most professions are required, by both the professional body with whom they are registered and their employers or clients for whom they work, to participate in and maintain a verifiable record of CPD.

A sub-committee of the Council, under the chairmanship of Chris Edwards, OBE, of Arla Foods had been established to advise the council on the establishment and management of a state of the art CPD certification system for technologists, technicians, engineers, scientists and managers working in the dairy industry in the UK and Ireland.

Citing Project Eden, in which the Society played an important role, which led to the establishment of foundation degrees in dairy technology and dairy engineering at Reaseheath College, as a milestone in the education and training of dairy professionals for the UK dairy industry, Dr Tuohy said that CPD was a tremendously important venture for the development of the Society and the career development of its members, but also for the status of dairy professionals and the ability of the industry to attract and hold the best available talent in the country.

**Spring conference**

The 2015 Spring Conference, the Society's flagship event of the year, is being hosted this year by the Northern Ireland Section and will be held over two days (31 March-1 April) at the Loughry College campus of CAFRE. Aply enough the theme of this year's conference is "Future in Focus - The Dairy Industry in a Post-Quota World.”

The programme and registration details are available from Dr Liz Whitley (executive director) or Gary Andrews (Northern Ireland Section) and can be viewed on the website www.seit.org.