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Maynooth Workshop on *The Future of Big Data and The Internet of Things*

The response to 'free to play' online games will provide a unique insight into how legislators will regulate businesses built around big data and the Internet of Things (IoT), according to Dr Aphra Kerr, Maynooth University Department of Sociology



Dr Aphra Kerr, Maynooth University and Dr Rachel O'Dwyer, CONNECT, Trinity College Dublin

Dr Kerr was speaking at the *Data Politics, Data Markets & the Internet of Things* workshop at Maynooth University on 30 November.

Today many everyday objects are being redesigned to include sensors, actuators, computational intelligence and telecommunications. The development of IoT— a network of interconnected physical objects with the ability to sense, respond, and act on their environment, coupled to new forms of cloud storage and data analytics— is producing an abundance of data.

The rise of the IoT has the potential to make a significant impact for the public good; however, it also raises significant challenges about the kind of governance and the commercial business models currently being developed around this data. It also poses a challenge for researchers trying to develop models around quickly changing markets and applications.

Highest Ever Number Conferred at Maynooth



Ellie Macnamara, singer with the band 'Heathers', who was conferred with an Honours Degree of Bachelor of Education and Alan Lowry, Paddy Harrington Golf Scholar who was conferred with a Higher Diploma in Professional Accounting pictured with the President, Prof Philip Nolan

More than 3,000 new graduates, the highest ever number, were conferred with a range of qualifications at undergraduate and postgraduate level, including 53 PhD graduates across the three Faculties at this year's conferring ceremonies

New degrees awarded for the first time include the BBA in Marketing; BSc in Mathematics Education; BSc in Computational Thinking International; BA in International Development; Master of Laws in International Justice; Professional Master of Education Primary; and Professional Master of Education Post-Primary.

Maynooth University is Ireland's fastest growing university with more than 11,000 students, including almost 1,600 taught postgraduate and professional students and over 400 research students.

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Research to Combat Ascaris Roundworm

Scientists working out of Maynooth University, Trinity College Dublin, and Queen Mary University of London have unearthed a potential new preventative option to combat *Ascaris* roundworm infection



Ascaris lumbricoides is an intestinal parasite that confers severe health consequences, including growth retardation and impaired cognitive development. The infection, which affects an estimated one billion people worldwide, is particularly common in Third World countries and is estimated to be responsible for 60,000 deaths per annum. The researchers identified hundreds of liver proteins that differed substantially between resistant and susceptible strains, even without *Ascaris* infection. The resistant strain displayed higher levels of mitochondrial proteins and proteins involved in the generation of reactive oxygen species (ROS). Other proteins were seen only in infected mice including those involved in the immune response and protein synthesis. It is thought that these new insights into the molecular basis of resistance could lead to the development of better ways to prevent and treat *Ascaris* infection.

The study was recently published in internationally regarded, peer-reviewed journal, 'PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases.' The research was led by Dr Jim Carolan of the Department of Biology and Professor Celia Holland, School of Natural Sciences, TCD. Lead author in the study Gwendoline Desylper conducted the research as part of her MSc in Immunology and Global Health at Maynooth University.

FROM THE EDITOR

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Academics Receive National Teaching Awards

Dr Ciarán Mac an Bhaire and James O'Malley, from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, have been recognised as outstanding teachers and supporters of learning

The National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education in partnership with the Union of Students in Ireland (USI) presented 37 Teaching Hero Awards to teachers from Ireland's higher education sector on Thursday, 27 October. The Awards marked the culmination of a 2016 Teaching Hero campaign that saw over 800 higher education teachers nominated by their students for these awards.

Focused on innovative, creative and inspiring teaching and its impact on student learning, the awards honour teachers for the influence they have on the development of their students and the part they play in promoting educational excellence in higher education.

James O'Malley graduated from Maynooth University with a joint first class honours in Mathematical Studies and Music in 2012. In 2013 he completed a Masters in Performance and Musicology (first class honours). James has been a tutor in the



Dr Ciarán Mac an Bhaire and James O'Malley

Department of Mathematics and Statistics since 2012 for Departmental tutorials and the Maths Support Centre (MSC) whilst remaining an active member of the University Choral Society

Dr Ciarán Mac an Bhaire has been a lecturer in the Department of Mathematics and Manager of the MSC since 2007. The MSC celebrated its 100,000th student visit in 2015, and is seen both nationally and internationally as a model of best practice. Dr Mac an Bhaire is involved in a number of research projects which focus on mathematics education and on the development and evaluation of online resources. He is currently co-editing a major national report due to be published at the end of the year.

Launch of Irish Historic Towns Atlas

President Higgins officially launched Irish Historic Towns Atlas (IHTA) no. 28 *Galway/Gaillimh* by Dr Jacinta Prunty, Department of History and Paul Walsh, Archaeologist in Galway City Museum on Tuesday, 1 November

Galway/Gaillimh is the culmination of years of research, tracing the development of Galway from its origins as an Anglo-Norman seaport to the cultural capital of today. The atlas contains histories of over 2,500 sites in Galway city including the thirteenth-century St Nicholas's Collegiate Church and fishing weirs, the fourteenth-century De Burgo Hall, the fifteenth-century town gaol, bridge and town defences, the sixteenth century mills, bakeries, inns and tower houses, the seventeenth-century market places, forts and schools, gallows and bowling



Paul Walsh, Dr Jacinta Prunty, President Michael D Higgins and Sabina Higgins

greens, the eighteenth-century printing houses, distilleries and masonic lodges, the nineteenth-century Union Workhouse, railways, telegram offices and bicycle factories. Included are beautiful maps and views of Galway dating as far back as the 1580s. Some of these maps have never been reproduced until now.

Maynooth Workshop *(continued)*

Dr Kerr's research focuses on emerging market logics in digital media industries with particular focus on the shifting business models for "free to play" online games brought about by the advent of big data. Traditionally, "free to play" online games made their money through an advertising model; however, the latest generation of online games have supplemented this with a new business that utilise data gleaned from player's surrounding environment as well as in-game performance.

Discussing her research, Dr Kerr observes: "As these businesses come under increasing scrutiny at EU level, because of data protection and child marketing concern, they will provide an important window into

the kind of regulations that we can expect for others looking to exploit business models based around IoT."

The *Data Politics, Data Markets & the Internet of Things* workshop brought together a range of international and local experts from engineering, computer science and mathematics with researchers from the social sciences, including sociology, geography, business and law to discuss the potential social, political, business and technical implications of the Internet of Things and big data. It was co-organised by CONNECT, Social Sciences Institute, and the Programmable City project.

Astrophysicist Recognised for her Contribution to Space Exploration

One of Ireland's leading scientists, astrophysicist Dr Susan McKenna-Lawlor, emeritus Professor at Maynooth University and founder and director of Space Technology Ireland, received this year's EY Special Award for her contribution to space exploration

The award was made at last night's EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ ceremony. Each year EY presents a Special Award to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the island of Ireland through their entrepreneurial vision, innovation and commitment to excellence. This year, the prestigious honour was awarded to Dr Susan McKenna-Lawlor.

Presenting Dr McKenna-Lawlor with the Special Award last night, Kevin McLoughlin, Partner Leader, EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ Ireland said: "Dr McKenna-Lawlor is one of Ireland's leading scientists, whose contribution to space exploration has inspired generations. She has authored more than 250 publications and several books, and overseen projects that have built instrumentation launched by the European Space Agency, NASA, and the Chinese, Indian and Russian Space Agencies – all thanks to her boundless ambition and insatiable thirst for knowledge."



Special Award winner Dr Susan McKenna-Lawlor with An Taoiseach Enda Kenny, and Managing Partner of EY Ireland, Mike McKerr

Disruptive innovation such as this is the driver of modern day entrepreneurship, therefore it is appropriate that as we look forward to the 20th year of the EY Entrepreneur of the Year™ programme, we recognise an individual such as Dr McKenna-Lawlor who is an excellent example of just what can be achieved through a willingness to continually evolve and innovate."

Speaking of the announcement Maynooth University President, Professor Philip Nolan: "The University is delighted with this well-deserved recognition of Dr McKenna-Lawlor's extensive contribution to the field of space exploration. All of her colleagues extend their congratulations on this wonderful achievement."

Annual Maynooth University Accountancy Showcase



Pictured are the prize-winners (l-r): Clare Droney, Ailbhe Travers, Seán Brady, Cara Neary, David Moylan, Rebecca Freeman, Calum Coffey, YuYing Li, Michelle Dunne, Sarah Comiskey

The annual Maynooth University Accountancy Showcase took place on Tuesday, 4 October. All the leading professional firms including PWC, EY, KPMG, Deloitte, Hedgeserv, Kerry, Pfizer and IFS were present on the night

The accounting academic prizes were presented by representatives of the awarding firms in a ceremony at the event. In first year, the KPMG 1st year Accounting & Finance prize was presented to Cara Neary. In addition there were three new prizes awarded for the first time this year; both the Leinster Society, Chartered Accountants Ireland, 1st year Law & Accounting prize and the BDO 1st year Business & Accounting prize were presented to Sarah Comiskey, and the RBK 1st year Accounting through ARTS prize was presented to Ailbhe Travers.

In 2nd year there were four prizes awarded: The CIMA prize for top management accounting student was presented to YuYing Li; Calum Coffey was awarded both the EY prize for top accounting student on the BA A&F and the inaugural Grant Thornton Prize for taxation; while the Mazars prize for financial accounting was presented to David Moylan. There were two prizes in 3rd year; Seán Brady won both the PWC prize for the top accounting student on the BA A&F and the Leinster Society, Chartered Accountant's prize for Ethics.

In addition a number of prizes were presented at postgraduate level; Michelle Dunne was presented with the KPMG prize for 1st place on the MA in Accounting; Bokan Yang won the IFS prize for best thesis on the MA in Accounting; while Clare Droney was presented with the Deloitte prize for the top student on the Higher Diploma in Professional Accounting.

Maynooth University School of Education Opens



The Maynooth University School of Education opened its doors in October 2016. Home to the Departments of Adult and Community Education; Education; Froebel Department of Early & Childhood Education; and the Centre for Teaching and Learning; the €13million building covers 4,400 square feet and features a breakout student area on the ground floor, and a drama room on the second floor.

President Receives Hopkins Society Award



Pictured are Des Egan, Gerard Manley Hopkins Society, with President Philip Nolan who was awarded the 2016 Hopkins Achievement Award. Prof Nolan was honoured for the growth the University has experienced during his tenure thus far. The Hopkins International Literary Festival takes place each summer and includes a day of lectures, readings, tours and banquet at Maynooth University.

Mary O'Rourke Book Reading and Signing at the Library

In collaboration with the Library and held during the Kildare Readers Festival, (1-16 October) the Alumni Office hosted a book reading by Mary O'Rourke of 'Letters of My Life'

Alumnus and former Minister, Mary regaled alumni with her often humorous anecdotes from her student days to her exploits in the Irish political arena. In the book, she looked back over her life in the form of 20 letters to people who have made an impression on her. After the reading Mary signed copies of her book and welcomed questions from alumni and guests.

Pictured (l-r); Karen Kelly, Alumni Officer; Helen Fallon, Deputy University Librarian; Mary O'Rourke and Cathal McCauley, Librarian



Schoolchildren Learn about the Maynooth University Ken Saro-Wiwa Archive



Sister Majella McCarron with the children and their parents

On 21 July, 25 schoolchildren and their parents visited the Library to listen to Sister Majella McCarron telling the story of Ken Saro-Wiwa

Following the storytelling the group was divided into an older and younger group to visit the archive and afterwards did activities based on what they learned. Commenting on the event Sister Majella said: "I wanted the archive to be available to activists and researchers, which the Library has been doing extremely well. Making it available in an accessible way to schoolchildren is another great way of ensuring the Ogoni story is told, and it was all great fun!"

Library Hosts International Seminar

Academic Librarians communicating in the 21st Century was the theme of a seminar hosted by the Library which attracted 74 librarians from Ireland, the UK, the US, Sweden and the Middle East



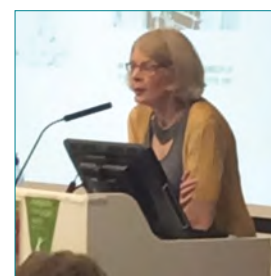
Dr Victor Lazzarini

On Thursday, 20 October the seminar coincided with the launch of a themed issue of the Taylor & Francis journal "New Review of Academic Librarianship." Dr Victor Lazzarini, Dean of Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy welcomed speakers and delegates and congratulated the Library on its high level of engagement with the international library profession. The themed issue will be published in book form by Routledge in 2017.

National Heritage Week at Maynooth University Library

Maynooth University Library celebrated National Heritage Week 2016 (20-28 August) with a lunchtime lecture series

Presentations included 'The Wild Wonderful Women of 1916' by Fiona Ahern,; 'Kildare and 1916' by James Durney; 'Conflicted Loyalties: Kildare County Council from 1916 to the Civil War' by Tom Nelson; 'Maynooth College and 1916' by Barbara McCormack, and 'Remembering the Battle of the Somme' by Dr David Murphy. More than 115 people attended the talks with tours of the historic Russell Library attracting 55 visitors throughout the week.



Speaker Fiona Ahern giving her talk on 'The Wild Wonderful Women of 1916' during National Heritage Week at Maynooth University Library

Library Staff Visit Quinnipiac University



Pictured (l-r); Cathal McCauley, Librarian; President of Quinnipiac University John L. Lahey and Robert Joven, Librarian at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut. Following the visit of senior librarians from Quinnipiac University to Maynooth in June, a return visit by Cathal McCauley, Helen Fallon, Lorna Dodd and Hugh Murphy took place in October. The highlight of the trip was the launch of an exhibition of items from the Maynooth University Ken Saro-Wiwa Archive, which will remain in situ for a semester. During the visit Helen Fallon facilitated an academic writing workshop for 13 librarians from Quinnipiac.

CONNECT eHealth: *From Electronic to Empowered*

On Tuesday, 22 November, more than 130 healthcare stakeholders attended CONNECT eHealth, a Maynooth University event organised by the Commercialisation Office, supported by Dr Jamie Saris from the Department of Anthropology

eHealth is a rapidly developing area which attempts to deliver more efficient healthcare through technology. However, with proliferation of relevant technologies comes the realisation technology may not be the sole solution.

The event included presentations from ePatient advocates, who shared their personal journeys through the healthcare ecosystem in Ireland and abroad; Dr Graham Love discussed how the HRB is working toward integrating public and patient involvement and Trevor Vaughn, Dept of Design Innovation and co-founder of Vitamatics, presented the point of view of an eHealth start-up company. John Scanlan, Commercialisation Director moderated the presentations and panel the discussion around what happens on the ground today in the healthcare



Panelists (l-r); Marie Ennis-O'Connor, ePatient advocate; Olive O'Connor, MediStori; Vanessa Carter, hscmSA; Dr Graham Love, HRB; Dr Rónán Collins; Dr Joe Murphy; Paul Lavery, McCann Fitzgerald and Greg Price, HSE

system and what needs to happen in the future to improve the experience for everyone.

Dr Jamie Saris wrapped up the presentations suggesting that starting with the patient might lead to a better healthcare system. The key theme of CONNECT eHealth was that the patient experience can be improved through better interaction with healthcare professionals and the healthcare system.

Music and Visual Cultures International Conference

Dr Antonio Cascelli, the Department of Music organised the *Music and Visual Cultures International Conference* in July



Dr Francesca Placanica with Prof Chris Morris and Dr Antonio Cascelli from the Department of Music

The first of the operatic productions envisaged by the IRC funded project *En-Gendering Monodrama: Artistic Research and Experimental Productions*, led by Artistic Research Fellow Dr Francesca Placanica, premiered in Renehan Hall on 21 July.

La Voix humaine, featured the contributions of Maynooth University Music official accompanist Aileen Cahill and PhD student Shane Byrne, who provided support and contributed to the musical performance and multimedia stage design. The production also included the intra-institutional artistic collaborations of the Drama, Theatre and Performance Programmes at Bath Spa University and University of Huddersfield.

2016 Ian Dangerfield Lecture

On 7 October, the annual Ian Dangerfield Lecture was delivered by Prof Josephine Sullivan of KTH,

Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm

The topic was *Deep Learning and its exciting impact on computer vision*.

The public lecture, hosted by the Hamilton Institute, explores mathematics as it is applied in different areas. It is named in memory of a research student at the institute who passed away unexpectedly in 2010. The lecture is supported by Ian's family, and previous speakers have talked about computer security, immunology and human perception. This year's talk was attended by more than 50 people, including Ian's family and friends.



Inflammatory Disease Mechanisms and Clinical Perspectives Conference

Professor Philip Nolan, President of Maynooth University, welcomed Irish and International researchers from Industry and academia to the Irish Area Section of the Biochemical Society (IASBS) Conference on Inflammatory Diseases



Megan Smart, Biomedical Society; Dr Sinead Miggin, Chair of the IASBS organising committee; and Professor Philip Nolan, President of Maynooth University

The IASBS Conference on Inflammatory Diseases, sponsored by the Biochemical Society, brought academia and industry from the United States, Denmark, United Kingdom and Ireland, together to discuss inflammatory disorders, their mechanisms and how this information can inform clinical practice.

Dr Sinead Miggin, chair of the organising committee said: "The scientific sessions are specifically structured to explore how inflammation is regulated in the context of various non communicable diseases. The interplay between inflammation and diet, exercise and the microbiome will also be explored, as well as the mechanisms that drive inflammation through innate immune receptors."

The Conference was jointly organised by Dublin City University (DCU), Maynooth University and Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) under the auspices of 3U Partnership.

Ócáid ómóis do Bhreandán Ó Doibhlin mar chuid den fhéile litríochta Gaeilge IMRAM

D'eagraigh IMRAM (féile litríochta Gaeilge) ócáid ómóis do Bhreandán Ó Doibhlin ar an Domhnach 16 Deireadh Fómhair i dteach ósta Mhig Reachtain i mBaile Átha Cliath

Ceiliúradh ab ea í ar na blianta fada atá caite ag an Doibhlineach ag saothrú na Gaeilge. Bhí scata cainteoirí, ceoltóirí agus filí ar an ardán ar an oíche, An Dr Tadhg Ó Dúshláine agus An Dr Tracey Ní Mhaonaigh, ó Ollscoil Mhá Nuad, ina measc. Is duine, scoláire agus scríbhneoir ar leith é an Msgr Breandán Ó Doibhlin atá ag treabhadh leis i ngort na Gaeilge agus na litríochta le breis agus trí scór bliain anuas.



An Dr Pádraigín Ní Uallacháin agus an Msgr Breandán Ó Doibhlin

Ceardlanna Amhránaíochta ar an Sean-Nós curtha ar fáil ag Sailí Ní Dhroighneáin

Chuir Sailí Ní Dhroighneáin, Teagascóir Sinsearach Gaeilge in Ollscoil Mhá Nuad, tús le ceardlanna amhránaíochta ar an sean-nós i mí na Samhna

Bhí an deis ag mic léinn agus ag baill foirne freastal ar na ceardlanna lóin. Rinneadh plé ar chúlra an tsean-nóis agus díriodh ar amhráin faoi leith. Is cainteoir dúchais Gaeilge agus amhránaí sean-nóis as ceantar an Spidéil i gCo. na Gaillimhe í Sailí. D'éirigh léi an chéad áit san amhránaíocht sean-nóis a bhaint amach i bhFleadh Cheoil na Gaillimhe, Chonnacht agus na hÉireann sa bhliain 2014.



Sailí Ní Dhroighneáin

Seisiún Oiliúna do na Mic Léinn ar an Scéim Chónaithe



Becky Hayes, Liam Óg Ó hOistín agus Michelle Leacy ag seisiún oiliúna

Cuireann siad an Ghaeilge chun chinn ar an gcampas. Bíonn an deis acu ócáidí a eagrú agus casadh le mic léinn ó Scéimeanna in ollscoileanna eile. Tá árasáin na Scéime lonnaithe i nGaoth Dobhair ar an gcampas thuaidh.

Chuir Oifig na Gaeilge seisiún oiliúna ar fáil do na mic léinn ar an Scéim Chónaithe ag tús na bliana acadúla

Thacaigh Conradh na Gaeilge, Cuallacht Cholmcille agus Aontas na Mac Léinn leis.

Is ambasadóirí teanga iad na mic léinn atá ar an Scéim.

Fágann Scoil an Léinn Cheiltigh slán ag an Dr Tadhg Ó Dúshláine agus ag an Ollamh Ruairí Ó hUiginn

D'fhág Scoil an Léinn Cheiltigh slán ag an Dr Tadhg Ó Dúshláine agus ag an Ollamh Ruairí Ó hUiginn le cúpla mí anuas



An Dr Tadhg Ó Dúshláine

D'eagraigh comhghleacaithe leis an mbeirt dhá ócáid speisialta le buíochas a ghabháil leo as gach a bhfuil déanta acu in imeacht na mblianta ar son na hOllscoile.

Ceapadh an Dr Tadhg Ó Dúshláine ina léachtóir buan i Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge sa bhliain 1976. D'éirigh sé as an ról sin i mí an Mheithimh seo caite, ceathracha bliain níos déanaí. Ar an 23 Meitheamh, d'fhreastail clann, cairde agus comhghleacaithe leis an Dr Ó Dúshláine ar Aifreann ceiliúrtha dó in Aireagal Naomh Seosamh. Tar éis an Aifrinne, bhailigh slua le chéile sa Seomra Foirne i bhFoigrneamh na nEalaíon. Ghlac Uachtarán na hOllscoile, an tOllamh Pilib Ó Nualláin, a bhuíochas féin agus buíochas mhuintir uile na hOllscoile leis an Dr Ó Dúshláine ag an ócáid.

Ceapadh an tOllamh Ruairí Ó hUiginn mar Ollamh le Nua-Ghaeilge in Ollscoil Mhá Nuad sa bhliain 1993 agus tá sé ag obair san Ollscoil ó shin. Ceapadh an tOllamh Ó hUiginn ina Ollamh Sinsearach i Scoil an Léinn Cheiltigh, Institiúid Ardleinn Bhaile Átha Cliath le déanaí. Ar an 12 Deireadh Fómhair, reáchtáladh ócáid speisialta in Ollscoil Mhá Nuad le slán a fhágáil leis. Mar chuid den cheiliúradh, thug an Dr Mícheál Briody (Ollscoil Helsinki) léacht phoiblí dar teideal 'An tAthair Mícheál Ó hIcdeadha: an duine, a shaothar agus a oidhreacht'. Tar éis na léachta, cuireadh fáiltiú ar bun i bhFoigrneamh na nEalaíon. Cuireadh siamsaíocht den scoth ar fáil ar an oíche – ceol traidisiúnta, amhránaíocht agus damhsa ar an sean-nós – agus glacadh buíochas ó chroí leis an Ollamh Ó hUiginn.

Guíonn an Ollscoil gach rath ar an Dr Ó Dúshláine agus ar an Ollamh Ó hUiginn agus iad ag tabhairt faoi na róid nua seo rompu.



An tOllamh Ruairí Ó hUiginn

‘Solas ar na Dumhchannaí: Aistí i gcuimhne ar Mhuiris Ó Meara’ seolta go hoifigiúil

Seoladh an leabhar ‘Solas ar na Dumhchannaí: Aistí i gcuimhne ar Mhuiris Ó Meara’ le déanaí ag Oireachtas na Samhna, príomhfhéile bhliantúil na nGael

Curtha in eagar ag Siún Ní Dhuinn (Léachtóir le Nua-Ghaeilge i Roinn Froebel, Ollscoil Mhá Nuad) agus ag Ailbhe Ní Ghearbhuigh agus foilsithe ag LeabhairComhar, is féilscríbhinn é an leabhar seo in ómós do Mhuiris Ó Meara. Ba scoláire, smaointeoir agus file den chéad scoth é Muiris. Déanann an leabhar seo ceiliúradh ar oidhreacht Mhuiris, le haistí acadúla ilghnéitheacha agus machnamhacha.



Eagarthóirí an leabhair, Siún Ní Dhuinn (Ollscoil Mhá Nuad) agus Ailbhe Ní Ghearbhuigh. Grianghrafadóir: Dominick Walsh

Portráidí na Scríbhneoirí Gaeilge: Na Comhaid Fuaime seolta ag Uachtarán Ollscoil Mhá Nuad

Ar an 17 Samhain, chuir an tOllamh Pilib Ó Nualláin, Uachtarán Ollscoil Mhá Nuad, Céim 1b den togra *Portráidí na Scríbhneoirí Gaeilge: Na Comhaid Fuaime* os comhair an phobail ag ócáid speisialta sa Leabharlann

Déanann Portráidí na Scríbhneoirí Gaeilge an scríbhneoir Gaeilge a chomórath. Foilsítear portráidí lán-daite de níos mó ná 105 de na scríbhneoirí is aitheanta i saol na Gaeilge. Aithnítear oidhreacht liteartha Ollscoil Mhá Nuad sa chnuasach seo ó na scríbhneoirí a bhfuil portráid dóibh ar fáil (Pádraig Ó Fiannachta, Breandán Ó Doibhlin, Aisling Ní Dhonnchadha, Máire Ní Annracháin, Fionnbarra Ó Brolcháin agus eile), chuig an eagarthóir an Dr Liam Mac Amhlaigh, duine de léachtóirí na hollscoile, agus beirt de ghrianghrafadóirí de chéim 2 den togra: Ronan Doherty agus an Dr Lára Ní Mhaoláin.

Baineann Céim 1b den togra leis na comhaid fuaime: taifeadtaí de na scríbhneoirí i mbun léitheoireachta ar a gcuid sleachta roghnaithe atá á gcur leis an láithreán gréasáin chun gné na cartlainne a fhorbairt. Seoladh an leabhar *Portráidí na Scríbhneoirí Gaeilge* agus láithreán gréasáin spleodrach (www.portraidi.ie) i mBaile Átha Cliath ar an 22 Meitheamh. Ar an 6 Meán Fómhair, ar chuireadh ó Áras an Uachtaráin, bronnadh eagrán comórtha de Portráidí na Scríbhneoirí Gaeilge ar Uachtarán na hÉireann, a Shoilse Micheál D. Ó hUiginn.

An Dr Lára Ní Mhaoláin, Ronan Doherty agus an Dr Liam Mac Amhlaigh in éineacht le hUachtarán na hollscoile, an tOllamh Pilib Ó Nualláin



An Msgr Pádraig Ó Fiannachta imithe ar shlí na fírinne

Ar an 15 Iúil, d'imigh an Msgr Pádraig Ó Fiannachta ar shlí na fírinne

Thug sé aghaidh ar Choláiste Phádraig, Má Nuad, den chéad uair agus é ina dhéagóir, chun tabhairt faoin tsagartóireacht. I ndiaidh dó roinnt blianta a chaitheamh ina shagart sa Bhreatain Bheag, d'fhill sé ar a *alma mater* in 1958 mar léachtóir. Rinneadh Ollamh le Sean- agus Nua-Ghaeilge de, ansin, sa bhliain 1962 agus chaith sé tríocha bliain slán sa ról sin gur bhain sé aois 65 amach. Ní hé gur tháinig deireadh lena bhaint le Má Nuad ar imeacht dó ach bhí sé ina chara d'áil gur cailleadh é. An Msgr Ó Fiannachta a choinnigh *Irisleabhar Mhá Nuad* beo agus a chinntigh, bliain i ndiaidh bliana, gur cuireadh *Léachtaí Cholm Cille* amach agus é ina stiúrthóir ar an gcomhlacht foilsitheoireachta *An Sagart*. Go raibh leaba i measc na naomh agus na n-aingeal aige.



An Msgr Pádraig Ó Fiannachta

8th Triennial European Research Conference

Imagining diverse futures for adult education: questions of power and resources of creativity was the theme of an ESREA international conference on adult education and learning held on campus

The Department of Adult and Community Education at Maynooth University hosted academics from across the world at the 8th Triennial conference of the European Society for Research on the Education of Adults in early September. Researchers and scholars discussed learning, power and creativity at workshops, symposia, roundtable sessions as well as enjoying theatre, music and historical walking tours on campus.

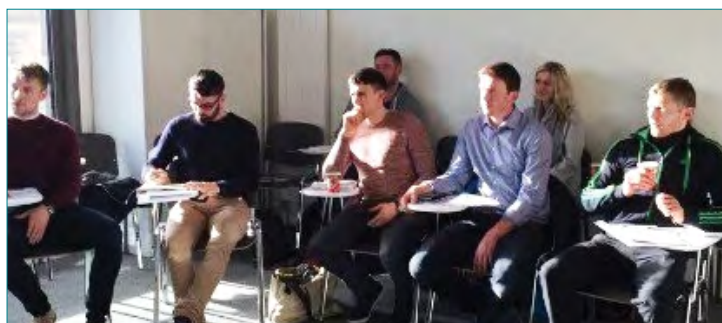
Professor Philip Nolan, President; and Dr Tony Walsh, Head of the Department of Adult and Community Education; at the launch of the ESREA triennial conference



Gaelic Players Association & Maynooth University Partnership Begins

The first class of 15 elite Gaelic players from the GPA (Gaelic Players Association) Madden Leadership and Maynooth University Leadership Pathway, was held on 18 November in the new School of Education building

The Partnership, formally launched last January, is a first for the University in offering a Certificate in Professional Leadership for players who have been developing their leadership skills in business, community and sporting settings. Programme leader, Paula Kinnarney, said she was: "delighted that the classes had now commenced and the group had begun their formal studies with the Education Department."



Pictured: Luke Kelly (Offaly), Kevin Conlan (Leitrim), Jason Doherty (Mayo), Michael Fennelly (Kilkenny), Diarmaid McMahon (Clare), Stacey Cannon (Kildare) and Lorcan McLoughlin (Cork)

Prizes and Scholarships Awards Ceremony

A total of 228 departmental prizes and 52 postgraduate scholarships were awarded at this year's Prizes and Scholarships Awards ceremony, which took place Wednesday, 9 November

New Departmental Prizes this year 2016 included: The *Mark Savickas Prize* for the Highest Mark in the MEd in Adult Guidance and Counselling Thesis; the Best Student on the MSc in IT Enabled Innovation; the Best Business Student in Law and Business; the BSc (Mathematics Education) Kilcawley Construction prize for the highest grade in Education; the Education Department Prize for the Highest Grade in the BSc (Mathematics Education) Degree; the ASTI Prize for the Professional Master of Education student with the best overall result; and the Walls & Toomey Prize for Family Law.



Pictured (l-r); Pat Goff, Deputy CEO of the Irish Primary Principals Network (IPPN); Jennifer Buggie, winner of the IPPN prize for the Primary Teacher with the highest results on the PGD Educational Leadership (Tórafocht) course; and Dr Gerry Jeffers, Tutor

International Maths Conference at Maynooth University

The 23rd International Adults Learning Mathematics (ALM) conference was hosted by Maynooth University from the 3-6 July

The local organisers were Dr Ann O'Shea and Dr Ciarán Mac an Bhaird, Department of Mathematics and Statistics. There were five keynotes from national and international experts, 19 further short talks, 12 workshops and several posters. The key themes were; *Numeracy: A Critical Skill in Adult Education*, *The Language of Mathematics*, and *Language and Mathematics and Adults Learning Mathematics: Research, Practice and Policy*.

More than 90 delegates from 12 different countries attended. Along with the conference, they also enjoyed tours of the campus, the chapel, the Castle, the National Science Museum and a collection of old Mathematical and Scientific texts which were displayed at the Russell Library.

The conference was supported by the 3U Partnership, the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Maynooth University, Fáilte Ireland, Maynooth University, the National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA), the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education and the Irish Mathematics Society.

There will be two conference proceedings, one non-peer reviewed and the second a special edition of the peer-reviewed ALM International Journal.



Dr Ciarán Mac an Bhaird and Dr Ann O'Shea, Department of Mathematics and Statistics; David Kaye, Chairperson of the ALM; Professor Jim Walsh, Vice-President for Strategy and Quality; and Dr Ruth Davis, Director 3U Partnership

French Government Award for Maynooth Academic

Dr Éamon Ó Ciosáin, Lecturer in the Department of French was awarded the honour of Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques at a ceremony held at the Residence of the French Ambassador on Wednesday, 23 November



Pictured is M. Jean-Pierre Thébault, French Ambassador to Ireland, reading the citation for Dr Ó Ciosáin at the award ceremony

Awards of the Ordre des Palmes Académiques, created by Emperor Napoléon Bonaparte, recognise achievements in the educational and cultural sphere and the promotion of French language and culture. Among the aspects of Dr Ó Ciosáin's work his contribution to French-Irish relations in the field of history and literature was mentioned.

Distinguished Physicist Lecture



Sir Michael Berry, FRS (centre) pictured with Dr Jonivar Skullerud, Head of the Dept of Mathematical Physics and Emeritus Prof Daniel Heffernan at a seminar entitled *Curl Forces and Beyond* on 13 October. Sir Berry is well known for his numerous important contributions to science and has received many top honours and scientific awards. He is well known for many fundamental discoveries including the Berry phase.

Entrance Scholarships and Awards Ceremony

This year's Entrance Scholarships and Awards ceremony which saw 84 of our brightest first years recognised, was held on Tuesday, 8 November

Entrance Scholarships and Awards are presented to first year students who achieve 525 points or more in their Leaving Certificate in recognition of their academic accomplishment to date.

Prof Aidan Mulkeen, Vice-President, Academic and Registrar congratulated the entrance scholars on their impressive achievements, and encouraged them to use their talents well in making a positive contribution to society.

More than 22 students studying the Bachelor of Education Degree were recognised on the night for their Leaving Certificate achievements. Among the other popular courses represented this year were the Arts Degree, BSc in Computational Thinking and Science (with Education) Degree.



Pictured at the ceremony are Christopher McLaughlin, Computational Thinking; Maire Doherty, Arts; Jack Doherty, Arts and Shauna McKinley, Primary Education - Froebel

Mediation Research Group Launch Report

The Kennedy Institute Workplace Mediation Research Group was established under the auspices of the Kennedy Institute in 2014, with the aim of developing the theory and practice of workplace mediation through a solid foundation of applied research

Comprising researchers and practitioners drawn from a variety of workplace contexts, the group provides a forum to explore important questions that will inform and support the continued development of workplace mediation in Ireland.



In 2015, The Mediators Institute of Ireland sponsored the Group to conduct a literature review on mediator skills, behaviours, and competencies and possible implications in relation to training, standards and practice in workplace mediation.

On Monday 10 October, as part of National Mediation Awareness Week, the Group launched the research report 'Exploring the Competencies, Skills and Behaviours of Effective Workplace Mediators'.

The launch included contributions from Peter Cassells, Director of the Edward M Kennedy Institute; Sabine Walsh, President of The Mediators Institute of Ireland; Prof Bill Roche, Professor of Industrial Relations and Human Resources at the School of Business, UCD and Kieran Mulvey, former head of the Workplace Relations Committee.

The launch of the report on campus

Maynooth University Strengthens Links with China

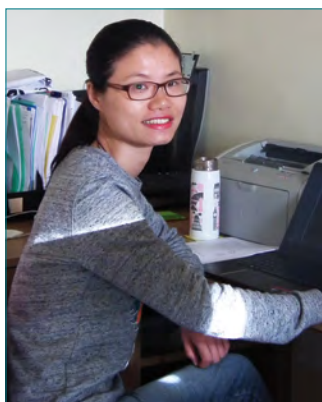
The International Office launched new key partnerships with Chinese institutions, enabling Maynooth University students to study in China and hosting visiting academics from China

Maynooth University has long-standing collaborative relationships with Chinese universities and the number of Chinese students on campus continues to grow. In the current academic year, Maynooth University launched new partnerships with Fuzhou University, Shanghai Normal University and Guizhou University.

Each year the International Office and Chinese Studies Department work together to send Maynooth University students on a study-abroad stay in China. This year there are ten Maynooth University students studying in China – at Shanghai University, East China Normal University (Shanghai), Beihang University (Beijing), Beijing Normal University and Haoqiao University (Fujian Province). A recent development has been the placement of second year Professional Masters in Education (PME) students in China as part of their teaching practice; the International Office collaborated with Maynooth University's Department of Education to place students at an International School in Zhuji, a short train journey from Shanghai. Two students have returned to the school after their graduation to teach full time. It is anticipated that ten PME students will travel to China to undertake teacher training placements in the academic year 2016/2017.

In cooperation with Sichuan University, nine Maynooth University students attended an English-speaking Summer School to learn about Chinese culture, language and history. The students took part in field trips around Chengdu and the greater Sichuan Province. This year the International Office hopes to offer Maynooth University students an opportunity to participate in a similar Summer School at our partner Changzhou University in Jiangsu Province. The Department of Computer Science hosted its 10th annual Chinese Student Summer School at which students had an opportunity to visit AOL Ireland and toured cultural sites in Ireland.

In addition to receiving approximately twenty students into final year Electronic Engineering and Pharmaceutical Chemistry each year, the International Office hosted a visiting member of staff from Changzhou University (CCZU). Ms Monica Pan, Assistant Dean of the CCZU International Office is working with the International Office for the past few months.



Monica Pan from Changzhou University

Citizenship Education Conference

On 12 November, the third conference of the Social Personal and Health Education (SPHE) Network took place in the new School of Education

Opened by President Philip Nolan, the conference entitled *Citizenship Education - 100 years on* brought together academics, teachers, student teachers, postgraduate students, health professionals, policy-makers, NGOs and the wider education community, to engage in dialogue about SPHE in Irish primary and post-primary schools. The conference included keynote and paper presentations, workshops and poster displays that addressed all strands of the SPHE Curriculum, including: *Myself, Myself and Others; Myself and the Wider World* (primary); and modules in the SPHE Curriculum (post-primary).

The keynote dialogue was entitled *Identity, Well-being and SPHE* and was delivered by Dr Maeve O'Brien and Dr Andrew O'Shea of DCU.

B Ed Students Aoife Corry, Aoife Mc Dermott, Jennifer Shannon and Kathleen O'Reilly who organised all the logistics on the day along with participating in sessions, pictured with the President, Prof Philip Nolan



Psychology Student Wins International Award



Niamh Doody, final year Psychology student who won an Undergraduate Award for her paper on Intelligence, with Rachel Naughton and Jim Barry of the Undergraduate Awards. Niamh was the regional winner for the Island of Ireland. Her paper was noted as being the best submission from all the Irish universities in the field of psychology and in the top 10% of global submissions to the psychology category.

Human Resource Notes

NEW APPOINTMENTS

We are pleased to announce that the following staff have joined the University or have been appointed to a new post internally:

School/Departments	Appointees	School/Departments	Appointees
Ancient Classics	Ms Kerry Phelan, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)	Mathematical Physics	Dr Paul Watts, Lecturer (Contract Post)
Bursar	Mr Gary Grant, Procurement and Contracts Officer		Mr Tamer Boz, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)
	Mr Paul Clear, Administrative Officer II	Mathematics & Statistics	Dr Saiful Islam, Lecturer (Contract Post)
Centre for Teaching and Learning	Ms Caitriona McGrattan, Programme Advisor (Contract Post)		Dr James O'Shea, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)
	Dr Adeline Cooney, Critical Skills Tutor (Contract Post)		Mr Jack McDonnell, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)
	Dr Eamon Darcy, Critical Skills Tutor (Contract Post)		Mr Peter Mulligan, University Tutor (Contract Post)
	Dr Donncha Ó Cathasaigh, Critical Skills Tutor (Contract Post)	Media Studies	Dr Marcos Dias, Lecturer
	Dr Susan Giblin, Critical Skills Tutor (Contract Post)		Dr Anne O'Brien, Lecturer
	Dr Maire Ní Mhordha, Critical Skills Tutor (Contract Post)	MUSSI	Ms Emily Putnam, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)
Chemistry	Mr Christopher Henchy, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)		Professor Linda Connolly, Director of Social Sciences Institute (MUSSI)
	Mrs Karen Herdman, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)	Music	Dr Danielle Sofer, Lecturer (Contract Post)
Design Innovation	Mr Trevor Vaughn, Assistant Lecturer		Dr Robert Casey, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)
	Mr Mark Power, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)		Mr Chris Hyland, Chief Information and Innovation Officer
	Mr Anthony Cleary, Technical Officer (Contract Post)	Office of Chief Information and Innovation Officer	
Economics, Finance & Accounting	Ms Mary Shilling, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)	Office of the Vice President Quality & Strategy	Ms Emer Nestor, Curriculum Researcher (Contract Post)
Education	Professor Aislinn O'Donnell, Professor	Office of the Dean of Teaching & Learning	Dr Aisling Flynn, Experiential Learning Officer (Contract Post)
	Dr Victoria Showunmi, Senior Lecturer		Ms Gemma Middleton, Executive Assistant
	Dr Nikolaos Fotou, Lecturer	Psychology	Ms Bernie Mc Grenaghan, Executive Assistant (Contract Post)
	Ms Anne Lavelle, Executive Assistant (Contract Post)	Research Development Office	Ms Shona Leith, Research Support Officer (Contract Post)
Edward Kennedy Institute	Ms Margaret Noone, Senior Executive Assistant		Ms Louise Bolger, Administrative Officer II (Contract Post)
English	Dr Dara Downey, Lecturer (Contract Post)	School of Business	Dr Christian Martin, Lecturer (Contract Post)
	Dr Guy Woodward, Lecturer (Contract Post)		Mr Roger Sweetman, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)
	Dr Ailise Bulfin, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)		Ms Paula Uhel, Administrative Officer I
Examinations & Timetabling Office	Ms Justine Brunton, Administrative Officer II		Ms Suzanne Scott, Senior Executive Assistant
Frobel Department of Primary and Early Childhood Education	Ms Phyllis Clegg, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)	School of Celtic Studies	Ms Laura Hussey Donlon, Executive Assistant (Contract Post)
	Ms Siún Ní Dhuinn, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)		Dr Liam Mac Amhlaigh, Lecturer (Contract Post)
	Ms Aoife Titley, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)	School of Modern Languages, Literatures & Cultures	Dr Clive Earls, Lecturer
Geography	Dr John Coll, Lecturer (Contract Post)		Dr Antonio San Martin, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)
	Dr Philip Lawton, Lecturer (Contract Post)		Mrs Rezvan Moghaddam, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)
	Dr Alaa Hamdon, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)		Dr Nóra De Buitelér, University Tutor (Contract Post)
	Ms Martina Roche, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)		Ms Maria Ines Castro E Silva, University Tutor (Contract Post)
Human Resources	Ms Amanda Manley, Employee Relations Manager		Ms Ning Jiang, University Tutor (Contract Post)
International Office	Ms Alena Jurikova, Administrative Officer II (Contract Post)		Ms Océane Smith-Médion, Lecteur (Contract Post)
	Ms Jana Hetenyiova, Senior Executive Assistant (Contract Post)	Student Services	Mr Christopher Gueret, Chaplain (Contract Post)
IT Services	Mr Gary Rutledge, Networks Co-ordinator		Ms Jennifer Duffy, GAA Development Officer
	Mr Stephen Greene, Networks Co-ordinator (Contract Post)		Ms Emma McDermott, Senior Executive Assistant (Contract Post)
	Mr Colm Walsh, Analyst Programmer (Contract Post)		
Kilkenny Campus	Ms Fidelma Byrne, Academic Co-ordinator (Contract Post)		
	Ms Ciara Mullins, Executive Assistant (Contract Post)		
Library	Ms Yvette Campbell, Assistant Librarian Grade II		

Our best wishes to all concerned.

LAUNCH OF EMPLOYEE SELF-SERVICE (ESS) FACILITY

As part of the HR Systems Upgrade (CoreHR) the first phase of an online Employee Self-Service (ESS) facility was launched on 7th November 2016. In this first phase staff have access to update the personal information that forms part of their HR Record. This information is confidential to the staff member and HR, and is held on a secure database. In ESS staff can view, add and amend the following personal details:

- Next of Kin details
- Dependents
- Contact and address details
- Qualification details

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

The Employee Assistance Programme is a support programme provided by the University for staff members. The Programme provides a confidential counselling service, designed to assist staff members in dealing with any issue that adversely affects their health, wellbeing, personal or professional life.

If you have a problem that is troubling you, then you can get help and support.

You can avail of the service by calling the following free phone number:

1800 201 346

Details of the enhanced on-line Employee Assistance Programme can be accessed through the Staff Well-being link on the Human Resources webpage:

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/human-resources/staff-development/employee-assistance-programme>

The Economics of Reconciliation

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for Conflict Intervention's seminar on 21 October explored *The Economics of Reconciliation*

Held in the Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre, the seminar brought together practitioners, academics, economists and entrepreneurs from both North and South in dialogue about the role of the social economy in facilitating reconciliation on the island of Ireland. The panel of speakers included Peter Bunting, Assistant General Secretary, Irish Congress of Trade Unions; Caroline Creamer, Department of Geography and the International Centre for Local and Regional Development (ICLRD); Paul O'Sullivan, CEO, Clann Credo Community Finance; Tim O'Connor, Alumnus and Inaugural Southern Joint Secretary of the



Caroline Creamer, ICLRD; Paul O'Sullivan, Clann Credo; Micah, Community Engagement Network; Peter Bunting, ICTU; Tim O'Connor, Chairman, ICLRD

North South Ministerial Council. The themes explored at the seminar included: economic interdependence; seizing the potential for reconciliation; the role of education and training; investments in social enterprise for the creation of shared spaces and the role of community leaders in Belfast in holding the peace and maintaining safe communities.

New Adjunct Professor of Department of Law

Michael O'Flaherty, Director of the Fundamental Rights Agency of the European Union, has been appointed as an Adjunct Professor at the Department of Law



Prof Philip Nolan, President; Adjunct Professor Michael O'Flaherty; Mary Laffoy, Justice of the Supreme Court; Prof Michael Doherty, Head of the Dept of Law and Dr Noelle Higgins, Dept of Law

To mark his appointment, Prof O'Flaherty delivered a lecture on the topic of *Human Rights in the European Union* on 25 October. He was formerly the Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, NUI Galway and of the Human Rights Law Centre at the University of Nottingham. He was Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission until November 2013. From 2004-2012, he was a member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee, latterly as a Vice-Chairperson. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of the Arts and sits on the advisory boards of numerous human rights groups and journals internationally.

The Department of Law is delighted to welcome Prof O'Flaherty as an Adjunct Professor in the field of human rights and international justice. These are areas of teaching and research priority for the Department, which offers modules at undergraduate level as well as an LLM and PG Diploma in International Justice.

Presidential Lunch for Staff



Staff with 25 years' service 2015/16

Front Row (l-r); Ms Patricia Harkin; Ms Paula Murray; Ms Fidelma Madden, Bursar, St. Patrick's College Maynooth; Professor Philip Nolan, President, Maynooth University; Ms Marie Galligan; Ms Valerie Payne and Dr Francesca Counihan. Back Row (l-r); Dr John McCaffrey; Dr Fiacre Ó Cairbre; Dr Margaret Hurley; Dr Abdullahi El Tom; Professor Mary Corcoran; Ms Teresa Ward and Professor Carmel Breslin.

On Tuesday, 15 November Professor Philip Nolan, President, Maynooth University and Ms Fidelma Madden, Bursar; (representing Rev Professor Michael Mullaney, Acting-President, St. Patrick's College Maynooth) hosted a Presidential Lunch in Renehan Hall to mark the retirement of staff from the University/College in 2015 and 2016, and also to celebrate colleagues reaching 25 years of service in the University/College in 2015 and 2016.



Retired Staff 2015/16

Front Row (l-r); Ms Kathleen McDermott; Dr Shelagh Waddington; Professor Philip Nolan, President, Maynooth University; Ms Anastasia Crickley; Ms Fidelma Madden, Bursar, St. Patrick's College Maynooth; Professor Daniel Heffernan and Ms Enda Kelleher. Back Row (l-r); Ms Mary Reilly; Ms Marie Moore; Mr Andrew Sliney; Mr Jim McMahon; Ms Kay Lynch; Professor Luke Gibbons; Ms Lucille McDonald; Mr Shay Claffey; Ms Gretta Keogh; Ms Delma Sweeney; Mr Terry Byrne; Dr Tadhg Ó Dúshláine and Mr Colm Nelson.

NUI Awards to Maynooth Scholars

Pictured (l-r): Brian Hughes, Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Humanities; Gene Carolan, NUI EJ Phelan Fellowship in International Law; Hassan Ould Moctar, Travelling Studentship in Development Studies and Bronagh McShane, Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Humanities



NUI hosted its annual Awards Ceremony in the Royal Hospital Kilmainham on Wednesday, 9 November where Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor of the University, presented awards to NUI students and graduates

The NUI has granted awards in excess of €1.2 million to NUI students, graduates, staff and institutions this year. At the award ceremony scholars of distinction at every stage of their academic studies, from undergraduates to senior scholars well established in their fields of expertise were honoured.

Speaking at the event Chancellor of the NUI Dr Maurice Manning congratulated the award recipients, saying that it was "a very proud day for the National University of Ireland, one where we can recognise and honour some of the brightest minds and talents across the diverse NUI community."

Patrick Heslin and Aaron Tyrrell, both graduates from the Maynooth University Department of Mathematics and Statistics were awarded NUI Travelling Studentships in Science and Mathematics to the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

Law Students Awarded Internships



Pictured (l-r); Liz Grace, Matheson; Gbemisola Fowora, Maynooth University; Tara Doyle, Matheson; Professor Michael Doherty, Head of Maynooth University Department of Law. Three students from the Department of Law have been awarded six-month internships at leading Irish law firm, Matheson, as part of the Department's innovative Funds Law course. Wayne O'Flanagan and Gbemisola Fowora jointly won the title of Matheson Funds Law Intern 2016 and classmate Stephen Traynor had been awarded a Fintech Internship with Matheson.

Maynooth University Golfers Competing at Top Level

A number of Maynooth University's golf scholars have won individual championships and represented Ireland at international events

Third Year Entrepreneurship student Stuart Grehan became the second Maynooth player to represent Team Europe and won 2.5/4pts to help Europe win the Arnold Palmer Cup at Formby Golf Club in June. Stuart then won 3/4 pts to help Great Britain and Ireland retain the St. Andrews Trophy in Kent in July.

In the Leinster Women's Amateur Open Championship, Meadhbh Doyle (1st Year Business & Accounting) captured her first major senior title at Correstown in July. A few weeks later Maynooth University A captured top spot in the team event at the Irish Colleges Invitational while C took third.

Ronan Mullarney (2nd Year Business & Management) shot a 10 under par to win the prestigious Mullingar Scratch Trophy, which has been won in previous years by Rory McIlroy and Padraig Harrington.

In September Stuart Grehan (ranked no 58 in the World Amateur Rankings) helped Ireland make history by winning their first team bronze medal at the 2016 World Amateur Team Championship in Mexico. Stuart finished T49 in the individual event.

Maynooth University had 30 student golfers compete at the Irish Intervarsity Championship in October at Lahinch Golf Club, Ireland's flagship student golf championship of the year. This was the largest entry of any third level institution in Ireland in a total field of 93 competitors. Jack McDonnell (3rd Arts) won silver



Maynooth University A and C teams at the Irish Colleges Invitational; Eanna Griffin, Robin Dawson, Sean Flanagan, Ronan Mullarney, John Murphy and Liam Grehan with Albert Lee, Chairperson Leinster Branch G.U.I.

and first year Kevin LeBlanc took bronze, while in the women's competition Mary Doyle (1st Media Studies) was the highest player. Overall Maynooth University occupied 8 of the top 10 places in the men's field and 5 of the top 7 places in the women's field.

Alumnus Gary Hurley narrowly missed out on earning full playing rights on the European Tour for 2017 after finishing T44 at the recent final stage of qualifying in Spain. Despite missing out by three strokes in the end, Gary has earned himself a full card on Europe's main developmental tour, the European Challenge Tour for 2017.

The University has recently set up a scholarship support fund to assist golf scholarship graduates in the early stages of their professional career.

Obesity Lecture by Alumnus during Science Week

Alumnus Dr Andy Hogan (BSc 2004, PhD 2010) gave the 2017 Faculty of Science and Engineering Lecture entitled 'Obesity – Why is it so hard to lose weight?' on Wednesday, 16 December

Andy's journey from Maynooth to his current cutting-edge research on this global epidemic provided many insights for alumni, students, staff and members of the local community who attended.

Speaking of his time at Maynooth he said: "I had some exceptional teachers who encouraged me to tackle the tough questions we face as a society. This has always been a hallmark of Maynooth research and it was instilled in me throughout my studies."

During the lecture Andy explained how the immune system may have as much as a 30% role in controlling bodyweight and this recently discovered connection may explain the significant difficulty associated with weight loss.

Other events that took place on campus during Science Week 2016 were a Science Magic Show, *Why I love carbohydrates and you should too*, lecture by Dr Elisa Fadda, Department of Chemistry, *Progress and problems in understanding planet formation* by Professor Phil Armitage, University of Colorado Boulder, Science Night Open Labs and an exhibition in the National Science Museum.



Professor Philip Nolan welcoming Dr Andy Hogan and his mother, Geraldine

Alumni Reunion 2016



Pictured at the Alumni Class Reunion on Saturday, 17 September are BA (1996) graduates (l-r); Mary Scarry Ryan, Margaret Trector Kane, Ciara Murphy, Emily-Ann Doyle, Brid Cranny Abbott, Ronan Barry, and Joanne Costello. It was a step back in time for the 70 alumni that attended as the SU was the venue and a DJ from back in the day, Daragh Jones, also an alumnus (BA 2000) provided the background music on the night. The Reunion is held each year on the third Saturday of September and the Alumni Office welcomes individuals and groups to the causal get together in familiar surroundings.

Cycle to Work Scheme

As part of the Sustainable Travel Initiative on campus a *Cycle to Work Scheme* showcase event took place on Wednesday, 30 November



Coyne Cycles Ltd, the cycling specialists who look after the Bike Clinic on campus every Wednesday, worked with Lar Byrne from Campus Services to offer information and advice on cycling issues. More information available on <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/location/cycling-maynooth>