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In a new book from the IPA entitled: *No Artificial Limits: Ireland's Regional Technical Colleges*, author Dr. Richard Thorn traces the history and development of Ireland's Regional Technical Colleges (now Institutes of Technology).

Mary Mitchell O'Connor, TD. Minister of State for Higher Education, will be the guest of honour at the launch of *No Artificial Limits: Ireland's Regional Technical Colleges* by Dr. Richard Thorn in the Merrion Hotel, Merrion Street Upper. Dublin 2, on 21 February 2018 at 6.00pm.

No Artificial Limits: Ireland's Regional Technical Colleges paints the landscape of political chicanery, conflict and control, within which the regional technical colleges developed. The book will appeal to all those interested in education and policy development.

No Artificial Limits: Ireland's Regional Technical Colleges Learning is published by the Institute of Public Administration. It is available in paperback at €20.00 in all major bookshops and from the Sales Division of the IPA, Tel: (01) 240 3654 and sales@ipa.ie or online at www.ipa.ie. For review copies contact Carolyn Gormley, Tel: (01) 2403760, cgormley@ipa.ie.

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Members of the press are cordially invited to the launch.

Richard Thorn is president emeritus of the Institute of Technology, Sligo. He has worked across the higher-education sector in Ireland and Europe at institution and sectoral level, and has undertaken research into, and published on, a wide range of higher-education topics.