



Exploring lands of fire and ice in exhibition

AN Irishman's life-long fascination with Antarctica is celebrated in a stunning new photographic exhibition.

John Gamble has three terrestrial landmarks named in his honour – a glacier and a mountain in Antarctica, as well as an underwater volcano off Tonga.

Prof Gamble, who is head of geology at University College Cork (UCC), compiled a special photographic exhibition based

on his various expeditions to the planet's most remote continent.

The UCC academic was inspired in his work by Ireland's long and proud association with Antarctica, ranging from Tom Crean's involvement with exploration at the start of the 20th century right up to the recent achievements of Cork mountaineers and explorers, Pat Falvey and Dr Clare O'Leary.

Dr O'Leary – the first Irish-woman to reach the South Pole and climb Mount Everest – officially launched the photographic exhibit, entitled 'Fire and Ice', last night in UCC.

The shots are selected from Prof Gamble's vast collection of photographs taken on expedition in Antarctica and range from dormant volcanoes, wildlife, landscapes and the historic bases used by explorers

Scott and Shackleton on Ross Island.

Measuring a vast 14 million sqm, Antarctica is nearly twice the size of Australia – and remains the world's most unknown region. The vast landmass is the Earth's coldest, driest and highest continent.

The exhibition is open to the public at UCC's Jennings Gallery.

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Prof John Gamble with some of his images from the 'Fire and Ice' exhibition; and (below right) in Antarctica PROVISION