

## **Distinct Partake in DUMSS Panel Discussion**

As a continuing part of our support of Dublin University Management Science Society, David Power participated in a Q&A panel hosted by Sean O'Rourke (RTÉ's Week in Politics and Radio 1's News at One), entitled "The Science of Management Consultancy in a Recession", held in the Science Gallery, Trinity College Dublin on April 21<sup>st</sup> 2009.

Topics discussed included the current state of the banking system and how the consultants feel they can fix it, how a graduate can become competitive in today's market and the positive effect the recession had on management consultancy amongst others.

### **The Panel Members consisted of:**

#### **MC: Seán O'Rourke - Presenter - RTÉ**

Sean O'Rourke is an Irish journalist and broadcaster who works for RTÉ. He presents the RTÉ Radio 1, News At One programme every weekday and is also the host of RTÉ's topical current affairs round-up "The Week in Politics". In a recent television documentary Sean O'Rourke was described by former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern as a 'straight journalist'.

#### **Panel Members:**

##### **David Power - Managing Partner - Distinct**

David Power is Managing Partner with Distinct. Prior to setting up the Company, David spent a number of years at a senior level with a leading international consultancy working on strategic change programmes in Ireland and the UK. Within Distinct David works with clients on strategy development, helping them diagnose where business benefit can be achieved and designing appropriate solutions to deliver results.

##### **Brian Lucey - Associate Professor in Finance - TCD**

Brian Lucey is Associate Professor of Finance in the School of Business at Trinity College Dublin. A graduate of TCD, with a First Class degree in Economics in 1984, Professor Lucey has worked as a statistician in the Department of Health and as an Economist in the Central Bank, prior to joining TCD. He has studied at graduate level in Canada, Ireland and Scotland, and holds a PhD from University of Stirling.

##### **Ciaran Kelly - Partner - PwC**

Ciarán Kelly is a Partner in PwC's Advisory practice, specialising in Corporate Performance Improvement and Transformation Change. Ciarán has been with PwC for 10 years and has serviced many clients in the public and private sectors in Ireland and across the PwC international network. Ciarán is also a Computer Science graduate of TCD and was tutored by his fellow panelist, Professor Brian Lucey.

##### **Cormac Hughes - Partner - Deloitte**

Cormac is a Partner with Deloitte, specialising in Strategy and Operations Consulting. He has worked with Deloitte since 1996, and has worked in London, Chicago and a number of other international offices. His is national practice lead for the Technology, Media and Energy sectors. Cormac graduated from TCD (MSISS) in 1992, and started his career with Guinness PLC based in London.