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Sport for Success *breaking barriers to third-level education*



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NUI Galway's Access Programme includes the very successful 'Sport for Success' programme which is designed to encourage primary school pupils in targeted areas to continue their education right up to and including third level. A combined sport and homework initiative, it helps students develop personally by building their self esteem, confidence, communication skills and social behaviour through team games and sport activities in addition to improving their numeracy and literacy skills.

Packie Bonner, former Republic of Ireland soccer star presented certificates in April to pupils who completed the programme. He is pictured with NUI Galway Access Officer Imelda Byrne, David Lambe, Scoil Bhríde, Shantalla and Kanyinsola Olaloko of Holy Trinity School, Mervue.

Focal ón Eagarthóir

Fáilte chuig eagrán
Bhealtaine de *Ollscéala*!

As exams are in full swing and the end of the academic year approaches, we look forward to the brighter sunnier days of summer. This issue of *Ollscéala* outlines many areas of university life from interaction with the community, to awards to staff and students, completion of scholarly projects and sporting achievements.

The University's Access programme continues to develop and expand, making it possible for increasing numbers to avail of third-level education. Innovative initiatives such as 'Sport for Success' and the 'University Trail' introduced to Galway's Primary and Secondary schools, encourage pupils from an early age to think of the advantages of continuing their education and reaching their full potential.

At the other end of the spectrum, as students are considering life after college and the careers they are about to embark upon, the new and imaginative 'Career Connect' programme (page 5) has proved immensely valuable in linking students with professionals in the city and helping them to gain an insight into specific careers in a practical and meaningful way.

All work and no play... well not as far as the sports clubs are concerned and both the rowing and golf clubs (page 8) have been victorious in their particular competitions.

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FIONN helps pupils enjoy Science

Many initiatives have been introduced to make science attractive to young people and encourage them to study it at school and later in college. The FIONN Science Project, based in the Galway Education Centre, is designed to increase awareness of good scientific practice among primary school children, ensuring that they utilise these skills by exploiting their natural youthful curiosity and interest in the world around them. The FIONN 'Directory of Science' provides primary schools with a list of personnel drawn from state, educational and private organisations. The Environmental Change Institute (ECI) and REMEDI, as well as Science departments in NUI Galway, have supported pupils in delving into the wonderful world of science especially through observing their own environment and learning to understand and appreciate what is close by them.

ECI researchers helped a Connemara school investigate 'the science of a sod of turf' and REMEDI supported pupils in other schools with projects on the common cold. Solar energy, geology and hydrology, were all addressed by the pupils with the help of NUI Galway scientists.

Ultimately, a Galway Primary School Science Web-site will be developed that will allow each participating school to place their own science experiment online in a 'movie' format. Pupils will be able to produce and direct a school science film documentary, accessible for all the world to see and admire! The software will allow experiments to be regularly up-dated and replaced when required, as well as providing general text and photographic information on the school.

The Challenges of Biotechnology for Patent Law



Dr Oliver Mills with Professor Jim Browne, Registrar who launched the book.

"With the advent of modern biotechnology, the human community stands on the threshold of an extraordinary revolution having profound effects for man and his relationship with other creatures and the

environment," says Dr Oliver Mills, Faculty of Law whose book, *Biotechnological Inventions: Moral Restraints and Patent Law*, has just been published. Not surprisingly, much debate has been generated concerning the legal, moral and social problems connected with the technology. In his book, Dr Mills outlines the debate concerning these problems, in particular, those with moral implications associated with modern biotechnology and examines the controversy surrounding the role of patent law in biotechnological inventions. Dr Mills contends that elucidating the moral concerns associated with modern biotechnology will help to identify the benefits the technology can confer, and allow decisions about the role of Law in the development and application of the technology to be taken on a more informed basis.

Adjunct Professors appointed

The Centre for Irish Studies at NUI Galway has announced the appointment of the distinguished poet Máire Mhac an tSaoi to the position of Adjunct Professor of Irish Studies. Máire Mhac an tSaoi is one of a handful of major poets who transformed poetry in Irish in the period during and after the Second World War. Her work is particularly significant in that it anticipates the emergence of women's voices at the forefront of Irish poetry in both Irish and English during the 1970s and 80s. She speaks frankly in her autobiography, *The Same Age as the State*, of her experience as a civil servant and career diplomat during a period of dramatic change and political turbulence in Ireland, Europe, and the developing

world. She spent time with her husband, Conor Cruise O'Brien, in the Congo, Ghana and elsewhere in dramatic times and dangerous circumstances.

Dr Chris Coughlan has been appointed as Adjunct Professor in the Department of Management. Dr Coughlan is a senior manager at Hewlett-Packard, who has contributed personally over many years to both the teaching and research programmes of the University. A former President of Galway Chamber of Commerce and Industry, he has been instrumental in building strong relationships between NUI Galway and regional business, especially in the high-tech sector.

NUI Galway confers Ireland's first Master of Fine Arts degrees



History was made in April when the first conferral of the degree of Master of Fine Arts in this State took place in the Burren College of Art (BCA) at Newtown Castle, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare. The degrees were conferred by NUI Galway on seven students from the USA, Canada, Africa and Ireland. The Master of Fine Arts is a joint NUI Galway-Burren College of Art two-year fulltime postgraduate degree programme, based in the BCA. The programme is offered in association with two of the world's leading art schools – the Royal College of Art, London and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Over the years the Burren College of Art has

established itself as a vibrant, artistic educational centre with international affiliations and accreditations and NUI Galway's partnership with the college is an integral part of the University's strategic aims to support educational development and training in the west region.

Pictured: Mary Hawkes-Green, President, Burren College of Art with MFA graduates: Kizito M Kasule, Janet Shaughnessy, Barbara Lea, Geraldine McCarthy, Rae Le Grone, Lori Hayes, Monique Given and NUI Galway President Dr Iognáid O Muirheartaigh.

Contribution to Manufacturing Research recognised



At a recent gala dinner in Washington, Professor Jim Browne, Registrar, was presented with an award to mark his contribution to the IMS (Intelligent Manufacturing Systems) programme. IMS is a multi-million Euro university and industry R&D programme, funded jointly by the EU, the USA, Japan, Australia, Canada, South Korea and Switzerland through an inter-governmental agreement and was launched in 1995. To date, IMS projects have involved over 1000 organisations including Universities, research laboratories and industrial companies. Professor Browne served on the European Steering Committee of IMS and was for four years one of two European representatives on the International Steering Committee. He was one of three Europeans recognised for their contribution to the creation and development of the IMS programme over the past 10 years and in particular for his contribution to the development of the postgraduate educational aspects of IMS.

Pictured at the presentation of the IMS Award in Washington are: Dr Rosalie Zobal, DG Research, European Union; Professor Jim Browne, Registrar, NUI Galway; Mr Robert L Cattoi, Chairman IMS Steering Committee and former CEO of Rockwell-Collins.

Encouraging the entrepreneurial spirit



A group of IT students have won a merit award of €2,000 at the annual Enterprise Ireland Student Awards in April. The competition rewards innovative and enterprising business ideas aimed at the establishment of a manufacturing industry or internationally traded service, backed up by a financially sound business plan. There are currently about 200,000 entrepreneurs in Ireland, which leads its European counterparts in entrepreneurial activity.

The NUI Galway students developed a business plan for their product GlucoseAid Bioreader, a wrist device that uses Infrared light and a neural network engine to process sugar levels for diabetics.

Pictured from left are, Gary Casey, Conor Killilea, David Spollen, Dwayne Noone, Kevin Winters, Micheál Martin TD, Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment and the students' lecturer Dr Hugh Melvin.

Secondary School Students throughout Galway embark on University Trail



Fourteen schools in Galway City and County are participating in the University Trail, part of NUI Galway's Access Programme. The University Trail begins in First Year with the First Year Schools Competition and continues in Second, Third and Fifth and on to the Leaving Certificate Year, where a series of activities such as campus tours, mentoring and study skills workshops, aim to focus and 'sensitise' the students for third-level entry. First Year participants produced a booklet this year, entitled 'Following Dreams,' illustrating some of the work produced for the First Year Schools Competition, when students were asked to express through the media of Art, Music, Drama and Writing why

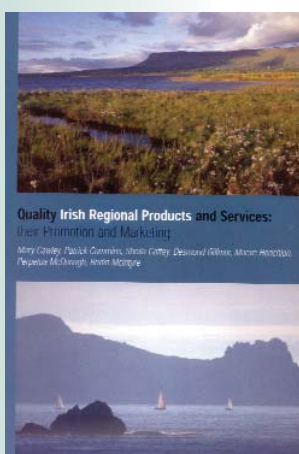
they would like to go on to NUI Galway, what it would mean to them and how it would change their future. The booklet was launched in the Ardilaun Hotel.

Pictured are pupils of Dunmore Community School, Co Galway: Eugene Kerrigan, Nicola Egan, Christopher Bye, Petrina Donnellan, Frank Ford, Anna Haverin. Also included are (extreme left), Professor Ger Hurley, Vice-President for Strategic Initiatives and External Affairs, Mary Surlis, Programme Co-ordinator and (extreme right), Padraic Conneely, Deputy Mayor of Galway, Alison Ward, Career Guidance Counsellor, Dunmore Community School and Imelda Byrne, Access Officer.

Towards creating a living countryside

Quality Irish Regional Products and Services: their Promotion and Marketing, a study by Dr Mary Cawley, Department of Geography, NUI Galway and colleagues from the university, Trinity College Dublin, Teagasc Rural Economy Research Centre and The Teagasc National Food Centre, has been published recently by the Social Sciences Research Centre at NUI Galway, and Teagasc.

The publication addresses several of the concerns and objectives expressed in the conclusions to the Salzburg Second European Conference on Rural Development (2003). In particular, the Salzburg conclusions referred to the increasing importance attributed to 'the quality of food', 'the need to help European farmers take up their multifunctional role as



Quality Irish Regional Products and Services: their Promotion and Marketing
Mary Cawley, Patrick Connors, John Coffey, Deshauna Gillett, Alison Hennessy, Feanusa McLaughlin, Anne Marie McKeown

custodians of the countryside and market-oriented producers, in all of the EU, including disadvantaged areas and remote regions', and the need to generate 'new employment opportunities, particularly for young people and women'.

A key objective arising from the Salzburg Conference is to create 'a living countryside', and diversification both within and beyond the agricultural sector is viewed as being indispensable towards this end. So also is partnership between public and private

organisations and civil society, in line with the principle of subsidiarity. All of these issues are discussed in this publication. It is hoped, it will contribute in a useful way to contemporary discussions relating to the future of rural economy and society.

Taking a fresh look at the work of Edna O'Brien

Edna O'Brien's writing has always provoked controversy, from her earliest *The Country Girls* trilogy to her more recent works of 'faction', *In the Forest* and *Down by the River*. Critical responses have been divided between those who see her writing as populist and stereotypical, and those who admire her flouting of taboo and experiments with style and language. Existing criticism has tended, however, to regard O'Brien primarily in the light of feminist and Irish nationalist and religious discourses, leaving unexplored a great deal of what makes her a complex figure. A major international conference, "Edna O'Brien: A Reappraisal", took place in NUI Galway in April and was co-hosted by the University's Department of English and the Centre for Women's Studies. Delegates from Finland, France, Italy, the US, England and Ireland attended.

The conference undertook to broaden the critical framework for O'Brien studies, reconsidering the reception of her work both in Ireland and elsewhere and the way in which her work interacts with contemporary fiction, as well as literary influences on her work.

Bavarian educational visit

A group of students of the German Department, recently visited the Bavarian capital Munich where they were received by Bavarian politicians, representatives of several cultural institutions and by the Honorary Irish Consul. The educational tour included visits to Munich's Ludwig-Maximilians University, Germany's largest and top-ranked academic institution, the State Library, the former residence of the House of Wittelsbach and other architectural highlights. The students also visited media institutions such as the headquarters of Germany's second largest daily newspaper, film studios at Geiselgasteig, and Bavaria's main radio station. The trip was organised and led by Dr Jochen Bedenk and Dr Hermann Rasche of the German Department and supported by the Quality Office NUI Galway and the German Academic Exchange Service.

New Mentoring Programme Assists Students with Career Choice

'Career Connect', a new mentoring programme to assist students to network with professionals from around Galway city and gain valuable transferable skills in the process, was introduced in March. The first part of the programme, a pilot initiative between NUI Galway Careers Service, Alumni and Junior Chamber International (JCI) Galway, proved very successful.

The programme has many elements such as work shadowing, career talks, workshops, face-to-face and email mentoring. The aim is to provide students and experienced professionals from the city with an opportunity to meet, discuss career goals, network, have fun in a social setting and help students in enhancing their professional skills.

"Communication with mentors can provide useful information about career options, employment conditions, job prospects and responsibilities," says John Hannon, Careers Advisor NUI Galway. "This kind of first-hand advice



Pictured at the presentation of certificates to mark the completion of the pilot programme are from left, Mary O'Riordan, Vice-President for Student Services and Human Resources; Peter Boland, Marketing Manager, Supermacs; Máirín O'Reilly, President of Junior Chamber International (Galway); and Michelle Daly, 2nd year, B.Corp. Law.

and support from those already established in their chosen field or profession is invaluable to undergraduate and postgraduate students setting out on their own

career paths."

The programme will be expanded next year to increase the number of students and mentors participating.

New Analytical Facility Unveiled

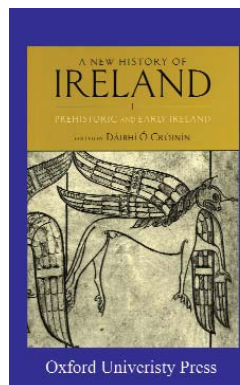
Nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy (NMR) is the primary technique for determining the structure of molecules in solution and is also a major analytical method for detecting chemicals and measuring the quantity present. It uses the very weak magnetic properties of atomic nuclei by placing the molecules in a magnetic field and irradiating with pulses of simple radio waves. It is therefore a low energy non-destructive process and, in recent years, special pulse sequences have allowed three dimensional images of water molecules in biological soft tissue so that the magnetic resonance experiment is now widely used in hospitals for image scanning of medical patients. In the Chemistry Department the new 400 MHz machine replaces an older version and keeps the research and teaching of the Department at the cutting edge of international standards. In the early 1980s, the Department was the first in the country to have highfield NMR when Professors Butler, McArdle and Cunningham received special funding from the HEA to bring highfield NMR to the country. It was possible in Galway because the only source of necessary liquid helium in the country then was the very low-temperature work of Professor Declan Larkin in the physics Department, who



Pictured at the unveiling of the NMR are Professor R.N. Butler and Professor Jim Browne, Registrar.

cooperated closely with Chemistry in setting up the facility. The new machine, costing 350,000 euro, continues this tradition in the University. It is heavily used by 3rd and 4th year chemistry undergraduate students and by most of the PhD students in Chemistry. It is operated by Senior Technician Seamus Collier and is available to all users including pharmaceutical and other companies who need advance NMR spectra. Professor Butler thanked the University Management Team, the Registrar's Office, the former Dean of Science, Dr Pat Morgan, Mr Joe McKenna and Galway University Foundation, and the companies who assisted the Chemistry Department with the project.

Major history project completed



The completion of *A New History of Ireland, Volume 1: Prehistoric and Early Ireland* (Oxford University Press) edited by Professor Dáibhí Ó Cróinín, Department of History, NUI Galway, marks the culmination of the largest scholarly project in modern Irish history. The project consists of nine volumes, with over a hundred contributors, mainly historians, but also including specialists in other disciplines, such as language and literature, geography, the visual arts and music. Seven of the volumes are text and deal not only with politics but also with economic, social and cultural history and pre-history. The other two volumes contain maps and reference material.

Ireland's first University-wide International Scholarship Programme



Cardinal Wilfrid Napier, Archbishop of Durban, addressing guests at the Gala Banquet. Cardinal Napier was also the recipient of the NUI Galway Alumni Award for Law, Public Service and Government

A new International Scholarship programme, the first of its kind in an Irish university, will commence in September 2005. The programme will enable talented and deserving students from developing countries to pursue their graduate studies at NUI Galway. The announcement of funding for the new programme was made at the University's annual Gala Banquet in March at which Cardinal Wilfrid Napier of South Africa was guest of honour.

The purpose of the International Scholarship programme is to realise NUI Galway's strategic objective of forging links with a range of the world's developing countries, thus increasing international participation at the University. To date, a total of €250,000 has been raised with support from a range of donors to enable the first 10 international students from South Africa and Sri

Lanka, to undertake postgraduate degrees at NUI Galway. The University hopes that continued philanthropic support will sustain further development of the programme at this level over the next five years.

As the programme progresses, it will be extended to other developing countries. The International Scholarships will be targeted to develop the capacity of outstanding individuals who can assume leadership roles in their fields of study and whose work will enhance the development of their own society.

The NUI Galway International Scholarships are being funded by philanthropic support secured by Galway University Foundation. Emphasis will be placed on selecting candidates from communities that lack access to higher education preventing them from reaching their full potential.

Awards for creative transport ideas



NUI Galway 4th year Industrial Engineering students were the recent winners in four out of five categories in the Transport of the Year Idea National Competition, organised by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Ireland (CILTI). The awards were presented in Dublin by Mr Martin Cullen, Minister for Transport. Each award is presented to the originator of the idea, which the judges consider to be the most innovative and which could make the most significant contribution

to some aspect of transport in Ireland. NUI Galway award-winning project ideas included the provision of a passenger commuter ferry service on the Liffey to relieve traffic congestion; an integrated programme to track transport of goods; mobile deployment of the pizza kitchen to improve service levels to the customer; and in the aftermath of the Madrid bombings, the implementation of security checks at train stations.

Pictured from left, front row are: Rachel Drury (Rail category); Mr Martin Cullen, Minister for Transport; and Aoife Leavy (Maritime category). Back row from left: Kevin Fitzgerald (Road category); Aisling Davis (Logistics category); and Kieran O'Toole (Lecturer, Department of Industrial Engineering).

Students alive with the zest to help

One hundred and forty NUI Galway students, participating in the ALIVE (A Learning Initiative and the Volunteering Experience) programme, volunteered many hours service in support of community and voluntary organisations throughout the city and county. A poster exhibition, illustrating the tasks they undertook, conveyed the wide range of community and educational groups assisted by the volunteers, including Barnardos, the Irish Wheelchair Association, the Galway Rape Crisis Centre, AIDS West, Amnesty International, Ballinfoyle Area Youth Project, and the Galway Simon Community.

ALIVE is an extra-curricular programme offered to NUI Galway students under the Community Knowledge Initiative (CKI). The CKI seeks to promote partnerships with communities through an integrated programme of student volunteering, research, service learning and knowledge sharing.

Pictured are Leanne Keely who worked with children in Scoil Bhríde, Shantalla and Robert Healy who volunteered with CROÍ, the West of Ireland Heart Foundation.



REMEDI leads in Gene Therapy and Stem Cell research



The new €19 million Regenerative Medicine Institute (REMEDI) was officially opened in February by the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Micheál Martin, TD. Researchers at the Institute have commenced research into adult stem cell therapies for heart disease, arthritis and spinal cord injury. Based in the National Centre for Biomedical Engineering Science, REMEDI is the leading centre in Ireland doing stem cell research and one of a limited number of centres in Europe combining the technologies of stem cell and gene therapy to regenerate and repair tissue.

Stem cell therapy has enormous potential for the treatment of many incurable diseases including heart disease, arthritis and neurological disorders such as spinal cord injuries, Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's. Early data suggests that delivery of stem cells to the heart following heart attack enables regeneration of the damaged tissue and some restoration of function.

REMEDI was established in 2004 through a Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) Centre for Science Engineering and Technology (CSET) award and industry funding totalling €19 million. REMEDI, whose industry partners are Medtronic and Charles River Laboratories, is initially employing 36 researchers in the National Centre for Biomedical Engineering Science, the only centre in the country that contains a state of the art facility for generation of products for human gene therapy research.

Pictured from left are, Professor Tim O'Brien, Director of REMEDI; Micheál Martin, TD, Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment; Dr Pat Fottrell, Chairman, Science Foundation Ireland and former President of NUI Galway; Dr Bill Harris, Director General, Science Foundation Ireland; Dr Iognáid Ó Muircheartaigh, President, NUI Galway; and Dr Frank Barry, Scientific Director, REMEDI.

In brief...

NUI Galway Classicist honoured
Professor Brian Arkins of the Dept of Classics has been elected Honorary President of the Classical Association of Ireland for 2005. This singular honour recognises Professor Arkins' prolific scholarship in the fields of Roman poetry and the reception of Classical themes in modern Anglo-Irish literature.

Guide to Ulster Loyalism and Unionism

A Guide to Ulster Loyalism and Unionism Online by Dr. Niall Ó Dochartaigh, Dept of Political Science and Sociology, organises and provides links to over 270 loyalist and unionist websites, including links to archived copies of defunct sites. It is a first attempt to assess the scale and character of online activity by Ulster loyalists and unionists and to provide an analysis of that activity.

Elected Fellow to Professional Bodies

Dr Donal Leech, Dept of Chemistry has been elected a Fellow of the Institute of Chemistry of Ireland and admitted as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry. Both of these organisations are the professional bodies for Chemistry in the UK and Ireland, and the award of Fellow membership is the most senior category of membership for both organisations.

Environmental Workshop

A recent workshop organised by Dr Henrike Rau and Dr Ricca Edmondson, Department of Political Science and Sociology, brought together Irish and Chinese academics to discuss issues relevant to the ecological debate, in particular the important role of social and cultural factors in the transition to a more ecologically sustainable society.

President McAleese meets peace builders



Cross-border students from the University's Adult Education Diploma Courses in Peace Building and Community Development Practice, were recently welcomed to Áras an Uachtaráin by Uachtarán na hÉireann, Mary McAleese. Professor Chris Curtin is Academic

Pictured at the reception in Áras an Uachtaráin are Professor Ger Hurlley, Vice-President for Strategic Initiatives and External Affairs; Noreen Callaghan, Project Coordinator; President McAleese, Séamus O'Grady, Director of Adult and Continuing Education; and Paul Skinnader, EU Peace II Programme.

Director of the courses which are funded by the EU Peace II Programme. In greeting the students, President McAleese commended their cross-border development work describing them as "workers for peace who are striving to set a new agenda for the future".

Drama sessions for adults and children

Cups and Crowns Educational Theatre Company is headed by three NUI Galway Drama and Theatre Masters graduates who offer Drama classes for NUI Galway staff. The 'NUI Galway Staff Drama Group' was established last September and has been running drama sessions on campus throughout the year. Four monthly sessions will be offered over the summer, beginning with a 'Devising' Workshop on May 16th at

5:30-9pm in the Art Gallery Space. Weekly workshops will resume in September. In July, Cups and Crowns will be inviting children of NUI Galway Staff to participate in a fun 'Day of Drama' on campus. The Drama Days will be open to 5 to 8year olds on one day and 9 to 14 year olds on the following day. Dates will be confirmed by email. For further information, please contact the Arts Officer fionnuala.gallagher@nuigalway.ie

NUI Galway makes rowing history again



NUI Galway boat club recorded yet another stunning performance in April in the University championships in Castlewellan, Co. Down. While last year the Men's crews achieved a first by claiming the Novice, Intermediate and Senior 8 titles, this year, the women made history, by winning the Women's Intermediate and Senior 4s. The ladies, for the first time, secured the coveted Bank of Ireland cup. The men's crews continued what is becoming something of a tradition - winning the Intermediate and Senior 8s and taking home for the 4th time in a row, the prestigious Wiley Cup. Both cups are the premier trophies

in the domestic college rowing scene and claiming both in the same year illustrates the dedication of the crews and coaches involved.

Pictured:
Senior Rowing Team (Left) Paul Murray, Cormack Folan, Paul Giblin, James Wall, Evin Donnelly, Phillip O'Connell and Stephen Keys.

Ladies Senior Fours, from left, Sara Brennan, Aoife Forde, Fiona Rogan, Clair O'Brien and Ciaran Glynn (Cox).

Golf victory after long wait



NUI Golf Team brought a fallow period to an end recently when they convincingly beat UCD and DCU to win the Intervarsity Golf Championship which took place at Dromoland Castle. The Galway club last won the championship in 1971.

Pictured at a reception to mark the victory are from left, Eoin O'Connor, Tommy Walsh, Stephen Loftus, the President, Dr Iognáid Ó Muirheartaigh, Michael McHugh, Adrian Dooley (captain), James Barton, Tony Finnegan, Eoin Keating and Tony Regan, Sports & Recreation Officer.

Learning how robots work



The 2005 Institute of Electronic Engineers (IEE) Faraday Lecture 'Control Freaks - how robots affect our world,' was hosted by the Department of Electronic Engineering. Taking students into a lab of the future, presenters showed how robots move and think in a series of live, interactive demonstrations and multimedia displays. Students saw the elements that make up a robot of the future and the science that underpins them. Once the pieces came together, the audience saw the amazing abilities of robots and how they can affect our world.

Pictured at the event in the Town Hall Theatre are Richard Castle, IEE Faraday Lecture Presenter and Prof. Pádraic O'Donoghue, Dean of Engineering, with Alan Ogbuka and Rosie Haliwell, Gort Community School.



Registrars all

A reception took place in March to mark the retirement of former Registrar, Professor Matthew McCarthy, Department of Mathematics (far left). The occasion provided an opportunity for NUI Galway Registrars, past and present to come together. Professor McCarthy is pictured with current Registrar, Professor Jim Browne and former Registrars, President Ó Muirheartaigh and Professor Déaglán Ó Caoimh.