Note from the editor

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During 2016 we had the excellent news that *Administration* has been accepted by the Scopus database. Elsevier's Scopus is the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature. The Scopus reviewer commented that they were 'informed and often intrigued by each of the papers reviewed' and that 'obviously, the peer review and editorial processes of the Journal are sound'. This is a much valued tribute and recognition of the work done in building up the Journal, both among the academic community in Ireland and among public servants, since the relaunching of *Administration* in 2011 under previous editor Dr Muiris MacCarthaigh (Queen's University Belfast). It also comes at a time when the Institute is preparing to celebrate its sixtieth anniversary in 2017.

This edition includes a symposium of papers on the National Planning Framework, edited by Chris van Egeraat of NUI Maynooth and Sean Ó'Riordáin. Ireland's population is growing, possibly reaching 6.5 million by 2050. The development pressures arising, along with the need to address development legacies from the past, require innovative and long-term thinking. The three papers presented here seek to inform that debate. A further research article, by William K. Roche of University College Dublin, examines the development of procedures for conflict resolution in workplaces in Ireland and the more recent emergence of alternative dispute resolution practices. There is also a Forum paper by members of the Statistics & Economic Research Branch of the Office of the Revenue Commissioners, reviewing the 2015 PAYE taxpayers survey.

The editorial team wish to sincerely thank the members of the Editorial Advisory Committee for their ideas and input over the past year. We also wish to thank reviewers of articles for volume 64, who gave of their time to support the Journal's endeavours. A list of reviewers is included at the end of the edition.