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NEWS FROM THE CHAIR, PROFESSOR TONY O'BRIEN

Welcome to the 16th Edition of the MGA Newsletter. We strongly urge you all to Keep in Touch! mga@ucc.ie - let us know what you are doing and where you are.

UCC MGA warmly congratulates Professor Mary Horgan, Dean, School of Medicine as she is elected as President Designate of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.

Professor Horgan will become the 142nd President of the RCPI in October 2017 and will serve a three year term. It is also a new era for the RCPI with Professor Mary Horgan elected the first woman President Designate in its 360 year history.

Professor Horgan has made enormous contributions to the RCPI since she first became involved in 1999. As associate Dean of Basic Specialist Training she took the lead role in the development and training of post graduate doctors and currently is a member of the Council and the Director of Development and Planning.

She is committed to ensuring that the RCPI continue to train doctors to provide world class medical care. Professor Horgan has said, "It is a great honour to be elected President Designate and I want to thank the Members and Fellows of this great College for their support. I look forward to working on their behalf in the years ahead. "Ireland is recognised globally for the high quality of its medical graduates and trainees. I am committed to ensuring that we continue to train our doctors to provide world class medical care and to provide leadership in our health service in these challenging times."

All in the MGA wish her luck as president.



CELEBRATING OUR FACULTY

The Aula Maxima was the venue for the University College Staff Awards 2016. This year's awards incorporated the Staff Recognition Awards, Teaching and Learning Awards and Research Awards.

School of Medicine Staff:

1. Ms Sinead Riome, Mr Simon Smith, Dr Irina Korotchikova and Dr Patrick Henn accepted a Team Teaching & Learning Award from Dr Michael Murphy
2. Dr Brian Bird, Clinical Senior Lecturer accepting an Individual Teaching & Learning Award from Dr Michael Murphy
3. Dr Yvonne Nolan accepted the Research Supervisor of the Year Award from Dr Michael Murphy
4. Professor Louise Kenny accepted a Leadership Award from Dr Michael Murphy

First Interdisciplinary Research Module for Masters Students of the College of Medicine and Health



Pictured above: Dr Elaine Lehane, Ms Anne Foley, Ms Donna O'Doibhlinn, Dr Helen Mulcahy, Mr Damien Drohan, Dr Vera McCarthy, Dr Siobhan Laoide-Kemp, Dr Colm Tuathaigh, Professor Eileen Savage and students from MSc Nursing Studies, MSc Midwifery, MSc Audiology, MSc Older Person Rehabilitation, and MSc Research in Health Professions Education.

The College of Medicine and Health took a major step in truly achieving interdisciplinary education in 2016 with the completion of an advanced research methods module for Masters students. Fifty-five students across Masters programmes within the College undertook the first interdisciplinary research module for healthcare professionals (MH6014). The module was developed collaboratively by an innovative team of academics from the Schools of Nursing & Midwifery, Medicine, Dentistry, Occupational Sciences, Speech & Hearing Sciences, Pharmacy, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health with support from library and learning technology personnel. This blended learning module represents a genuine opportunity for advancing interdisciplinary health education. The School of Nursing & Midwifery were proud to lead this collaborative programme, drawing on the considerable depth of experience and talent within the college as a whole. Leading the initiative, Dr Elaine Lehane, believes that this approach will prove to be a valuable template for future programmes. It is a first for both the College of Medicine and Health and the School of Nursing and Midwifery. As such it is a wonderful example of collaborative team work in planning and delivering an educational programme to a diverse interdisciplinary cohort of students.



Senior Lecturer in Sports & Exercise Medicine, UCC, Dr Eanna Falvey, announced as Head of Medical for the British & Irish Lions 2017 Tour.

The British & Irish Lions announced on Wednesday, January 18, three major appointments for the 2017 tour to New Zealand, Head Analyst Rhodri Bown, Head of Medical Eanna Falvey and Head of Strength & Conditioning Paul Stridgeon will support head coach Warren Gatland and his coaching team on the 10-match tour.

The trio will join up with the Lions after the RBS 6 Nations, and Warren Gatland said: “Rhodri (Bown), Paul (Stridgeon) and Eanna (Falvey) have a lot of Lions experience, including being part of a winning team in 2013 and they know what is required for us to be successful in New Zealand. They will bring a wealth of knowledge and skill to their roles and I know they will fit well into the environment we are trying to create.”

Director of Sports Medicine at the Sports Surgery Clinic, Dublin and Senior Lecturer in Sports & Exercise Medicine, University College Cork, Dr Eanna Falvey has been involved in the medical care of elite athletes for more than 15 years, working in rugby, football, boxing and Australian Rules football.

Part of the medical team in Australia in 2013, he was team doctor to the Ireland rugby team from 2009 to 2015 and doctor with Munster Rugby for four years from 2003 to 2007.

Dr Falvey was the Irish Amateur Boxing Association high performance unit physician from 2009 to 2015 during a period of unrivalled success for Irish boxing, maintaining a link to his own sporting past where he was National Amateur Heavyweight and Super Heavyweight boxing champion, representing Ireland at the 2001 AIBA World Senior Boxing Championships. He is a member of the World Rugby Concussion working group.

Professor Barry O'Reilly appointed as Director and Clinical Lead at the ASSERT Centre



Professor Barry O'Reilly is a Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, who graduated from RCSI in 1991 and later moved to London to commence specialist registrar training based in Guy's and St. Thomas' hospitals. He was awarded a research fellowship to study ATP receptors in overactive bladder which led to the award of MD in 2000. On completion of specialty training he moved to Melbourne, Australia to undertake subspecialty training in Urogynaecology and Pelvic Floor Reconstructive Surgery. Barry was appointed Consultant and Senior Lecturer at the Mercy Hospital for Women and University of Melbourne in 2003. He returned to take up a consultant post in Cork in 2004 and has set up the Centre for Urogynaecology at CUMH. He founded the Continence Foundation of Ireland to improve multidisciplinary care and to encourage closer collaboration between healthcare providers and industry. Barry has previously sat on the public relations, scientific and education committees and is current chair of the e-learning committee of the International Urogynaecology Association. He is on the executive board of the European Urogynaecology Association and is on editorial and review boards of several ob/gyn and Urogynaecology journals. He has a keen interest in minimally invasive and robotic surgery and performed the first robotic gynecological procedure in the British Isles.

Barry is delighted to be given an opportunity to lead the newly completed world-class ASSERT centre whose vision is to become the premier centre in Europe for medical and surgical simulation based training over the next 5 years.

MGA LECTURE SERIES

The Medical Graduates Association
presents

Working in the US: Career Advice for the Curious Corkonian



Dr. Helen O'Connell and Dr. Matt Wiepking

Thursday 22nd September

G01 BHSC 6pm



Helen is an Irish graduate of the UCC 5 year medical programme (2013). She is currently a third year resident in Obstetrics & Gynaecology at the University of Toledo, Ohio.



Matt is a graduate of the UCC GEM programme (2013). A Californian with Irish roots, he is currently a third year and chief resident in Emergency Medicine at the University of Toledo, Ohio.

This talk will be of interest to North American and Irish medical students considering training in the US

On September 22nd 2016 the Medical Graduates Association hosted - ***Working in the US: Career Advice for the Curious Corkonian***. The speakers were recent UCC Medical Graduates (2013) Dr Matt Wiepking and Dr Helen O'Connell. Matt and Helen are currently in residency programmes in the US. The event was hugely attended by current Medical students and of great value to the students. Matt and Helen had very useful insights and experiences in regards to securing training in the US. This was a largely informal session which had plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion. We in the MGA and the School of Medicine, wish to thank Matt and Helen for making the huge commitment in travelling from the US to give back to the School and current students.

BUILDING NEW INTERNATIONAL LINKS



Top left: Professor Mary Horgan and Professor Prasit Watanapa exchange gifts following successful discussions on School of Medicine/Mahidol collaborations. **Top right:** Professor Horgan signing the Book of Condolences at Siriraj Hospital for His Majesty Bhumibol Adulyadej of the Kingdom of Thailand. **Above:** Professor Horgan and UCC ASEAN Development Manager, Gearoid McCarthy, at the Siriraj Medical Library with Deputy Dean of International Relations, Professor Chirayu Auewarakul (right).

THAILAND

Professor Mary Horgan, Dean, School of Medicine and Mr Gearoid McCarthy, UCC ASEAN Development Manager, recently visited Thailand to discuss collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, specifically discussing student elective exchanges.

Professor Horgan and Mr McCarthy were hosted by the Dean of Medicine, Professor Prasit Watanapa. Siriraj Hospital is the oldest and largest hospital in Thailand. With a capacity of more than 2,000 beds and more than one million outpatient visits per year, Siriraj is one of the biggest and busiest medical centres in Southeast Asia.

Summer 2017 will see the first exchange agreement with Mahidol University. Our UCC medical students look forward to the wonderful experience ahead.

A Siriraj delegation, led by Professor Watanapa, visited UCC's School of Medicine in June, 2016.

BRUNEI

Professor Mary Horgan and the School of Medicine recently hosted Dr Fazean Irdyati Idris who is the Programme Leader - BHSC Medicine and Senior Lecturer in Clinical Academia at PAPRSB Institute of Health Sciences, Universiti Brunei Darussalam.

This the 2nd academic year in which UCC School of Medicine has accepted Brunei students to year 3 of our programme. We were delighted to welcome Dr Fazean to UCC.



Professor Mary Horgan, Dean School of Medicine and Dr Fazean Irdyati Idris.

Medical Graduates Association Annual Scientific Conference 2016

A greatly successful multidisciplinary Annual Scientific Conference was held on September 8th, 2016 at the Brookfield Health Sciences Complex, UCC. A wide variety of topics and speakers provided for a most enjoyable day.





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MEDICAL GRADUATES ASSOCIATION SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 - UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK
BROOKFIELD HEALTH SCIENCES COMPLEX G.10

The Annual Scientific Conference is a multidisciplinary graduate meeting for all medical graduates, staff and friends of University College Cork which is organised by the Medical Graduates Association Committee

APPROVED FOR 5 CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT POINTS

09.30	Registration	
10.00	Prof Mary Horgan	Welcome from Dean, School of Medicine
Chair:	Dr Joan Power / Dr Brian Bird	Session 1
10.15	Professor Eamon Quigley	Training Medical Students in US/UCC - "Us & Them"
10.40	Dr Jane McCarthy	Inflammatory Bowel Disease
11.05	Professor Michael O'Keeffe	Refractive Surgery, what it is, indications, outcomes and complications
11.30	Coffee Break	
Chair:	Prof Domhnall O'Halloran / Dr Lorraine Dennis	Session 2
12.00	Dr Bernadette Carr	Health Insurance and the Irish Private Healthcare Sector
12.25	Dr Ciara McGlade	Advance Care Planning
12.50	Mr Peter Finnegan	Blackstone LaunchPad at UCC - a New Departure in UCC's Entrepreneurial Ecosystem
13.15	Lunch	
Chair:	Prof Mary Cahill / Dr Lucina Jackson	Session 3
14.00	Mr Ger McGreal	Vascular Miscellany <i>Dr Pamela Gilligan Prize - Final Year Project</i>
14.25	Dr Emily Rutherford	Informing Consent: Risk Perception in a Breast Cancer Family History Clinic <i>Prof Denis O'Sullivan Fellow</i>
14.50	Dr Siobhan O'Neill	Reducing radiation dose at CT
15.15	Dr Michael Murphy	Macmillan's "Events, dear boy, events"
15.40	Prof Tony O'Brien, Chair, MGA Committee, Closing Address	
19.30	Reception followed by Dinner	Council Room, North Wing, Main Quadrangle

Annual School of Medicine Prize-giving 2016

The annual School of Medicine Prize-giving Ceremony took place on Friday 25 November, 2016 in Brookfield Health Sciences Complex.

Dean of the School, Professor Mary Horgan, welcomed the large number of prize-winners, their families and friends and School of Medicine colleagues to the event, which is a special day in the School of Medicine calendar.

Professor Horgan acknowledged the recently announced major investment from the European Investment Bank, which will be of significant benefit for medical students in the future. A substantial amount, c. €12m is ring-fenced for a clinical medical school on the Cork University Hospital campus. Also €10m has been allocated to the South/South-West Hospital Group for additional educational, research and innovation at clinical sites in Waterford, Clonmel and Kerry. Professor Horgan acknowledged the commitment and contribution of medical colleagues in advancing these projects.

The School of Medicine is grateful for all those families, friends and benefactors who support Prizes in honour of past graduates of the University.

The Dean praised the senior faculty members for their excellent guidance and teaching of our medical students which allows them to excel at local and national exams.

This year the Dr Fionnuala Quigley Medal was presented for the first time and the Dean introduced Professor Michael Molloy to give the citation for this award. Professor Molloy outlined Dr Quigley's extensive career in medicine and Sports Medicine in particular. As well as being a busy practitioner Dr Quigley was team doctor to the national ladies football team and gave of her time to many GAA and tennis events. Dr Quigley was instrumental in bringing the MMedSc (Sport and Exercise Medicine) programme to UCC which continues to the present day. Professor Molloy said that Dr Quigley "dedicated her life to medicine" and it is fitting now that an award is presented in her name.

The following prizes were presented by invited guests and faculty members to the successful recipients in recognition of their outstanding achievements in the 2015/2016 academic year.

Kat	Butler	The Graduate Entry Medicine First Year Certificate (presented <i>in absentia</i>)
Eanna	Clifford	The Gold Medal in Radiology
Darragh	Connell	Dr Niamh Long MPS Memorial Medal
Nicole	Cosgrave	The Graduate Entry Medicine Second Year Certificate
Madeline	Edwards	The Archer Gold Medal in Psychiatry
Sinead	Flanagan	Dr B. Foley Medal in Microbiology (presented <i>in absentia</i>)
Cian Stuart	Gallagher	PF Fitzpatrick Prize in Epidemiology & Public Health Medicine and British Pharmacological Society Prize for Clinical Pharmacology
Stephen	Gilmartin	Dr Fionnuala Quigley Medal
Colm	Hannon	Dr Kay (Kate) Flynn Memorial Medal in Physiology
Rachel	Hart	The Graduate Entry Medicine First Year Prize (presented <i>in absentia</i>)
Conal Edward	Houstoun	Dr Timothy O'Toole Medal in General Practice
Leah	Hurley	Dr Derek McCoy Medal
Nasir	Kanji	The Gaffney Prize
Wanyi	Kee	The MacConaill Prize and The MacConaill Prize in Clinical Anatomy
Daragh	Mathews	Dr Jim Doran Prize in Emergency Medicine
Kristina	Mendelis	Sir Charles Cameron Prize (BSc Public Health)
Stephen J	O'Brien	The Pearson Medal
Elaine	O'Connell	The Graduate Entry Medicine Second Year Prize
Brian	O Tuama	Pamex Prize in Ophthalmology
Siobhan	Rafferty	Aodán Ó Donnchadha Memorial Prize
Emily	Rutherford	Dr Pamela Gilligan Prize
Catherine	Weadick	Charles Donovan Prize in Dermatology



Above: Prize winners enjoying the celebrations

At the Ceremony the achievements of the following students who excelled in both Medical Science and Clinical disciplines in the 2016 Dr Henry Hutchinson Stewart Medical Scholarships were acknowledged.

2016 Dr Henry Hutchinson Stewart Medical Scholarships

Wei Qi Vanessa	Chan	2nd prize in Physiology
Alan	Corkery	3rd Prize in Medical Microbiology
Sinead	Flanagan	Scholarship in Medical Microbiology (1st prize) (<i>in absentia</i>)
Conal Edward	Houstoun	3rd Prize in General Practice
David	McDonnell	3rd Prize in Surgery
Sinead	O’Riordan	3rd Prize in Pathology
Brian	O Tuama	2nd prize in Ophthamology
Cara	Pray	3rd Prize in Physiology (<i>in absentia</i>)
Emily	Rutherford	Scholarship in General Practice (1st prize)
Jacqueline	Sheehan	Scholarship in Psychiatry (1st prize)
Laura	Walsh	Scholarship in Surgery (1st prize)
Robert	Whiskey	3rd Prize in Ophthamology (<i>in absentia</i>)



Inaugural Dr Fionnuala Quigley Medal Winner, Friends and Family of Fionnuala.

Professor Horgan also congratulated the students who were successful in research related activities in 2016, the large number of which shows the high level of commitment to research in the School of Medicine. The Dean in particular thanked Dr Colm O Tuaitaigh, Lead for the Development of Undergraduate Research in the School. Dr Liam Fanning, Chair of the School of Medicine Research Committee presented certificates to the following students in recognition of their outstanding research work:

Health Research Board Summer Student Scholarships 2016

Donnacha	Hogan
Fiona	Aherne
Jaclyn Hui Min	Chan
Bryan Padraig	Finn (<i>in absentia</i>)
Gerard	Finn
Aoife	O'Brien-Horgan
Anna	Powell
Danielle	Clifford

UCC College of Medicine & Health - Summer Bursary Awards 2016

Aine	Daly
Yvonne	Kiernan
Sarah	Mabelson
James	Meeke
Orla	Power
Siobhan	Walsh



Professor Horgan closed the Ceremony by wishing the students and graduates continued success in their promising careers ahead.



New Horizons Medical Conference 2016

Left: Louise Daly, New Horizons Oral Presentation Winner 2016.

The annual New Horizons Research Conference recently took place in the Western Gateway Building, UCC. The conference showcased the diverse range of translational research from Postgraduate Research, Post-Doctoral Research and Clinical Research.

The day was divided into 3 sessions. Each session encompassed a stimulating mixture of oral presentations and lectures by prominent clinician scientists and academic staff. There was also a moderated poster session with 94 posters.

The conference concluded with a Prize-giving ceremony, with awards being distributed for the best posters and overall prize for the best oral presentation. The poster prizes were awarded to Rachel Furlong, School of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Melissa Hänni, Department of Anatomy and Neuroscience Department, and Ashley Sullivan, APC Microbiome Institute. The Oral Prize was awarded to Louise Daly, School of Food and Nutritional Sciences.



Diploma in Military Medical Care Conferring 2017

The Conferring Ceremony for the Diploma in Military Medical Care recently took place in the Aula Maxima, UCC. The graduates, all serving members of Defence Forces Ireland, completed modules in Emergency Medical Technician, Medical Practices Enhancement and Military Healthcare Practice. The programme was offered in conjunction with Defence Forces Ireland and the Academy of Emergency Care, Emergency Medicine Department, CUH. In total 24 students received their parchments.

The Outstanding Graduate of the Year award was presented to Paul Mellamphy. Paul conscientiously applied himself and displayed characteristics which were a credit to himself, his family and Defence Forces Ireland. Congratulations to all recipients!

TWO UCC MEDICAL GRADUATES AWARDED THE IGS PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL

The MGA were delighted to learn of the accomplishments of our graduates of the early 1970s – Professor Cillian Twomey and Professor Davis Coakley on being awarded the IGS Presidential Medal by the President of the Irish Gerontological Society, Mo Flynn at the IGS 64th Annual & Scientific Meeting 2016 held in the Malton Hotel, Killarney on September 30, 2016. The title for the event was: “Developing Cultures of Excellence in Ageing and Exploring the Needs of Marginalised Groups”.

The panegyrics were given by Professor Denis O’Mahony, UCC Medical Graduate and Professor of Gerontology at UCC and Cork University Hospital, for Cillian Twomey, and Professor J Bernard Walsh, UCC Medical Graduate and Clinical Professor of Medical Gerontology at Trinity College Dublin and St James’s Hospital, Dublin, for Davis Coakley.

It is the Irish society’s highest accolade and recognises both men’s contribution of medical care and education for improving the lives of older people.

Professor Twomey, a native of Mallow, Co. Cork, was appointed as the first specialist in geriatric medicine at Cork University Hospital (CUH) in 1979. He contributed greatly to the welfare of medical practitioners through his work with the Irish Medical Organisation. He was elected President of the IMO in 1988. In 2000 he was appointed chairman of Comhairle na nOspideal developing specialist services and consultant posts in the health service.

Professor Coakley from Cork city, excelled academically at UCC and later was awarded his MD for research on neurological diseases. In 1979 he was appointed as geriatric physician at St James’s Hospital in Dublin and eight years later became TCD’s first professor of geriatric medicine.

Over the past 30 years, Professor Coakley was the driving force behind the research based Institute for Aging on the St James’s Hospital campus which was launched in 1987. With government, HSE and philanthropic funding, the new 116 bed Mercer’s Institute for Successful Ageing (MISA) building opened in 2016.

IGS President, Mo Flynn said “It is a great honour to recognise the contributions both doctors have made towards the care of older people and their dedication in supporting and encouraging a new generation of researchers, nurses, doctors and social scientists in gerontological services. Both Davis and Cillian still have a lot to contribute in their respective interests in medical history and hospice movement. The IGS is very proud to count them among our leading and most inspiring members as signified and recognised by those medals”

We in the School of Medicine wish to congratulate both Cillian and Davis on this wonderful achievement.



Professor Davis Coakley and Mo Flynn



Professor Cillian Twomey and Mo Flynn



Jonathon Hagel -
GEM 2014

News from Toronto

After completing four years of medical school in the GEM program at UCC, Jonathon started his residency training in Paediatrics at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. The focus on strong clinical diagnostic skills in his training at UCC has proven to be one of his greatest assets as he progresses through his residency. Often he is met with praise regarding the quality of training he has received and how it reflects in his clinical decision making. Further, the unique cultural exposer gained from training in various underserved communities in Ireland has been irreplaceable in his management of the diverse population of Toronto.

Jonathon is currently finishing his third year of general paediatrics training and will be spending an additional year as Chief Resident at SickKids before he begins fellowship training in Paediatric Cardiology. Jonathon explained that there is a strong network of graduates from the Irish medical school system working in Canada and the USA who are open to providing assistance and guidance to fellow trainees – Keep in Touch!

News from London

A Celebration of the Irish Contribution to Healthcare in the UK



Ambassador Dan Mulhall and Dr Michael Murphy, outgoing President, UCC.

The London Chapter of the UCC Alumni Association organised a special event hosted by the Embassy of Ireland in London in partnership with UCC on 29th November 2016. The focus of the event was a celebration of the Irish contribution to healthcare in the UK.

Speakers included H.E. Dan Mulhall (Irish Ambassador to the UK), Dr Michael Murphy (President of UCC), Professor Mary Sheppard (Leading Clinical Academic Pathologist at St George's Hospital) and Dr Sarah Walsh, (Consultant Dermatologist, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust).

The event was led by Dr Áine Merwick and Mr Mark Horne of UCC's London Chapter and took place at the Embassy of Ireland in London.



Dr Aine Merwick, Dr Sarah Walsh, Ambassador Dan Mulhall, Professor Mary Sheppard and Dr Michael Murphy.





Professor Anthony Cummins

News from Malaysia

Professor Cummins is a UCC graduate: MB BCh BAO Class of 1979. Having spent the bulk of his career in Scotland and England, latterly as both a GP and GPwSI (GP with Special Interest, developing and running a community-based Heart Failure Clinic) he returned to Ireland in 2007 to work in academic General Practice at RCSI Dublin/ HRB Primary Care Research Centre. Most of his work centred on teaching fourth year undergraduates in the RCSI MB BCh BAO degree programme.

RCSI Perdana University

In 2011 the RCSI opened a sister Medical School in Malaysia, RCSI Perdana University of Medicine & Health Sciences. By 2014-2015 academic year the initial student intake were to begin their Family Medicine rotation (as well as Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Psychiatry, Medicine & Surgery and Paediatrics). Professor Cummins was invited by RCSI Dublin to become the Foundation Professor of Family Medicine and took up his post in July 2014. Professor Cummins states: "It's a very rewarding job: the students are bright and curious to learn. The numbers are relatively low which makes for much better relationships both between students themselves and between students and faculty. The students are professional in their dealings with patients and are a pleasure

to teach. Indeed many come to Ireland in the summer for electives and research projects."

Professor Cummins is a recipient of many awards, including GP of the UK 1999 (National Magazines plc readership survey), Health & Social Care Awards 1999 ("Improving the lives of people with heart disease"), Primary Care Report's Best Practice Awards 2001 "Implementation of the National Service Frameworks for coronary heart disease" and the Health Service Journal Awards 2004 ("Clinical Service Redesign" category) Awarded for the development & impact of Wallasey Heart Centre on local Merseyside cardiovascular morbidity and mortality.

Outside of medicine Professor Cummins' main interests are music and languages. He is both a musician and presenter of a weekly radio programme. He plays traditional Irish folk music on the violin and mandolin, He has an interest in languages and while working as a GP in the UK providing healthcare to elderly non-English speaking Chinese and Bangladeshi patients he learned basic Cantonese and Hindi/Urdu to enable consultations without the need for interpreters. He is enthusiastic about learning Malay while seconded here as a lead of Family Medicine at Perdana University.

Dr Keelin O'Donoghue to Lead Implementation of National Standards for Bereavement Care

The Minister for Health, Mr Simon Harris TD, recently launched the HSE National Standards for Bereavement Care following Pregnancy Loss and Perinatal Death. These new standards clearly define the care parents and families can expect to receive following a pregnancy loss or perinatal death. The standards will be implemented and applied across the health service in all appropriate hospitals and settings.

Dr Keelin O'Donoghue, Consultant Obstetrician at Cork University Maternity Hospital and Principal Investigator in University College Corks INFANT Research Centre, explained; "The publication of these standards marks another significant step forward for the health services and is a direct expression of our commitment to compassionate care for patients. All Maternity Hospitals/Units will now establish or develop further Bereavement Specialist Teams to assist and support parents, families and professionals dealing with pregnancy loss."



Mr Tony O'Brien, Director General HSE, Minister for Health, Mr Simon Harris TD and Dr Keelin O'Donoghue. (Photo: Dr Daniel Nuzum)

Dr Paul Ryan and Dr Jeffrey Mulcaire



Two Interns, Dr Paul Ryan and Dr Jeffrey Mulcaire, both from the UCC/South Intern Network were recently awarded prizes at the Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland (RAMI) Intern Study Day which was recently held in RCPI. Dr Paul Ryan won an award for his Oral Presentation (Clinical Research). His abstract was titled 'Ryan P and Falvey E - Assessment of existing lay person knowledge on the role and use of an Automated External Defibrillator in amateur sports clubs'. Dr Jeffrey Mulcaire won an award for his Poster Presentation (Clinical Research) His abstract was titled 'Mulcaire J and Luke C - A Study of Clinical Presentation to an inner city resuscitation room'.

Pictured left: Ms Geraldine McNamee, South Intern Network Administrator, Dr Paul Ryan, Dr Jeffrey Mulcaire and Professor Paula O'Leary, South Intern Network Coordinator.

PROFILE OF A RECENT GRADUATE

EANNA CLIFFORD



(Photo: Gerard McCarthy)

Dr Eanna Clifford, graduate of the School of Medicine, UCC, is one of the University's Quercus Scholars for 2015/2016. The Quercus Talented Students' Programme aims to support and promote excellence in academia, sport, creative and performing arts, active citizenship and innovation/entrepreneurship for both prospective undergraduate students and students already registered in UCC. Eanna was awarded the Academic Scholarship.

Eanna tells us a bit about himself:

1. WHERE ARE YOU FROM AND WHAT ARE YOU STUDYING?

I'm from Whitechurch in Cork, and graduated as a physiotherapist in 2011. Whilst in college, I had been toying with the idea of studying medicine, but having been a bit squeamish all my life, I wasn't sure if it was really for me. I had always wanted to work in healthcare, given that my Grandfather was ill during my teens, and we were very close. When I started going into hospital as a physiotherapist, I was exposed to the hospital environment for the first time, and got my first real taste of hospital medicine. I decided then to return to college to study medicine, and UCC was an easy choice, given its excellent reputation for education and its links to some of the best hospitals in the country.

2. WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR COURSE?

With Graduate Entry to Medicine, the hospital exposure starts early on in year 1, which is fantastic, as you can immediately see in practice what you're learning in college. I was lucky too in that our class was very tight, and the graduate and undergraduate entry students were great friends, something which has stood to us in what has been a challenging first few months in the working world. Medicine can be quite an intensive course, and the long hours spent in the library and hospital together means you make some great and lasting friendships.

3. WHERE DO YOU SEE YOUR DEGREE TAKING YOU IN THE FUTURE?

Having graduated in May 2016, I'm currently working in renal medicine in CUH, and will move into the Maternity Hospital in CUMH in October to be the Gynaecology intern. At this point in time, my primary area of interest is Obstetrics and Gynaecology, so I hope to pursue further training in this area in the coming years. My girlfriend is from Toronto, Canada, and is also a Graduate Entry to Medicine student, so it remains to be seen whether my postgraduate training will be in Ireland or abroad.

4. PARTING WORDS?

I'm a firm believer in the words 'What's for you won't pass you.' When I was preparing to write the entrance exam for graduate medicine, a friend introduced me to this idea, and I have to think that there's some truth in it. I didn't initially intend to study medicine, but I couldn't be happier the way things have turned out. I would never change the way the I've ended up where I am. At the end of the day, we only regret the chances we didn't take, so if I were to have one parting bit of advice, it would be to not be afraid to take chances. If there's something you want to do, take a chance and go for it. You'll regret it if you don't!



IRISH STREET MEDICINE SYMPOSIUM 2016

A national conference on Health and Homelessness recently took place in University College Cork. Minister for Housing Simon Coveny T.D. and Lord Mayor of Cork Cllr. Des Cahill were in attendance at the second Irish Street Medicine Symposium - "Working together - Learning from each other." The symposium captured the complex health challenges endured by Ireland's growing homeless population. The meeting's focus was on the issues faced by health care professionals, hostel and outreach staff and ancillary services as they seek to work together to overcome the many challenges involved in ensuring homeless and marginalised populations have access to appropriate health and social care services. The symposium allowed those working on the frontline to share information about the different services available and to highlight innovative care solutions that have been developed across services such as addiction, mental health primary and secondary care.

The Symposium was organised by the Cork Adult Homeless Integrated Service, Health Service Executive Social Inclusion with UCC's Department of General Practice and Partnership for Health Equity.



Pictured (l-r): Dr Fiona O'Reilly, Lord Mayor of Cork Cllr. Des Cahill, Dr Anna Marie Naughton, Minister for Housing Simon Coveny TD, and Professor Colin Bradley. (Photos: Diane Cusack)

Dementia Education in Primary Care – the PREPARED project



The UCC PREPARED team: Dr Aisling Jennings, Ms Katherine Thackeray, Ms Siobhan Boyle, and Dr Tony Foley.

The PREPARED project is a primary care focused national research and education initiative coordinated by Dr Tony Foley, Department of General Practice, UCC, collaborating with the ICGP and with the Dementia Elevator Programme, School of Nursing and Human Sciences at DCU. The overall aims of the PREPARED project are to develop, deliver and evaluate dementia training and education interventions for primary care clinicians.

PREPARED has published a clinical web resource called dementiapathways.ie which is specifically designed for GPs and primary care health professionals, and which includes clinical care pathways, educational resources, a comprehensive compendium of information leaflets and guidance, and a database of community based clinical services and supports available for patients with dementia across Ireland.

Over the summer, the PREPARED project commenced the roll out of accredited dementia workshops to GPs in parts of Cork, Waterford and Greater Dublin. These workshops are facilitated by local GPs with an interest in dementia. During 2016 and 2017, the PREPARED project will be developing and delivering further dementia workshops and education packages for GPs and primary care teams, and is delighted to be working with colleagues in the HSE National Dementia Office and with other partners in contributing to increased awareness and knowledge of dementia care.

The PREPARED project team are particularly keen to hear from GPs and primary care team members who would like more information about the PREPARED project, or would like to be involved in our education and training initiatives. The team contact details are:

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Open Mind Projects – **Student Experience**

In June, Fionnuala Crowley, a third year Direct Entry Medical student at University College Cork, volunteered with Open Mind Projects in Nong Khai District Hospital, on the border between Thailand and Laos. In the mornings she observed the clinical aspects of the Thai Health system. The afternoons and evenings were spent teaching English to staff in various departments of the hospital. On her departure she had taught English to over a dozen doctors of various specialities, lab technicians, hospital pharmacy staff, emergency medicine personnel as well as the nursing staff of the labour ward, general practice clinic, emergency room, operating room and nursing students from Udon Thani University. English is such a universal language that it is needed for patient interaction in the hospital on a daily basis – not just with western patients but patients from neighbouring South East Asian countries who are unable to speak Thai but have broken English. As a result of this, all of the staff were more than eager to learn how to take a history in English, explaining diagnoses, breaking bad news etc. Fionnuala was exposed to some once in a life time rare clinical cases and the staff benefitted hugely from learning role plays specific to their occupation/speciality. It was the first time a medical student from Open Mind projects was permitted to volunteer in the hospital.



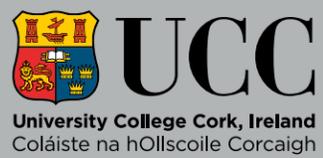


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