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Welcome by John Higgins

Welcome to this month's edition of the College of Medicine & Health Newsletter.

The newsletter is full of good news stories. We should all rejoice in the success of our colleagues. All these positive developments mirror the perceptible change in our national mood as the country appears to be “turning a corner”.

Our role in the College of Medicine & Health is to “add value” to the healthcare system, both nationally and internationally. We must continue to champion original thought and innovation, and in particular, we need to be open to and listen to those that challenge conventional wisdom.

We are making progress on our three key goals in our strategic plan. All five research themes covered in the Five for Five Strategy are making significant progress. We need to bring to a conclusion to discussions around governance structures and supports to allow them to do their work in the most efficient, effective and least bureaucratic way.

With regards to the Academic Healthcare Centre for this region, I am pleased to inform you that Professor Geraldine McCarthy has been appointed Chairperson of the South/South West Hospital Group. We commenced engagement meetings around our hospitals and are planning some major “kick off” events in the next few weeks, such as a Clinical Forum on 5 December and a Health Summit on 6 December.

With regards to lifelong learning, continued professional development, we have reconfigured the post of Dean of Graduate School and are about to advertise a “Director of Graduate Education - College Of Medicine and Health”.

Keep hope alive!

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





COLLAGE LEADS CHARGE FOR HEALTHIER LIVES



Pictured (l-r): Anne Twomey, K-Cord Kinsale, EU Commissioner Máire Geoghegan-Quinn and Professor Emeritus Denis O'Mullane, UCC

A new research initiative will position Ireland to play a central role in adding two healthy years of life to every European by 2020, EU Commissioner Máire Geoghegan-Quinn stated recently.

Commissioner Geoghegan-Quinn, European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science was speaking at the launch of COLLAGE (Collaboration on Ageing) at the College of Medicine and Health, University College Cork (UCC) on Tuesday October 15.

COLLAGE, which is led by UCC and Louth Age Friendly County, has been awarded the top status as a reference site for the groundbreaking European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing. The Irish reference site bid was one of only 13 in Europe to be awarded three-star ranking.

Through the European Innovation Partnership, the European Commission aims to enhance European competitiveness and tackle societal challenges through research and innovation.

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Launch of Irish Centre for Fetal and Neonatal Translational Research (INFANT)



Recently, Mr Seán Sherlock TD, Minister of State for Research and Innovation announced Government funding, through Science Foundation Ireland (SFI), of €7.6 million which will leverage a further investment of €6 million from 15 industry partners, for research at the Irish Centre for Fetal and Neonatal Translational Research (INFANT), Cork. Ireland's first centre for perinatal research.

The world-leading INFANT Centre is based at Cork University Maternity Hospital (CUMH) and directed by Professors Louise Kenny and Geraldine Boylan. Kenny is Professor of Obstetrics at UCC and a Consultant Obstetrician and Gynecologist at CUMH. Boylan is Professor of Neonatal Physiology at UCC and a Clinical Scientist at CUMH. Both have built an international reputation over the past seven years resulting in the creation of INFANT.

INFANT addresses a lack of predictive and diagnostic tests in perinatal care, to develop effective screening tests and facilitate novel treatments for the most common complications of pregnancy and the most significant problems for newborn babies in intensive care.

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A major EU-funded project focused on antibiotic treatment in Cystic Fibrosis patients has been launched in UCC.

“CFMATTERS”, an acronym for “Cystic Fibrosis Microbiome-determined Antibiotic Therapy Trial in Exacerbations: Results Stratified”, will receive approximately €6 million in funding from the European Union’s Seventh Framework Programme.

Dr Barry Plant of the College of Medicine and Health, Alimentary Pharmabiotic Centre and the HRB Clinical Research Facility, UCC/CUH will lead an international consortium of Cystic Fibrosis clinicians and scientists in this collaborative venture.

A unique project, CFMATTERS is the first randomised, controlled trial comparing the use of microbiome-directed antibiotic treatment versus standard therapy for patients with CF experiencing respiratory infections.

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Dr Barry Plant, Consultant Respiriologist



The Undergraduate Awards – Siobhán O'Connor

A 4th year B.Sc. Nursing student from the College of Medicine and Health (UCC), Ms Siobhán O'Connor, was the overall winner in the Nursing & Midwifery category of The Undergraduate Awards (UA) 2013. Her winning submission was titled “The scourge of chronic venous leg ulcers – is topical zinc the answer? A review of the literature”. Ms O'Connor developed the idea for the essay based on her coursework from a wound management module taught by Ms Siobhán Murphy a lecturer in the School of Nursing & Midwifery at UCC. She also had a keen interest in wound care having spent an intensive week at a wound management clinic at the South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital, Cork working alongside Sinead Dennehy, a Clinical Nurse Specialist in wound care.

The Undergraduate Awards (UA) is the world's only pan-discipline academic awards programme that identifies the leading creative thinkers and problem solvers through their undergraduate coursework. It is cited as the ultimate champion for high potential undergraduates, as it provides top performing students with the support, network and opportunities they require to raise their profiles and further their career paths. The 2013 Undergraduate Awards received over 3,700 submissions from 182 institutions across 25 countries.

As the overall winner Ms O'Connor will attend the Undergraduate Awards 2013 Global Summit taking place in Dublin, Ireland from November 13-15th where she will receive the Bram Stoker Gold Medal, international recognition as a top student in her field and the opportunity to network with her peers and a community of UA scholars. Her research will also be published in the Undergraduate Awards Journal.

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Jane O'Connor receiving her award from Professor John Higgins, Head College of Medicine and Health

Sir William Gilliatt Award – Jane O'Connor

Effect of introducing robotic-laparoscopic hysterectomy on abdominal and vaginal surgical modalities in a tertiary teaching hospital

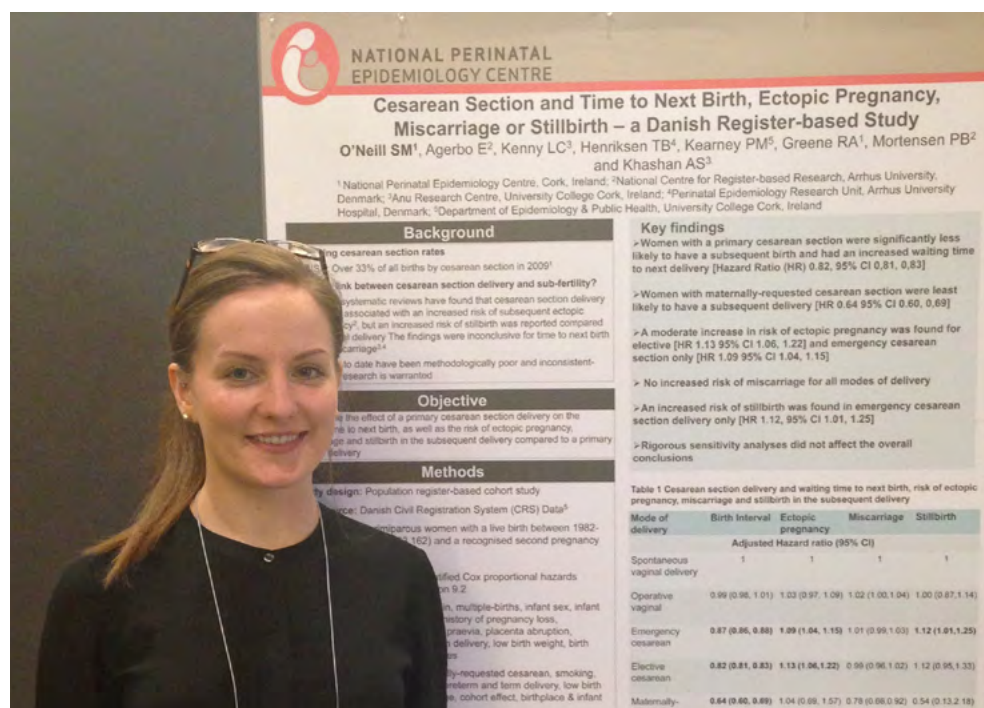
Jane O'Connor is a final year medical student who in July 2013 delivered a presentation to the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) World Congress, which was hosted in Liverpool.

The project, which is supervised by Dr Matt Hewitt, is her final year research project. It won First Prize Oral Presentation and £1000 under the Sir William Gilliatt Award.

The study examined annual trends in the use of abdominal, laparoscopic (including robot-assisted) and vaginal surgical modalities for hysterectomy in the context of introducing a robotic-laparoscopic platform to CUH in 2008. The rationale behind the study is that vaginal, followed by laparoscopic approaches, are the two surgical modalities of choice for hysterectomy. However, evidence shows that the majority are performed abdominally. This is despite the increased length of inpatient stay and patient recovery time associated with laparotomies.

Following introduction of robotic technology in 2008, laparoscopic-robotic hysterectomies accounted for 5% in 2008 and 49% by 2012. In parallel, abdominal and vaginal surgical modalities significantly reduced during this same time frame. Compared to most recent national data from 2010, abdominal (62%) and vaginal (31%) hysterectomies were the leading modalities, whereas the percentage of robotic-laparoscopic hysterectomies was just 7%.

The findings suggest that a minimally-invasive approach to hysterectomy (e.g. laparoscopic including robotic) can help to reduce the number of burdensome abdominal hysterectomies on women and the health system.

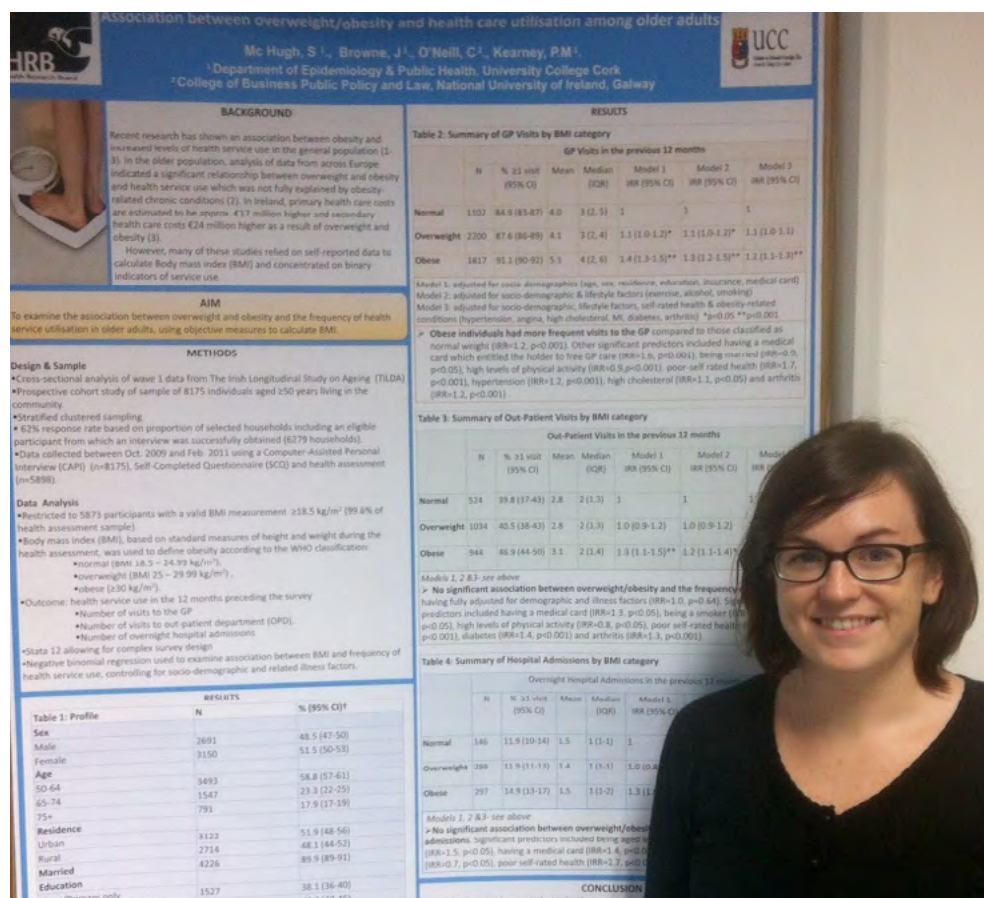


Society for Social Medicine 57th Annual Meeting

Two UCC researchers recently won the first prize awards at the prestigious ‘Society for Social Medicine 57th Annual Meeting’ held in Brighton. Ms Sinéad O’Neill (a 4th year PhD student of the Health Services Research PhD programme, based in the National Perinatal Epidemiology Centre [NPEC]) and Dr Sheena McHugh (Post Doctoral Research Fellow funded by the HRB Interdisciplinary Capacity Enhancement Award based in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health) each received the award for ‘Best Poster’ at this, the UK’s largest public health and social medicine conference.

Sinéad’s poster was titled “Caesarean Section and Time to Next Birth, Ectopic Pregnancy, Miscarriage or Stillbirth – a Danish Register-based Study.” This poster is part of Sinéad’s PhD research which involves the use of Danish registry data through an international collaboration with Aarhus University. According to Sinéad, “with Caesarean section rates at the highest ever recorded, and the impact on subsequent pregnancy largely unknown, this study is imperative and will be the largest to date with a cohort of over 800,000 women.”

Sheena’s poster was titled “Association between overweight/obesity and health care utilisation among older adults.” The study, using data from wave 1 of The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (TILDA), examined the frequency of primary and secondary care service use among those classified as overweight or obese based on objective measures of BMI. This study is part of a post-doctoral programme of research in the Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, titled ‘Lifestyle Transitions and Trajectories through the Life course: Enhancing capacity in Irish cohort and cross-sectional studies’, funded by the HRB Interdisciplinary Capacity Enhancement Award.



Pictured above is Sinéad O’Neill and below, Sheena McHugh

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Dr Eric Downer (left) receiving his award from Dr Richard Roche, President Neuroscience Ireland

UCC Neuroscientist wins prestigious award

Dr Eric Downer Lecturer and Principal Investigator in the Department of Anatomy & Neuroscience was presented with the Neuroscience Ireland Early Career Investigator Award at the 8th Neuroscience Ireland Conference which was held recently in UCC.

Dr Downer was appointed to a Lectureship in Anatomy and Neuroscience in UCC (January 2013) and is currently involved in teaching Anatomy and Neuroscience modules for Dental, Science, Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy students.

His research interest is in Neuroimmunology, with emphasis on the role of the innate immune system in neuroinflammatory conditions. He has a particular interest in the cannabinoid system, and its role in regulating neuroinflammation. His research in this field has made significant contributions to our understanding of cannabinoids as anti-inflammatory therapies, particularly in Multiple Sclerosis. He leads an active research group, and his research has been funded by the Irish Research Council for Science and Engineering and Technology (IRCSET), the Health Research Board (HRB) and the Translational Research Access Programme (TRAP). He has currently published 21 research articles and book chapters, acts as an expert reviewer for 13 journals, and as Editor for the British Journal of Pharmacology, Advances in Medicine, International Journal of Cell Biology and Neuroscience Journal. Currently Dr Downer is the secretary of the Cannabinoid Ireland research committee, and acts a council member for the Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland (Biomedical Sciences section). Dr Downer has been previously honoured with the Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland Early Career Award (2009), and recently the Neuroscience Ireland Early Career Investigator Award (2013).

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Cake-cutting: Linda Horgan cutting the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy 10th anniversary celebratory cake at the poster session and social hour ahead of the Occupational Science International Symposium: Awakening To The Everyday

Image credit: Neil Danton

Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy

‘Occupation: Awakening to the Everyday’ was the theme for the two-day biannual Occupational Science Europe conference held in recently to mark the 10th birthday of the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. 116 international delegates from across Ireland, South Africa, US, Sweden, the UK, Denmark, Germany, Australia and Brazil attended the conference, jointly hosted by Occupational Science Europe and the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy UCC.

A decade ago, President of UCC, Dr Michael Murphy (then Dean of the Medical School) played a key role in ensuring the department became a reality. He commented: “I believe that if you are going to have a highly functioning health care team, meeting the needs of society, you need to train people in the various disciplines who contribute to that team together. Among the disciplines we sought was Occupational Therapy. I have to say we were quite successful over the years. By now this is the single largest multidisciplinary health sciences faculty in this country.”

The first year of the OT undergraduate course focuses on occupation and health. Each year, these students also have the experience of ‘doing’ creative activities with a designated theme to explore, which reflects the philosophy and content of the Year One curriculum. There is a long history of the use of art, craft and creative activities in OT, going back to the foundation of the profession.



STUDENTS MAKE LIGHT WORK OF BEING CRAFTY FOR HEALTH

Many people blindly go through their lives without ever really making the connection between occupation and health. Not so for one group of Occupational Therapy (OT) students, who were behind the recent Jennings Gallery exhibition 'Occupation: Awakening to the Everyday'.

The print and textile exhibition, jointly organised by the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy UCC and the Jennings Gallery, is the culmination of six weeks of work by the students. The central theme focuses on promoting an understanding of the power of occupation and the harnessing of people's creative energy.

Working in tandem with Cork Printmakers and Frances Leach of Cork Textiles Network, the students were invited to respond to a piece taken from the 2006 Eleanor Clarke Slagle lecture delivered by Dr Betty Hasselkus. The exhibition was opened by distinguished Professor Emeritus Elizabeth Yerxa, a founder of the discipline of Occupational Science.





Pictured (l-r): Professor J Higgins; Professor C O'Driscoll, Head of School; Professor Carmel Hughes, Queens University Belfast; Professor Anita Maguire, VP for Research & Innovation; and Professor Sandy Florence, Emeritus School of Pharmacy, University College London

School of Pharmacy Scientific Conference

The School of Pharmacy at UCC is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. The School hosted a Scientific Conference recently. The Conference was opened by Professor John Higgins, Head of the College of Medicine & Health who congratulated all the team for their successes, not only in teaching, but also their contributions to research over the last ten years. He also commented on the central role that pharmacy plays in patient welfare and health related research. Professor Anita Maguire, VP for Research & Innovation, addressed the audience on how industry and academia can innovate together to benefit research and the economy generally. Two keynote speakers also addressed the audience.

Professor Sandy Florence who is Professor Emeritus with The School of Pharmacy, University College London challenged the listeners in the arena of Patient benefit – the science imperative.

Professor Carmel Hughes who is Professor in Primary Care Pharmacy at the School of Pharmacy, Queens University Belfast discussed the evidence of pharmacy professional interventions and this impact on healthcare.

Staff in the School of Pharmacy highlighted their research in areas such as drug delivery and formulation, ADHD, health literacy, inter-professional learning, vaccine delivery, immunology and the use of medicines in the treatment of stroke.

The conference was attended by delegates from other academic institutions, the Pharmaceutical industry and community and hospital pharmacy.



NEW APPOINTMENT

Professor Eileen Savage appointed as Head of School, Nursing and Midwifery

Professor Eileen Savage first joined University College Cork in 1995 as a College Lecturer in the School of Nursing and Midwifery. Since then she has been appointed as Senior Lecturer in 2003 and Associate Professor in 2008. More recently, in October of this year, she was appointed as Chair of Nursing and Head of School of Nursing & Midwifery. Eileen was awarded a Bachelor Degree in Nursing Studies from University College Dublin in 1993, a Masters Degree in Education from University College Cork in 1996, and a PhD Degree from the University of Manchester in the UK in 2004. She has been a Research Fellow and a Cochrane Fellow both funded by the Health Research Board of Ireland. In 2009, Eileen spent 6 months at Yale University in Connecticut as a Visiting Research Scholar. She is now a Visiting Professor at the Ripas Hospital, Brunei and at University of Brunei Darussalam. Prior to pursuing an academic career, Eileen practiced clinical nursing in Ireland and in the UK, first working as a general nurse and later specialising in children's nursing. Drawing on her nursing experiences, Eileen has developed her research in the areas of chronic illness management and child friendly health services. She has a special interest in understanding lay experiences of health and illnesses and how best services can be developed and tailored to address the 'real life' everyday problems that children, young people and their families face in managing an illness.



Staff Recognition Awards

UCC has honoured staff members for their outstanding contributions to university life. The Awards Ceremony held recently announced the winners of three award schemes: Teaching & Learning, Staff Recognition and Research. The College of Medicine and Health was well represented in these Awards as follows:

Under the Teaching & Learning Awards segment, the winners for the Award for Research into Innovative Forms of Teaching were: Dr Tom Andrews (Nursing and Midwifery), Dr JJ Keating, Dr Eileen O'Leary and Dr Tim O'Sullivan (School of Pharmacy and Department of Chemistry) and Dr Liam Fanning (Medicine).

Four Teaching Fellows were also appointed to support the work of the University's Centre for Teaching and Learning. Dr Fiona MacLeod, Epidemiology & Public Health was appointed for the College of Medicine and Health.

The Research Awards were introduced in 2012.

Sponsored by Gilead, they acknowledge excellence in research activity across four categories: 'Early Career Achievement', 'Research Supervision', 'Research Support', and 'Research Team of the Year'. From the College of Medicine and Health, the winners were:

Dr Patricia Kearney (Epidemiology and Public Health) received the Research Supervisor of the Year award and Dr Anthony Morrissey (INFANT) Research Support Person of the Year

Five PhD Scholarships were also awarded through the Strategic Research Fund, supporting the stimulation of new research areas whilst also maintaining existing areas of Research strength. Ms Ashling Murphy (Nursing & Midwifery) under the supervision of Professor Josephine Hegarty and Ms Chloe Falvey (Cork Cancer Research Centre) under the supervision of Dr Sharon McKenna were awarded these scholarships.

Congratulations to each and every one of you!

Professor Louise Kenny wins the Enterprise Ireland Life Sciences & Food Commercialisation Award



Professor Louise Kenny received the award at the Enterprise Ireland Big Ideas Technology Showcase which took place in Dublin recently for developing and commercialising the first predictive diagnosis for pre-eclampsia in early pregnancy. Professor Kenny is the Director of the Irish Centre for Fetal and Neonatal Translational Research (Infant), Professor of Obstetrics at UCC and a Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at Cork University Maternity Hospital.

Pre-eclampsia is a very common condition affecting 5% of first time mothers. Currently, 70-80,000 mothers and over 500,000 infant deaths are attributed to pre-eclampsia each year and it is responsible for occupancy of approximately 20% of neonatal intensive care unit cots. If 'at risk' first time mothers could be identified in early pregnancy, steps could be taken to prevent almost a third of cases.

Presenting Professor Kenny with her award, Seán Sherlock TD, Minister for Research & Innovation said; "Professor Kenny has accomplished a huge amount in her career to date so it is very fitting that this award from Enterprise Ireland recognises her contribution to society and the economy. Through the commercialisation of this technology Louise and her team will help women and their babies, deliver cost savings to hospitals and create employment".

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New Summer Advanced Anatomy Module, a success!

In the summer of 2013, UCC's Department of Anatomy and Neuroscience launched a new module, AN3000 – Advanced Anatomical Skills, intended to complement its current anatomy teaching to undergraduate medical students. The new course, offered as a special student-selected module, is aimed at medical students who have completed their second year.

The module which took place in the FLAME (Facility for Learning Anatomy, Morphology & Embryology) Lab in the Western Gateway Building saw them prepare a dissection plan, perform the dissection to prepare a teaching cadaveric specimen and prepare a written report based on their work. The staff also delivered basic surgical-skills training to the students. In addition, to offering a perfect complement and consolidation to other anatomy courses, this new module provided the students with a unique perspective in the tri-dimensional relationship of tissues and organs within the human body. Feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive. "This module allows students to really appreciate Anatomy in a relaxed manner and is ideal for students with an interest in surgery, radiology or other anatomically-oriented disciplines of medicine" said Dr André Toulouse (Module co-ordinator).

Building on this experience, the Department of Anatomy and Neuroscience is planning to increase the number of students to 10 in July 2014. For further information, please contact Dr André Toulouse, Department of Anatomy and Neuroscience, School of Medicine, University College Cork.



Love and laughter, a perfect combination!

When Karen McNulty left the University of Southern California in February 2012 to begin lecturing in the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy UCC, she knew her life would change. Relishing the challenge a new role brings, the American could not have known however that she would soon follow in her twin sister's footsteps by marrying an Irishman. Moonlighting as a stand-up comedian, Karen met fellow UCC employee and Cork native Tom McCarthy, who works in the Office of Media and Public Relations, at a local gig. The whirlwind romance that followed saw them married in the Honan Chapel during the summer. The event mirrored a mini Gathering, with close to fifty guests travelling from the United States to join a close circle of family, friends and work colleagues in celebration.



Pictured left: Staff from the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, UCC ahead of the wedding ceremony at the Honan Chapel. (l-r): Helena O'Neil, Eithne Hunt, Helen Lynch, John Hastings, Erin Riley, Jeanne Jackson, Linda Horgan, Janice Crausaz and Clare O'Sullivan
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Pictured (l-r): Dr Martina Scallan, Dr Patrick Harrison and Dr Jennifer Hollywood

2nd Generation Cystic Fibrosis Gene Repair

Dr Patrick Harrison has been awarded a research grant from CF Trust UK for a one year study entitled “2nd generation Cystic Fibrosis gene repair” starting 1st Oct 2013.

Together with his colleague, Dr Martina Scallan (Dept of Microbiology, UCC) and three PhD students, their group was the first to correct the most common CF-causing mutation in a human cell line (Lee et al., 2012).

Dr. Jennifer Hollywood in the group is also currently using a ground-breaking technique to advance their work known as CRISPR/Cas9 gRNA gene editing. This technology was described for the first time in February this year, however, this group have already been able to use it to correct the same CF-causing mutation, and will use it as the main technique in their current project starting shortly.



General Assembly of the FP7 SENATOR Consortium took place in Cork recently

The SENATOR project attempts to provide practical clinical solutions to the increasing challenge of optimizing drug and non-drug therapy in older people with multi-morbid illness, whilst simultaneously minimising excess expenditure on pharmacotherapy in this rapidly growing population*.

Central to the SENATOR FP7 project is the development and trial of a highly-powered and efficient software engine (SENATOR) capable of individually screening the clinical status and pharmacological and non-pharmacological therapy of older people in order to define optimal drug therapy, highlight adverse drug reactions (ADRs) risk, indicate best value drug brand for selection and provide advice on appropriate non-pharmacological therapy. If the trial of the SENATOR software proves successful (a) improves clinical outcomes in older people and (b) reduces overall health costs it is expected that SENATOR will be developed as a commercial product for the health-care software market.

The consortium members were in Cork to finalise the details of the SENATOR trial which will begin in Q1, 2014. The trial will involve 1,800 patients recruited in six participating clinical centres over a 3 year period.

Further information is available visit: www.senator-project.eu



Pictured (l/r): John Higgins, Brian Harrisson, Helen Brennan, Keith O'Neill, Dermot Crurran, Pauline Mulligan, Sean Mulvaney, Audrey Hegarty, Fiona Hallinan, Jason Roche.

National Implementation Project Team for Health Innovation Hub

Representatives from Government (Departments of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and Department of Health); State Enterprise Agencies (EI, IDA and SFI); Industry and Clinical Leadership from HSE met at the College of Medicine and Health to discuss the Health Innovation Hub. As the Chair was unable to attend on the day (Dave Shanahan) Professor John Higgins who is Chair of the local team, chaired this particular meeting. Healthcare Innovation is recognised as a national enterprise opportunity in the Action Plan for Jobs 2012. In Action 7.2.1, the Government committed to “deliver a Health Innovation Hub to drive collaboration between the health system and commercial enterprises leading to the development and commercialisation of new healthcare technologies, products, services and start-ups emerging from within the health system and/or firms.” The Health Innovation Hub at the College of Medicine and Health supports this initiative.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A Two-Day Conference organised by the Catherine McAuley School of Nursing and Midwifery, the School of Applied Social Studies, University College Cork, in association with the Critical Voices Network Ireland.

‘MEANINGS OF MADNESS; CRITICAL AND CREATIVE PERSPECTIVES’

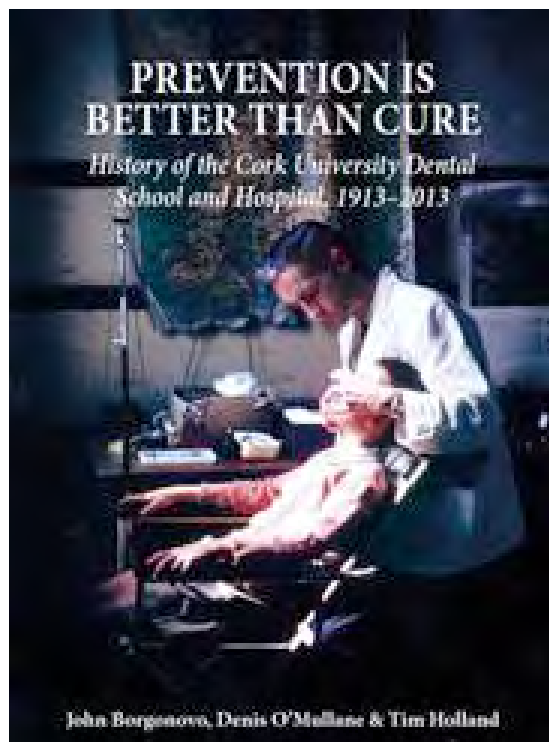
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Venue: Brookfield Health Sciences Complex,
University College Cork, Cork, Ireland.

BOOKING

To book a place, Email h.gijbels@ucc.ie
Please make sure you give your name, and indicate the day(s) you wish to attend (either Wednesday 13 November, Thursday 14 November, or both days). Booking will be confirmed by return email.



Cork University Dental School and Hospital

is celebrating its Centenary Anniversary during 2013. To mark this momentous occasion a history of the Institution was commissioned. The history of the Cork University Dental School and Hospital tells a rich story of dental educators, students, graduates, and administrators. This engaging narrative will be appreciated by those inside and beyond the dental profession.

On 25 November next, 'Prevention Is Better Than Cure' History of the Cork University Dental School and Hospital, 1913-2013, will be launched by Dr Ambrose McLoughlin, Secretary General of the Department of Health. The event will take place at 6.30pm in the Aula Maxima, UCC and all are welcome to attend.

RSVP to dental100@ucc.ie by Friday 15th November.

The book will be available online at <http://uccshop.ie> and at the UCC Visitor's Centre. It will also be available for purchase at the book launch event.



The Irish Division of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR)

hosts its annual scientific meeting (ASM) on Thursday and Friday November 14th and 15th at Devere Hall, UCC.

The IADR is the foremost dental research organisation worldwide. While headquartered in Virginia in the US, the Association has more than 13,000 members worldwide organised into national divisions. The Irish Division was first established in 1983 following an informal meeting attended by John Clarkson, Seamus O'Hickey, Denis O'Mullane and Joe Lemasney.

This year, we have two keynote speakers. Professor Mark Ferguson and Professor Helen Whelton. Mark is the Director General of Science Foundation Ireland and the Government's Chief Scientific Advisor. Helen is the current president of IADR and will host the 2014 General Session meeting in Capetown, South Africa. Further information about the Irish Division and the Annual Scientific Meeting can be found at: www.iadr.ie

