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Dear Colleagues,

The summer wind comes blowing in from across the sea.....[♪]

The tempo across campus is slowing. The mood has changed – summer time is here! Thanks to everyone for great work during the last academic year.

Relax, recharge, rejuvenate and take time with family and friends.

See you in the Autumn.

John R Higgins
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Head College of Medicine and Health



Pictured top (l-r): Mr Sean O'Driscoll, Professor John Higgins, Minister Kathleen Lynch T.D., and Mr Michael O'Flynn. Pictured below (l-r): Mr Sean O'Driscoll, Minister Leo Varadkar T.D., Mr Michael O'Flynn and Professor John Higgins.

NON-EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD CALLS FOR NEW CORK HOSPITAL

The final report from the Non-Executive Advisory Board on the Reconfiguration of Acute Hospital Services in Cork and Kerry has been presented to the Minister for Health, Leo Varadkar, T.D. and Minister of State, Kathleen Lynch, T.D.

The report outlined the progress made during the board's tenure, and reiterated the necessity to complete all outstanding projects; including a new hospital in Cork to serve the needs of patients in the region.

The board was conceived in 2009 when Professor John R. Higgins of CUMH was appointed as Director of Reconfiguration for Acute Hospital Service in Cork and Kerry. The Non-Executive Advisory Board - the first of its kind in Ireland - contained significant national stakeholders from across all areas of industry, commerce and academia.

Members of the board brought a wealth of experience from both the public and private sector, and provided advice and counsel which could not have been accessed by the health service at that time due to external constraints placed upon it.

The purpose of the Reconfiguration project was to improve patient care, patient safety and patient outcomes. The Reconfiguration Non-Executive Advisory Board played a key role in assisting the management and staff of the acute hospitals in Cork and Kerry to deliver on the reconfiguration programme.



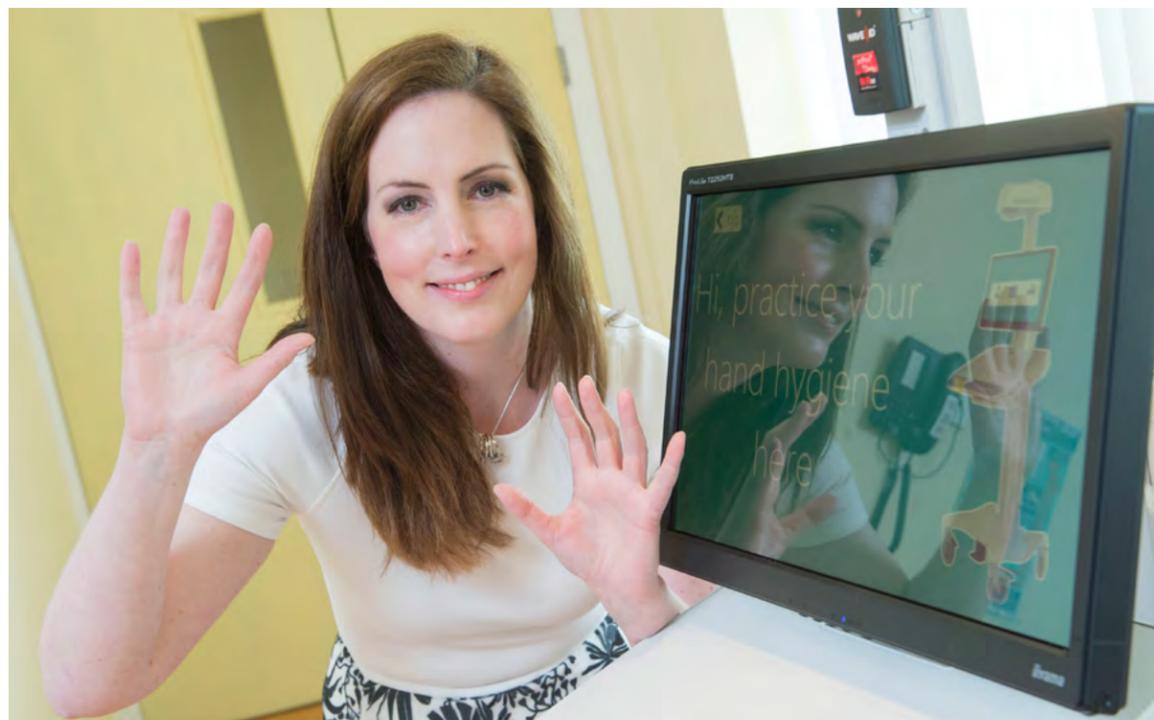
STUDY LAUNCHED TO ADVANCE HYGIENE ON HOSPITAL WARDS

The Health Innovation Hub has recently announced an Infection Prevention and Hygiene Management study at South Infirmity Victoria University Hospital and University Hospital Waterford.

In partnership with the South/South West Hospital Group, Surewash, Gabriel Scientific and MEG Medical eGuides - this study will seek to quantify the impact of an innovative quality improvement programme, and will aim to advance routine infection prevention and control measures in hospital orthopaedic wards.

The study, which will run for 12 months, consists of three interventions in a test ward in comparison to a control ward. These interventions are to be delivered by Surewash, an interactive hand washing training video pedestal that teaches the correct hand washing procedure based on gaming technology, SleepAngel, who have created impervious, sanitisable heat sealed pillows, and MEG Medical eGuides, who have produced a Hand Hygiene Audit tool that allows electronic auditing of hand washing technique and provides a collation of results.

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Pictured top: Dr Stephen Mannion, Consultant Anaesthetist, SIVUH, (left) with Professor James Harty, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, SIVUH and CUH. Pictured below: Dr Deirdre O'Brien, Consultant Microbiologist, MUH and SIVUH. (Photos: Gerard McCarthy)

Medical School Graduation Dinner 2015

The annual Medical School Graduation Dinner took place on Wednesday 27th May 2015, two days before the Medical Conferring. On the day, various well-earned awards were distributed. This year, the recipient of the prestigious Medical School Medal was **Professor Mary Sheppard**, which was presented to her by Professor Mary Horgan, Head of School of Medicine, UCC. Dr Paula O'Leary introduced the Windle Prize, gave the citation and presented the award to **Dr Liam Plant**.

Other awardees included:

Dr Maria Twomey

Category: Best Tutor (Cork)

Professor Riona Mulcahy

Category: Best Tutor (External)

Dr Cathal O'Connor

Category: Best NCHD

Dr Mike O'Connor

Category: Best Consultant

Dr Robert Gaffney

Category: Best in Medical School

Dr Declan Herlihy

Category: Best GP/Community based tutor.



Photos: **1.** Professor Mary Horgan, Professor Mary Sheppard and Professor Colin Bradley. **2.** Ms Rose Walsh, Professor Riona Mulcahy and Professor Mary Horgan. **3.** Professor Mary Horgan and Final Year Medical students. **4.** Professor Mary Horgan, Dr Liam Plant and Professor Colin Bradley. **5.** Final Year Medical students. (Photos: Donagh Glavin)



MEDICAL CONFERRING

Congratulations to our 171 School of Medicine graduates, who recently were awarded an Honours Degree of Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, and Bachelor of Obstetrics (MB, BCh, BAO Hons) at this year's Medical Conferring.

The ceremony featured a truly international base of graduates containing students from America, Austria, Canada, China, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Russia, Singapore, Shanghai and Malaysia, in addition to students from the four provinces of Ireland.



Photos: **1.** Orla Ni Dhomhnaill, Laura Reaney, Mayokun Taiwo and Sheila Griffin. **2.** Liam O'Callaghan, James Cusack and Robert Casey. **3.** Alina Gvozdkik, Daniel Rawlings and Fiona McConnell. **4.** David O'Brien, Dr Bridget Maher, Joanne O'Brien and Con O'Brien. **5.** Mary Davis, Maeve Bradley and Professor Colin Bradley. **6.** James Cusack and Professor Stephen Cusack. **7.** Roisin Ryan, who graduated 1st in the class. (Photos: Gerard McCarthy)



COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SUMMER CONFERRING

Congratulations to our Graduates from the College of Medicine and Health, who graduated with various disciplines at UCC's Summer Conferring 18th June 2014.



Photos: **1.** Dental graduates enjoying the celebrations. **2.** Irene Hartigan and Lynne Marsh, PhD graduates. **3.** Christina Moore and Orla Hayes, Nursing graduates. **4.** Elstan Lim, Tingyun Zhu and Benjamin Wu, Dental graduates. **5.** Dr Michael Murphy, President of UCC, Deputy Jerry Buttimer T.D., and Professor John Higgins, Head of College of Medicine and Health. **6.** Kate O'Callaghan, Linda Horgan, Ashling Corcoran, Helen Lynch, Katie Mahon and Karen McCarthy, Occupational Therapy graduates and staff.

Professor Fergus Shanahan Awarded Honorary DSc



Pictured above (l-r): Professor Desmond Fitzgerald, UCD Vice-President for Health Affairs, Professor Fergus Shanahan and Professor Andrew J Deeks, UCD President

Fergus Shanahan, Professor and Chair of the Department of Medicine at UCC and Director of the APC Microbiome Institute has been awarded an honorary Doctorate of Science at UCD.

A graduate of UCD Medical School, Professor Fergus Shanahan is a leading international expert in the area of gastrointestinal research. Professor Shanahan's research interests are in mucosal immunology, gut microbiota, inflammatory bowel disease, and most things that affect the human experience. He has published more than 470 scientific papers and several on the medical humanities, and has co-edited several books. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland, Canada, and the United Kingdom as well as of the American College of Physicians. He is a past-president of the Irish Society of Gastroenterology and named to the "Irish Life Science 50", a list of the top 50 Irish and Irish Americans in the life science industry. He has founded two spinout companies, Alimentary Health Ltd. and Atlantia Food Clinical Trials Ltd. Fergus has received many awards, including a DSc from the National University of Ireland and was named Researcher of the Year by Science Foundation Ireland in 2013, in recognition of his significant contribution to understanding how intestinal bacteria influence both health and disease in the gut and beyond. He also received the 2015 Irish Society for Immunology Public Lecture Award.

www.ucc.ie/research/apc/content/news_events/news%20New/news113.html

Stephen McInerney is awarded a scholarship from the Health Research Board

Second Year Pharmacy student, Stephen McInerney, has recently been awarded a HRB Summer Studentship for his project titled 'Examining vaccine delivery with microneedle patches to human skin'. Stephen will undertake this project with Dr Anne Moore's group at the School of Pharmacy, UCC. Stephen will investigate how much vaccine is delivered into human skin using a novel vaccine delivery technology called ImmuPatch.

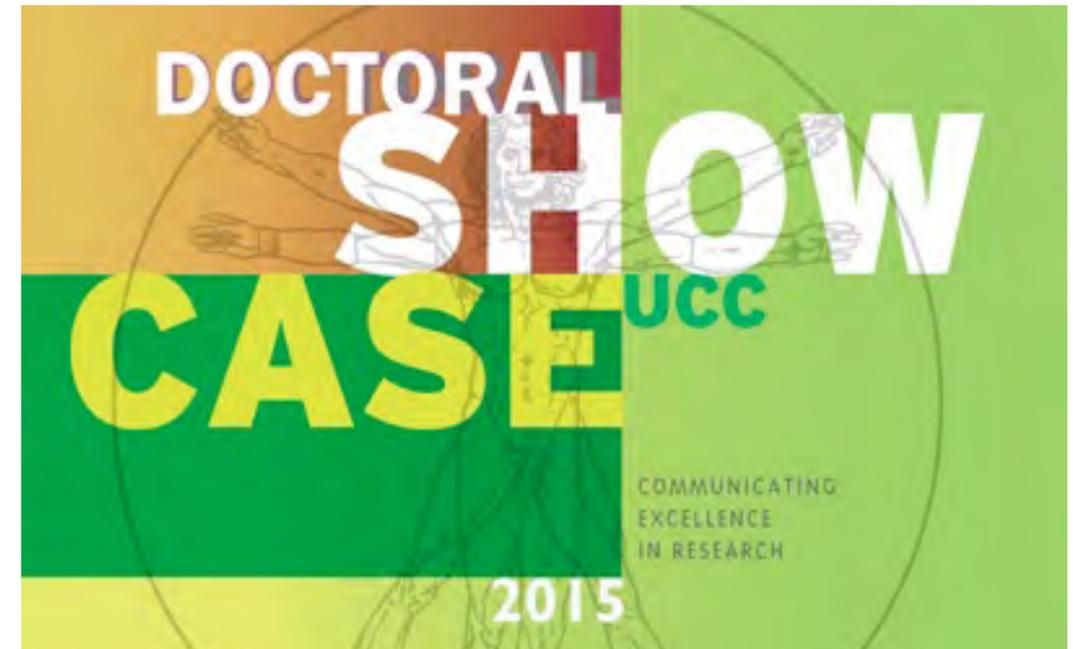


Dr Anne Moore and Stephen McInerney

Vaccination represents the primary public health measure to combat infectious diseases. However, limitations of cold-chain storage, vaccine wastage and sharps-waste add unsustainable logistic costs to immunisation programmes. ImmuPatch is a dissolvable microneedle-based skin patch technology that is being designed to overcome these obstacles. Adenoviruses are one of the most potent vaccine platforms tested to date in humans and they are being developed to prevent diseases such as malaria, HIV and Ebola virus. The ImmuPatch research group have developed methods of stably formulating vaccines, including adenovirus-based vaccines, into microneedles to produce immunogenic vaccine-containing dissolvable microneedles (DMN), which release the vaccine into the skin subsequent to their insertion.

UCC DOCTORAL SHOWCASE

Mind reading, treatments for cancer and the development of efficient internet connections were some of the research projects that were showcased by UCC's doctoral students at the recent UCC Doctoral Showcase in the Aula Maxima. Organised by the Graduate Studies Office, the UCC Doctoral Showcase is an annual event, which recognises the achievements of our doctoral students and provides the finalists with a unique opportunity to communicate their research and its impact to a non-specialist audience. The Showcase aims to demystify PhD research by giving students, employers and external representatives a flavour of the incredible range of research projects underway at UCC in a lively, engaging and accessible way. Over 70 students and staff attended this event. The winners and finalists from the College of Medicine and Health were as follows:



1st Prize
Eileen Curran
 THEME:
 Three Minute Thesis
 TITLE OF PRESENTATION:
Dissecting C Section
 Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology



2nd Prize
Evin Allen
 THEME:
 Waxing Lyrical
 TITLE OF PRESENTATION:
Fail to Prepare, Prepare to Fail; Flu Vaccines get the Roy Keane Treatment
 School of Pharmacy

(Photos: Tomas Tyner)

FINALISTS:

Lloyd Frank Philpott
 THEME: The Grand Plan
 TITLE OF PRESENTATION:
The Secret Lives of Postnatally Depressed Dads
 School of Nursing and Midwifery

Margaret Murphy
 THEME: Waxing Lyrical
 TITLE OF PRESENTATION:
The Rainbow of Hope after the Storm, Couples Experiences of Pregnancy after Stillbirth
 School of Nursing and Midwifery

James Evans
 THEME: Waxing Lyrical
 TITLE OF PRESENTATION:
Cyclodextrins, a Sweet Solution for the Problem of Prostate Cancer
 School of Pharmacy

Kathleen Fitzgerald
 THEME: Waxing Lyrical
 TITLE OF PRESENTATION:
Life in 3D is Never Flat
 School of Pharmacy

More photos from the event can be found at:
www.ucc.ie/en/graduatestudies/student/showcase2015photo/



Dominika Lisiecka

Dominika Lisiecka is currently a PhD candidate in the Department of Speech & Hearing Sciences, School of Clinical Therapies, UCC and has just been awarded a Research Training Fellowship for Healthcare Professionals by the Health Research Board, under the supervision of Dr Helen Kelly and Prof Jeanne Jackson. Dominika has worked as a Senior Speech & Language Therapist in Kerry since 2003 and has a particular interest in swallowing impairments and neurology. Her PhD research stems from her own clinical experience with people with Motor Neurone Disease (MND). MND is a relentless and particularly aggressive disease and little is known about the lived experiences of patients and their carers. The main aim of Dominika's research is to gain a deeper understanding of the experiences of dysphagia in patients with Motor Neurone Disease from the perspectives of both patients and their caregivers. It is envisaged that this highly clinically relevant research will give insight into the impact of dysphagia in MND and potentially serve to inform healthcare services currently offered to patients with MND.



Margaret Murphy

Margaret Murphy, Doctor of Nursing Student and Lecturer Practitioner (Midwifery), School of Nursing and Midwifery, was a recent Finalist in the Doctoral Showcase in the 10 minute, Waxing Lyrical category at the Aula Maxima on May 26th 2015. Margaret presented her doctoral research on couples' experiences of pregnancy fol-

lowing stillbirth. This qualitative study is unique; it is the first time that pregnancy after loss has been explored as experienced by a unit or a couple. Heretofore research has predominantly examined women's experiences. Men's experiences have been underexplored.

In 2015 Margaret joined the Scientific Advisory Committee of the International Stillbirth Alliance. The ISA is a global alliance of member organisations, researchers, academics and individuals working towards stillbirth prevention and improvement of bereavement care worldwide.

Margaret led a team who contributed the first Irish stillbirth data to the upcoming Lancet Series on Stillbirth. The Lancet Stillbirth Series highlights the rates and causes of stillbirth globally, explores cost-effective interventions to prevent stillbirths (as well as maternal and neonatal deaths), and sets key actions to halve stillbirth rates by 2020. This influential series will be launched at the XXI FIGO World Conference of Gynecology and Obstetrics in Vancouver, Canada in October 2015.

Dr Olivia O’Leary receives Outstanding Junior Faculty Award

Congratulations to Dr Olivia O’Leary who was honoured with the 2015 Outstanding Junior Faculty Award from the International and Neural Genetics Society (IBANGS). Dr O’Leary received her award at the 2015 IBANGS conference that was held in Uppsala, Sweden. This international award recognises the contribution that Dr O’Leary has made in understanding how certain genetic factors can alter susceptibility and resilience to the negative impacts of psychological stress. Dr O’Leary presented her research as part of a symposium focused on “Genetic and epigenetic regulation of stress related behaviors”.

Pictured below left. Award winners: Dr O’Leary (third from left) with Dr Antonio Noronha (Director, Division of Neuroscience and Behavior, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, USA) and the outstanding student and postdoc awardees

Below right. Symposium speakers: Dr O’Leary with her fellow speakers in the symposium



BROOKFIELD GARDEN PARTY

Brookfield Health Sciences Complex at UCC recently celebrated its 10th Anniversary. The event was well attended by current and retired staff members of the College of Medicine and Health, members of the College's Healthcare Partners, Senior Management at UCC, as well as other key contributors to the building's success. The anniversary was an informal event, celebrated outside on the patio of Brookfield. The relaxed atmosphere of the garden party gave participants the opportunity to take a break from their everyday tasks at work, to mingle, as well as to enjoy the delicious food, beautiful background music and lovely weather.





ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY 2015

The College of Medicine and Health, in conjunction with the INFANT Centre (Irish Centre for Fetal and Neonatal Translational Research), annual Research day was held on Tuesday 16th June 2015 at Brookfield Health Sciences Complex, UCC. The day was divided into three sessions, each with a specific theme, and various presentations were given during each session. The themes included: 'Risk Modification in the Developmental Origins of Adult Disease: Fact or Science Fiction?', 'New Horizons in Maternal and Fetal Health', and 'Achieving Improved Outcomes: Baby Steps to Excellence'.

Following the oral presentations in all three areas, the best speaker in each area was awarded the Michael C Berndt Gold Medal for Research. The winners were Elaine McCarthy, Katie Togher and Claire Watkins. On the breaks between the oral sessions, moderated poster sessions took place, and three awards were distributed for best poster. Conal Wrigley, Colm Barrett and Maria Donovan all received a prize for their posters. Congratulations to all winners!

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Photos: **1.** Keynote Speakers and Oral Presentation Winners (l-r): Katie Togher, Professor Ben Stenson, Elaine McCarthy, Professor Neil Finer, Claire Watkins, Professor Charles Lockwood, and Professor Lucilla Poston. **2.** Keynote Speakers and Directors (l-r): Professor Ben Stenson, Professor Geraldine Boylan (INFANT), Professor Neil Finer, Professor Charles Lockwood, Professor Lucilla Poston, and Professor Louise Kenny (INFANT). **3.** Conal Wrigley. **4.** Maria Donovan



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ARC User Conference and Anniversary Celebrations

The School of Nursing and Midwifery's allocations team attended the annual ARC user conference, which this year coincided with the 25-year anniversary celebrations of ARC Technology Limited. Student placement teams from all over Ireland and the UK attended the conference. UCC President Dr Michael Murphy and Lord Mayor of Cork Cllr. Mary Shields joined the teams for the gala dinner and prize giving ceremony.

Pictured above (l-r): Dr Michael Murphy, President, UCC; Ms Nadia Curran; Cllr. Mary Shields, Lord Mayor of Cork; Mr Sean McCloskey; Ms Maureen O'Shea



Nursing Conference

A first Collaborative Conference between the Catherine McAuley School of Nursing and Midwifery, UCC and Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio was recently held in Brookfield Health Sciences Complex, UCC.

This was the first Collaborative Theory Conference that focused on the process of using theory to guide nursing and midwifery research, and professional practice. Presentations provided a template for theory selection and utilisation for students who were currently engaged in the process of deciding upon a suitable theory to guide their research.

Pictured above, back row (l-r): Emeritus Professor Geraldine McCarthy; Professor Mary Quinn Griffin; Ms Robin Krinsky; Ms Shelly McBride Malberti; Professor Eileen Savage, Chair of Nursing and Head of School of Nursing and Midwifery, UCC; Professor Joyce Fitzpatrick. Front row (l-r): Ms Patricia Prufeta; Ms Deirdre O'Flaherty; Dr Margaret Landers. (Photo: Mr Eamonn Dunne)

First IV Cannulation and Administration Course for Radiographers

The first IV Cannulation and Administration Course for radiographers was recently held in the the School of Medicine, Brookfield Health Sciences Complex, UCC.

Radiographers from all over the country attended the course which was organised by the Radiology Education Subgroup HSE South/South West and CPD Department, Medical Education Unit, UCC. The course is accredited by the Institute of Radiographers and Radiation Therapists.

This is the first IV Cannulation course for Radiographers to be held outside of Dublin and is the first in a series of Post-Graduate training CPD courses to be held in UCC. The programme included an Anatomy workshop in the renowned FLAME Anatomy lab and intravenous cannulation and drug administration practical sessions in the School of Medicine Clinical Skills lab.

Course organisers were Niamh Moore, Radiographer, CUH, and Dr Dr Bridget Maher, School of Medicine, UCC.



(Photo: Emmet Curtin)



Dental Council Meeting

The Dental Council Meeting was recently held at the College of Medicine and Health, Brookfield Health Sciences Complex, UCC. This was the first time the meeting was held outside Dublin.

Attendees of the Dental Council Meeting

INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL TRIALS DAY



To celebrate International Clinical Trials Day, the HRB – Clinical Research Facility – Cork (CRF-C) hosted information stands for the general public at the Cork University Hospital and the Mercy University Hospital.

Clinical research staff from the CRF-C and their colleagues from the INFANT Centre and Oncology Clinical Trials Unit were available to answer the public’s questions on Clinical Trials and to inform the public on some of the activities taking place in University College Cork and the affiliated hospitals.

As well as communicating with the general public, the CRF-C reached out to the medical community with Prof Joseph Eustace, director of the CRF-C, giving a presentation to the clinical staff at both the Cork University Hospital and the Mercy University Hospital on Clinical Trials from their inception to current day practices and the supports available to the medical community via the CRF-C and in Ireland in general.

Each year, the International Clinical Trials’ Day is celebrated around the world on or near the 20th of May in order to mark the day that James Lind began his famous controlled trial comparing the different treatments for scurvy year on the 20th of May 1747.

The objective is to make the International Clinical Trials’ Day a focal point for international communication events, meetings, debates, and celebrations of clinical research.

OPEN RESEARCH POSTER DAY



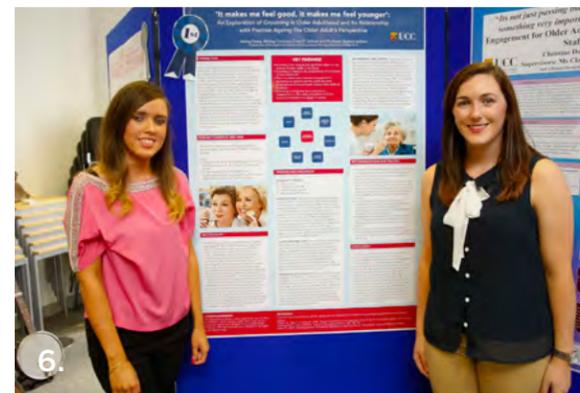
The Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy (OSOT) celebrated the close of the academic year with an Open Research Poster Day, attended by local occupational therapy clinicians, students and family members. Twenty six students showcased their innovative research posters. The celebration also included an awards ceremony presented by Professor Jeanne Jackson.

Ashling Corcoran and Aisling Deasy received Best Research Poster Award with their project titled ‘It makes me feel good, it makes me feel younger’: An exploration of grooming in older adulthood and its relationship with positive ageing - The older adult’s perspective’.

A joint award was distributed to Chloe Carroll and Eimear Cagney for their research paper ‘Play and Play Spaces: Listening to children’s voices in designing outdoor play in an Irish school setting’, and Ciara Crowley and Aisling Whelan for their research paper ‘Exploring the effects of sensory related behaviours of children with ASD on family occupations’.

Mairead Hyland received the Mary Coveney Memorial Award, which is bestowed on to the student with the best overall marks on placement. The award is given in memory of Mary Coveney, who was head of the OT Department at Cork University Hospital for decades.

Mary O’Donovan received the Susan Ryan award, in celebration of the first Head of the OSOT Department, who inspired occupational therapists to be entrepreneurial and ground their practice in evidence based research.



Photos: **1.** Ciara Crowley, Professor Jeanne Jackson, Aisling Whelan. **2.** Eimear Cagney, Chloe Carroll. **3.** Class 2015. **4.** Professor Jeanne Jackson, Denis Coveney (husband of Mary Coveney), Mairead Hyland. **5.** Professor Susan Ryan, Mary O’Donovan, Professor Jeanne Jackson. **6.** Aisling Deasy, Ashling Corcoran

A Doctor's Sword

Feature Documentary | 70 minutes

'A Doctor's Sword' is a feature length documentary which tells the story of Aidan MacCarthy, a doctor from Castletownbere, West Cork who returned from World War II having survived some of the most dramatic events of the 20th century. He also brought with him a Samurai sword and a fascinating story.

Dr MacCarthy studied medicine at UCC before joining the RAF as WWII broke out. He was later evacuated from Dunkirk and sent to Java where he was captured by the Japanese and endured almost four years of brutal captivity.

On 9th August 1945 Dr MacCarthy was working as forced labour for the Mitsubishi Corporation in Nagasaki. He was less than a mile from the epicentre of the atomic bomb as it devastated the city, emerging to what he thought was the end of the world. In the chaos that followed Dr MacCarthy was the first non-Japanese doctor to assist civilians in the relief effort, working in makeshift hospitals in the hills above Nagasaki.

When Japan surrendered, Dr MacCarthy saved the life of the Japanese camp commander as his fellow prisoners sought revenge. In gratitude, the Japanese camp commander gave Dr MacCarthy his Samurai sword.

The documentary, which will be released in Irish cinemas in August, tells Dr MacCarthy's story and his family's journey to discover the truth about what happened to their father almost 70 years ago and uncover the origin of the sword. This is a story of survival, forgiveness and humanity of the highest level.

<http://adoctorsword.com/>

Photos: **1.** UCC Graduation (Dr MacCarthy is in the front row far right). **2.** Dr MacCarthy (2nd from right in the front row) at Camp 26 Keisen. **3.** Dr Aidan MacCarthy





NPEC publishes Severe Maternal Morbidity in Ireland Annual Report 2012 and 2013

The Severe Maternal Morbidity in Ireland Annual Report 2012 and 2013 is the second report from the National Perinatal Epidemiology Centre's (NPEC) national clinical audit on this topic.

Maternal morbidity encompasses a broad range of chronic and acute conditions which may result in obstetric complications during pregnancy, labour, delivery and the postpartum period. Severe maternal morbidity (SMM) has become an important quality indicator of obstetric care and maternal welfare in developed countries although the absence of international consensus on definitions of SMM impedes comparison between similarly-resourced countries.

The audit highlights efforts made in Ireland to investigate and prevent adverse outcomes for mothers. The audit is based on the voluntary collection and provision of data by contributors within Ireland's maternity units. The participation of all maternity units is a reflection of their commitment to improving the service and outcomes for their patients.

www.ucc.ie/en/med-health/news/fullstory-545492-en.html

Dr Alice Coffey and Ms Carol Condon visit India



Dr Alice Coffey and Ms Carol Condon recently visited Bangalore and Cochin in Kerala, India on behalf of the School of Nursing and Midwifery, UCC. The purpose of the visit was three fold: To learn about Nursing in India, to build research collaboration links with nursing faculty and to promote our postgraduate programmes to interested students.

Dr Alice Coffey and Ms Carol Condon talk to us about their visit:

During the trip we visited Colleges of Nursing where we met with both students and staff to discuss nursing in Ireland and India, highlighting similarities and differences. We had a successful visit to the Rajiv Gandhi University in Bangalore, where we had preliminary talks with the Vice Chancellor regarding development of PhD programmes. We also visited a number of English language colleges, where we had opportunities to promote Ireland and particularly UCC and the School of Nursing and Midwifery as a destination for quality education programmes. Everywhere we were received warmly and enthusiastically. Over the past two years we have welcomed 15 students from India to study in the School of Nursing & Midwifery, and following this successful visit we are confident that we can increase these numbers for the coming academic year. Given our busy schedule we had a very short time to sample the culture, however, we found India to be an amazing place with friendly hospitable people and very busy cities roaring with traffic. India has it all and we look forward to an opportunity to return.



Local Pharmaceutical Company donates drugs to the School of Pharmacy

Rowex Pharmaceuticals, Bantry, Co. Cork, a leading provider of generic pharmaceuticals in Ireland, have agreed to equip the Clinical Pharmacy Suite in the School of Pharmacy, UCC, with a wide range of their generic medications. This donation will support undergraduate clinical pharmacy education and the enhancement of students' dispensing skills training in the School.

Pictured above (l-r): Dr Margaret Bermingham, Clinical Pharmacy, UCC; Tom Egan, Rowex Pharmaceuticals; Dr Laura Sahm, Clinical Pharmacy, UCC



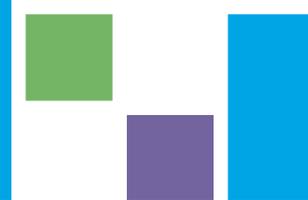
IADR Meeting

Cork University Dental School and Hospital was well represented by both staff and students at the International Association of Dental Research (IADR, Irish Division) meeting that recently took place in Dublin. Congratulations to all involved for presenting their excellent research. Research presenters included (l-r) Dr Eimear Hurley, Clinical Fellow in Paediatric Dentistry, Natalie Phoon, BDS IV student, Ozma Khushbakth, BDS III student, and Dr Caroline Marron, SHO in Dental Surgery.



Dr Paul Brady IADR President (Irish Division)

Dr Paul Brady (Clinical Fellow in Oral Surgery) of Cork University Dental School and Hospital was elected President of the International Association of dental Research (IADR, Irish Division) at the recent AGM in Dublin. Dr Brady will be responsible for organising the next IADR meeting which will be held in Cork in 2016.



MSc in Technology Enhanced Learning for Health



The deadline is approaching for applications for the MSc in Technology Enhanced Learning for Health commencing in September 2015.

The programme, offered by the ASSERT for Health Centre, College of Medicine and Health, UCC, is a full-time MSc that runs over one calendar year. The aim of the programme is to enable successful graduates to have a good understanding of how the learning and practice of modern healthcare practices can be facilitated and augmented with the use of simple and advanced technologies. The programme will give students a wide-ranging and robust understanding of the different types of theoretical and practical approaches to learning, and which technologies best support the different strategies.

The programme is aimed at healthcare professionals of all disciplines, educators, technicians and administrators from education and industry who have responsibility for the commissioning, design or implementation of 'learning' courses for healthcare workers.

The programme will be delivered using a blended learning approach of e-learning and participation in workshops demonstrating the design and implementation of training, along with the assessment of training.

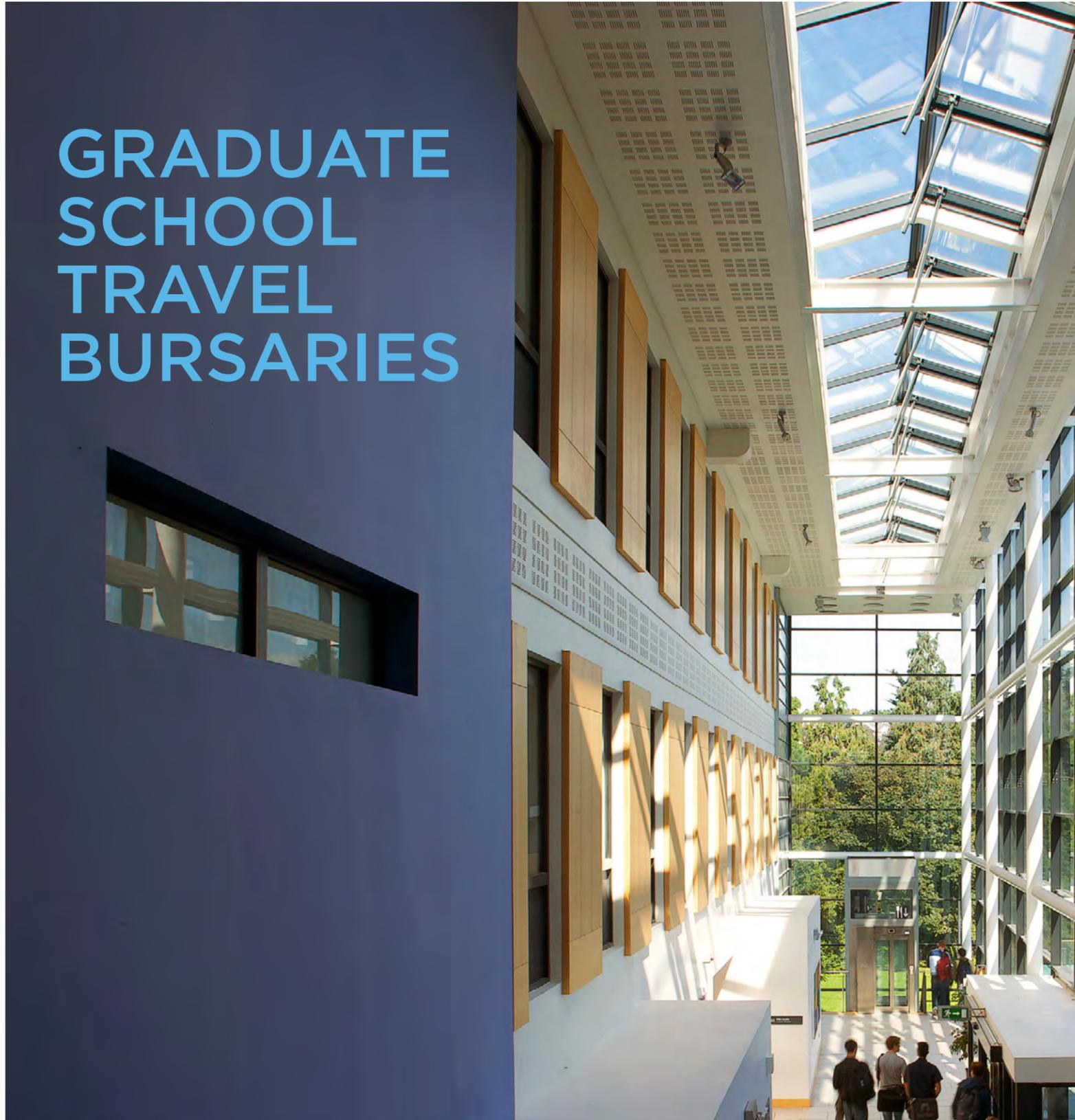
Closing Date: 15 August 2015

For further information on the programme, please visit:

<http://assert.ucc.ie/telhealth/>



GRADUATE SCHOOL TRAVEL BURSARIES



The Graduate School in the College of Medicine and Health is inviting applications for up to 20 awards of travel bursaries for students currently registered for a doctoral degree (PhD/MD/Doctorate) in the College of Medicine and Health.

The purpose of these awards is twofold:

- **To facilitate students in obtaining training in support of their academic development which they cannot otherwise receive in UCC.**
- **To facilitate students to present at an international conference.**

Applicants can apply for up to €1,000 in financial support that may be used towards the cost of travel, accommodation and registration fees for relevant training courses or conferences that are due to take place between 1st October 2015 and 30th September 2016.

The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is Friday 25th September 2015.

Application forms and full details on how to make an application can be found at:

www.ucc.ie/en/med-health/gradschool/doctoraltravelbursaries/



TALES FROM THE ANDES



TALES FROM THE ANDES is an exhibition of photography capturing the simple, but profound beauty of the people of the Andes, their daily life with its moments of happiness but also with its struggles. The exhibition features work from both Dr Jackelina Pando and UCC medical students.

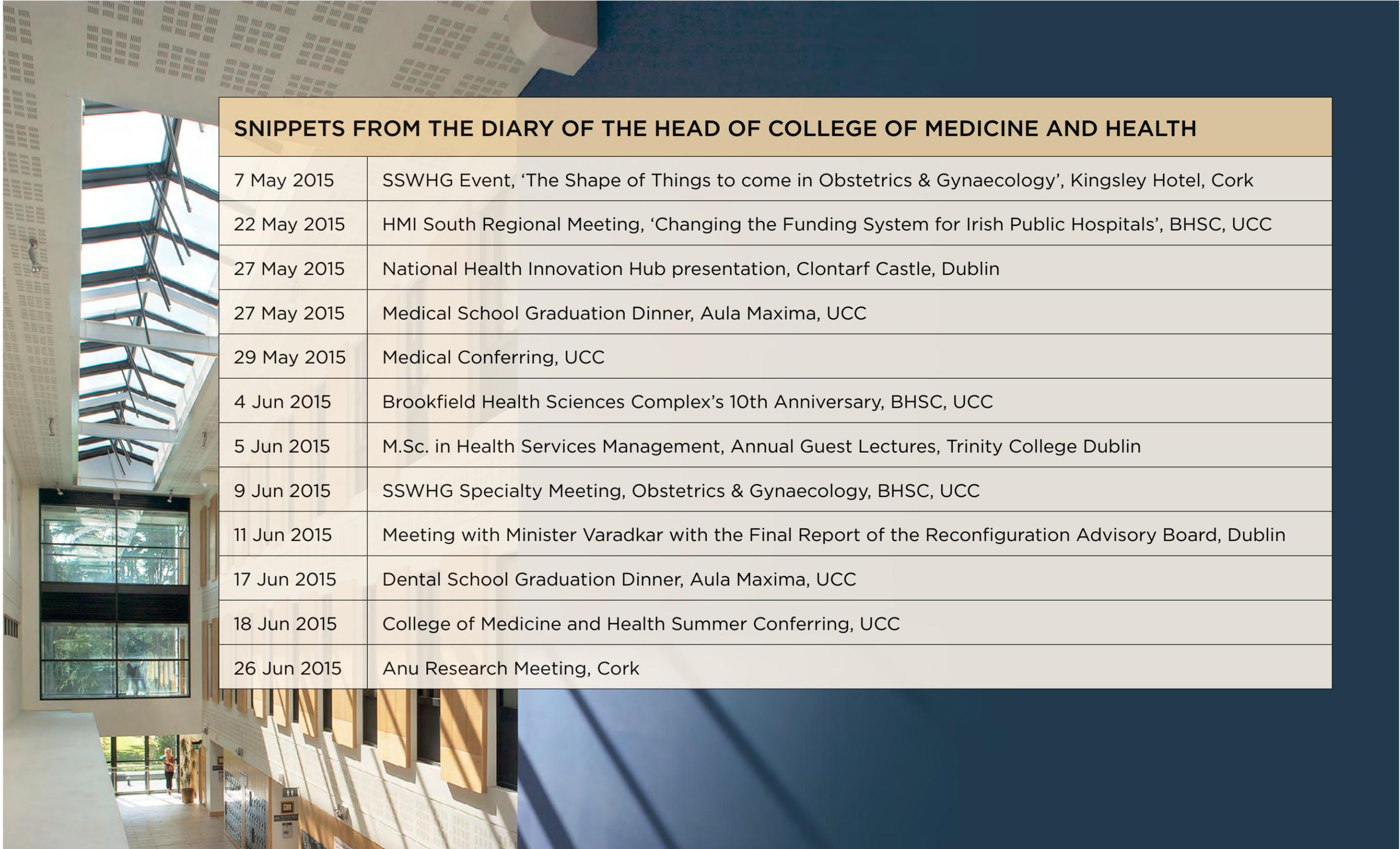
Dr Jackelina Pando Kelly is originally from Peru. She did her paediatric training in Ireland and she has been working as a Clinical Lecturer at the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health at UCC since 2011. She worked at the Mama Ashu Hospital as a volunteer on several occasions. Since 2012, she has been taking UCC medical students to Peru, to do an elective rotation at Mama Ashu Hospital during the summer. The photographs depict the beauty of the rural town of Chacas, the local population and its surroundings.

The Exhibition will run until Thursday 27th August 2015.

www.ucc.ie/en/jennings-gallery/



Photos: **1.** Dr Jackelina Pando. **2.** Sisters Edel and Grace Fitzpatrick. **3.** Andis Faizosyah and Aina Hannisa. **4.** Nathaniel and Alan Gibbs. **5.** Professor Jonathan Hourihane and Frank van Pelt. (Photos: Gerard McCarthy)



SNIPPETS FROM THE DIARY OF THE HEAD OF COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH

7 May 2015	SSWHG Event, 'The Shape of Things to come in Obstetrics & Gynaecology', Kingsley Hotel, Cork
22 May 2015	HMI South Regional Meeting, 'Changing the Funding System for Irish Public Hospitals', BHSC, UCC
27 May 2015	National Health Innovation Hub presentation, Clontarf Castle, Dublin
27 May 2015	Medical School Graduation Dinner, Aula Maxima, UCC
29 May 2015	Medical Conferring, UCC
4 Jun 2015	Brookfield Health Sciences Complex's 10th Anniversary, BHSC, UCC
5 Jun 2015	M.Sc. in Health Services Management, Annual Guest Lectures, Trinity College Dublin
9 Jun 2015	SSWHG Specialty Meeting, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, BHSC, UCC
11 Jun 2015	Meeting with Minister Varadkar with the Final Report of the Reconfiguration Advisory Board, Dublin
17 Jun 2015	Dental School Graduation Dinner, Aula Maxima, UCC
18 Jun 2015	College of Medicine and Health Summer Conferring, UCC
26 Jun 2015	Anu Research Meeting, Cork