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## 1. Why Is Science Foundation Ireland Beholden To Big Pharma & The Cult of Covid ?

It's all about funding. To understand the funding for SFI we have to go down a couple of 🐰 🕳️. I'll do my best to make it as clear as possible as there are lots of dots to join up.

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2. Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) is the statutory body in the Republic of Ireland with responsibility for funding oriented basic and applied research in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) with a strategic focus.
3. SFI has 12 research centres. All departments have academic partners who are all of Ireland's universities as well as Industry partners.

An example of an Industry partner would be The Irish Times.

<b>ADAPT</b> SFI Research Centre for AI-driven Digital Content Technology	<b>iCRAG</b> SFI Research Centre in Applied Geosciences (iCRAG)
<b>AMBER</b> SFI Research Centre for Advanced Materials and BioEngineering Research	<b>I-Form</b> The SFI Research Centre for Advanced Manufacturing
<b>APC</b> APC Microbiome Ireland SFI Research Centre	<b>Insight</b> SFI Research Centre for Data Analytics
<b>BiOrbic</b> SFI Bioeconomy Research Centre	<b>IPIC</b> SFI Research Centre
<b>CONFIRM</b> SFI Research Centre for Smart Manufacturing	<b>Lero</b> The SFI Research Centre for Software
<b>CONNECT</b> SFI Research Centre for Future Networks & Communications	<b>MaREI</b> SFI Research Centre for Energy, Climate and Marine
<b>CÚRAM</b> SFI Research Centre for Medical Devices	<b>SSPC</b> SFI Research Centre for Pharmaceuticals
<b>FutureNeuro</b> The SFI Research Centre for Chronic and Rare Neurological Diseases	
<b>VistaMilk</b> SFI Research Centre for Digitalising Dairy Production and Processing	

4. In 2014 SFI entered a partnership with Pfizer. SFI director general Prof Mark Ferguson said

“Building strategic partnerships that fund excellent science of value to both industry and society is a key goal within SFI’s Agenda 2020 strategy,”

[irishtimes.com/sponsored/scie...](https://www.irishtimes.com/sponsored/scie...)

5. Stephen Donnelly’s wife Dr Susan Leavy works within the Insight Department of SFI. Dr Mike Ryan’s (WHO Director) wife Prof Maire Connolly also works in the same department.

Connolly is also on the Irish Epidemiological Modelling Advisory Group who advises NPHET. Handy that.

## Prof Máire Connolly

MB BCH BAO, MPH, DTM&H, MFPHMI



Biography

Publications

### Biography

Prof Connolly graduated in medicine from NUIG, holds a Masters in Public Health from UCD, has a Diploma in Tropical Medicine from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and is a member of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine of Ireland. Her areas of expertise include global health security, emerging infectious diseases, pandemic management and humanitarian response. She coordinated a Horizon 2020 project on pandemic management in the School of Medicine at NUIG from 2015-2017 and is principal investigator of the phase 2 project on pandemic preparedness and response from Feb 2021. She is currently public health adviser to the Department of Health in Ireland on the COVID-19 response and member of the Expert Advisory Group (EAG) to the National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHET). She is also a member of the Irish Epidemiological Modelling Advisory Group (IEMAG) to NPHET chaired by Prof Philip Nolan, President of Maynooth University.

Prof Connolly worked with the World Health Organisation in Geneva from 1995 to 2012 where she was policy advisor to WHO's Assistant Director-General for Health Security and lead focal point for pandemic preparedness from 2007 to 2012. Prior to that she was WHO's Coordinator for Disease Control in Emergencies from 2000 to 2007. She has worked on UN response teams in over 20 countries including Afghanistan, Kosovo, Iraq, Iran, Gaza, East Timor, Uganda and most recently Jordan as part of WHO's Syrian crisis response. Prof Connolly has peer-reviewed publications in journals such as The Lancet and Emerging Infectious Diseases and has published a number of books on communicable diseases in emergencies.

6. Connolly was also the coordinator of PANDEM which stands for Pandemic Risk & Emergency management who received €1.4m in funding. I did a very short 4 part thread on it



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1. PANDEM - Pandemic Risk & Emergency Management received a grant for €1.4 million from the EU in 2015/2017. Basically pre-COVID

The National University Of Ireland Galway was the coordinator of the project along with WHO

[pandem.eu.com](http://pandem.eu.com) New Short 📰 1/4



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See the latest COVID-19 information on Twitter

7. One of the chief funders of SFI is the Wellcome Trust. Back in 1995 Glaxo & Wellcome merged to form Glaxo Wellcome (GW). In 2000 GW and Smith Kline Beecham merged to become GSKB. In 2019 GSK completed a transaction with Pfizer to form a new world-leading Consumer Healthcare JV

8. Hopefully now you can see how all the big pharma dominoes are lined up

[gsk.com/en-gb/media/pr...](http://gsk.com/en-gb/media/pr...)

9. So what about the funding SFI receives. The bulk of SFI funding comes from the EU but a not insubstantial amount comes from the Pharma industry. I went through the accounts of SFI from its inception in 2003 up to 2019.

[sfi.ie/research-news/...](http://sfi.ie/research-news/...)

10. Money is funded from big pharma to SFI through research partnerships and also as annual payments. Wellcome has donated more than €20 million and over €3 million in research partnerships.

11. Pfizer funds through its Biotherapeutics Innovation Award Programme. They have awarded €7.5 million to SFI. That amount of money from Wellcome & Pfizer engenders a lot of good will in any decision making and narrative that is in the public domain.

12. The Director of the Wellcome Trust is Jeremy Farrar who is a member of the WEF and also SAGE. He was also CC on an email sent to Fauci about the Wuhan lab leak.

**From:** Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
**Sent:** Sat, 1 Feb 2020 18:43:31 +0000  
**To:** Kristian G. Andersen  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Science: Mining coronavirus genomes for clues to the outbreak's origins

Thanks, Kristian. Talk soon on the call.

**From:** Kristian G. Andersen (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, January 31, 2020 10:32 PM  
**To:** Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Jeremy Farrar (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Science: Mining coronavirus genomes for clues to the outbreak's origins

Hi Tony,

Thanks for sharing. Yes, I saw this earlier today and both Eddie and myself are actually quoted in it. It's a great article, but the problem is that our phylogenetic analyses aren't able to answer whether the sequences are unusual at individual residues, except if they are completely off. On a phylogenetic tree the virus looks totally normal and the close clustering with bats suggest that bats serve as the reservoir. The unusual features of the virus make up a really small part of the genome (<0.1%) so one has to look really closely at all the sequences to see that some of the features (potentially) look engineered.

We have a good team lined up to look very critically at this, so we should know much more at the end of the weekend. I should mention that after discussions earlier today, Eddie, Bob, Mike, and myself all find the genome inconsistent with expectations from evolutionary theory. But we have to look at this much more closely and there are still further analyses to be done, so those opinions could still change.

Best,  
Kristian



## Jeremy Farrar

Director, Wellcome Trust

Director of the Wellcome Trust – a politically and financially independent global charitable foundation that exists to improve health by helping big ideas to thrive. Clinician scientist who before joining Wellcome was, for eighteen years, Director of the Oxford University Clinical Research Unit in Viet Nam, where research interests were in infectious diseases and global health with a focus on emerging infections. Has published almost 600 articles. Named 12th in the Fortune list of 50 World's Greatest Leaders in 2015 and was awarded the Memorial Medal and Ho Chi Minh City Medal from the Government of Viet Nam. 2018, awarded the President Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian of the Year Award. Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences United Kingdom, the National Academies USA, the European Molecular Biology

13. It doesn't end there though. The Wellcome Trust is funded and cooperating with the Gates Foundation. BMGF has funded the Wellcome Sanger Institute more than €23 million

[wellcome.org/press-release/...](https://wellcome.org/press-release/...)

14. But what about the board who runs SFI. For that I turn to @SeanHan55375885 who sent me on some priceless info. Please read it as its really important. Thanks Sean

**The Board and Executive team of Science Foundation Ireland have multiple Knights of the British Empire working within the organisation. Be under no illusion, this is the controlling arm.**

**1) Wellcome Health Trust (headed by former MI5 chief) works in Partnership with Science Foundation Ireland and the Health Research Board who also advise Ireland's Covid-19 governance structure. Science Foundation Ireland, Director General is Prof Mark Ferguson.**

**2) Ferguson, a former CEO of Renovo Group Pharmaceuticals, was Knighted by the Queen as a "Commander of the British Empire". Prof J. Peter Clinch, Chairman of the Board of SFI, chief policy adviser to the Taoiseach (Prime Minister) where he served Cabinet Committees**

**3) on Economic Renewal, Climate Change and Energy Security, and Science, Technology and Innovation. His experience working in partnership with senior civil servants, and with industry, includes high-level negotiations with global CEOs/Presidents of Intel, IBM, BNY Mellon,**

**4) Bank of America, Goldman Sachs, HP, Pfizer, and others. Peter Clinch was a member of Irish Government delegations to the European Council, the UN General Assembly, Davos World Economic Forum, Asia-Europe Meetings.**

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15. We've looked at the funding from the top, how does it filter down. Academics are given huge grants for research. Some of these academics appear on Irish media pushing the government narrative. I went back as far as 2010-2019 to see the funding the researchers got.

16. Prof Luke O Neill received €2 mil from Wellcome in 2016. Thomas Ryan received €1.2m between 2016-17, Aoife MyLysaght received €260k in 2012. Shane Bergin received €641k.

Ryan, McLysaght & Bergin are all in ISAG and part of the Zero Covid Cult.

17. Kingston Mills who is regularly on the airwaves has really cleaned up since 2012 with €4.6m from SFI.

Prof Gerard Mccarthy, an Oceanographer who appeared on MSM on Prime Time as a COVID expert is also being funded by SFI.

[maynoothuniversity.ie/research/spotl...](http://maynoothuniversity.ie/research/spotl...)

18. Prof Philip Nolan, Ireland's epidemiological modelling expert is President Of Maynooth and the most influential man on campus.

Maynooth has received €102m from SFI since 2002. It's all in the Annual Reports

[sfi.ie/research-news/...](http://sfi.ie/research-news/...)

19. SFI isn't just about funding though. Everything it does is aimed towards Agenda 2020 now Agenda 2030. In 2012 it set out for the first time the 2020 Agenda. It has remained central ever since.



# AGENDA 2020

**Agenda 2020 is SFI's strategic plan over the period 2012 to 2020. It has four primary objectives:**

- 1. To be the best science funding agency in the world at creating impact from excellent research and demonstrating clear value for money invested. This will mean:**
  - a. Investing strategically and selectively, guided by ongoing research prioritisation including the recently completed national research prioritisation exercise;
  - b. Investing in SFI's translational research capability to enhance the progression of research from discovery to delivery;
  - c. Developing a set of research centres that are recognised internationally, that attract international research talent and capital, and that attract, anchor and spin out related companies in Ireland; and
  - d. Increasing the numbers of SFI-trained researchers employed in industry.

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- 2. To be the exemplar in building partnerships that fund excellent science and drive it out into the market and society. This will require:**
  - a. Building strategic partnerships; and
  - b. Diversifying the funding sources for Ireland's scientific base.

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- 3. To have the most engaged and scientifically informed public.**

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- 4. To represent the ideal modern public service organisation, staffed in a lean and flexible manner, with efficient and effective management.**

20. No academic or researcher is ever going to bite the hand that feeds them. This is one of the reasons that these academics have been pushing the Govt narrative as if they don't their funding will be withdrawn. Funding combined with the 2020 agenda is a powerful combination.

21. You know the drill 😊 I write these 🧵 in my spare time and would really appreciate if you could retweet the very 1st tweet. Likes are great but retweets are required to reach as large an audience as possible to expose what is really going on behind the scenes. Many thanks.