic society groups, trade unions, business groups, non-governmental organisations and political parties from Ireland North and South and representatives from the EU. He singled out DKIT for particular mention during his speech.

<https://www.dkit.ie/news/dkit-hosts-all-island-civil-dialogue-on-brexit-event.html>

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## "Award Winning" BREATH Team

Throughout 2019, BREATH PhDs and PDRFs have been achieving numerous awards for their research and work to date. Here are only a select few, but to follow the success of the team go to <https://www.breath-copd.org/breath-award-winning-staff-students/>



**Kimberly Black** was awarded 'runner-up prize for best oral presentation' at the Irish Thoracic Society Galway 2019 meeting; presented by Professor McGarvey.

**Orla Dunne** who won **first prize** for her oral presentation at the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences, Annual Postgraduate Forum at Queen's University Belfast on 7th November 2019.



**Orla Dunne and Nicola Roe** (QUB) were highly commended for their poster presentations, judged by visiting external speakers at the REMERGE symposium at Queen's University Belfast (14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019). REMERGE is a multidisciplinary team of academic and clinical researchers, with a focus on using regenerative medicine techniques to study and treat a range of clinical conditions.



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## **Pharmaceutical Industry jumps into Action at Queen's University Belfast.**

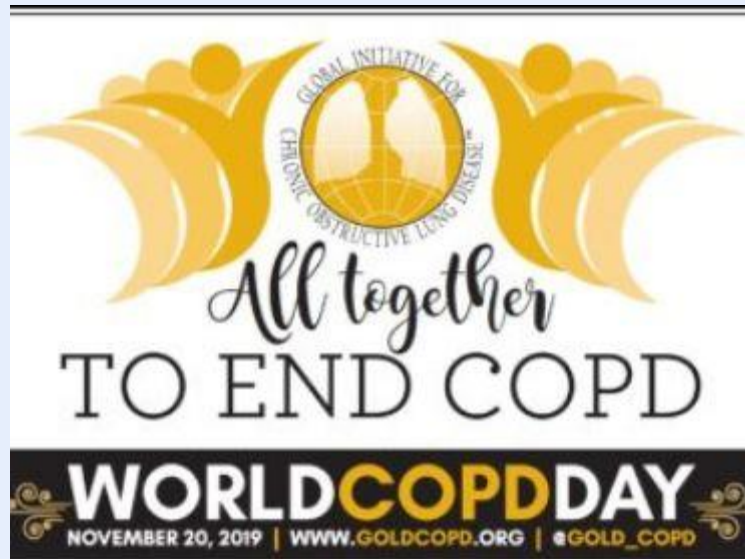


On 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019, BREATH and the School of Pharmacy with TEVA UK were delighted to host a one-day interactive training session entitled “Pharmaceutical Industry in Action”, focused on enhancing understanding of how the pharmaceutical industry operates. This event included workshops to empower and educate attendees while also advancing their understanding of roles and career opportunities within the industry.

<https://www.breath-copd.org/pharmaceutical-industry-jumps-action-queens-university-belfast/>

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## **BREATH strive to promote Public Awareness during World COPD Day.**



An important part of the BREATH mission is outreach to schools within the Partner regions. This involves explaining lung health and disease in the context of biomedical science, and increasing awareness of COPD – including presentations on smoking as a (preventable) major risk factor.

The success of this has been so great it has resulted in The BREATH Project being highlighted in Scottish Parliament.



**BREATH Highlighted by Emma Harper MSP in Scottish Parliament Debate 2019**



Wishing you all a Happy New Year. Best wishes for 2020 from all the BREATH Team



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