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FEMS News

Vol II

From the Dean's Desk

Welcome to the second edition of FEMS-News, an e-newsletter for the Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics & Science. This is intended to give you some information on what's happening in your College and Faculty, especially so that you can contribute to decision-making. This newsletter is therefore intended to provide information to those who may not receive it through School or Course channels. We are inviting contributions from all areas of the Faculty especially from our reps on Board and Council, other Committees and groups, from union and student representatives. Hopefully, in that way, we can help contribute to a balanced debate on issues for decision in College.

The Faculty Office is on the first floor of 27-9 Westland Row, accessible from the Hamilton Concourse and a full team of support staff are in place. Please feel free to come down and see us!

As I previously reported the major issues with which I am grappling, are:

- dealing with the financial situation and how it impacts on College and the Faculty,
- maintaining academic standards
- maintaining and improving the principle of academic primacy in College Governance
- maintaining and improving value for money from support services for our academic mission

The financial situation continues to worsen and we are certainly feeling the effects at many levels and from many angles. Since the last newsletter, I have little news to report from an institutional level as we still await decisions from Government on any further cuts in HEA core budget, possible recruitment embargoes, and the reintroduction of fees.

In January we received our HEA core budget, which for the 3rd level Sector showed a 6.6% decrease over the previous year, and for TCD showed a 7.7% decrease (higher due to RGAM mechanism). The vigilant financial planning and the 5% savings plan across College for 08-9, has mitigated much of the effects of this funding decrease and we are working strenuously with Schools and Support Units to keep any year-end deficit to a minimum. Thanks to careful financial management over the last few years, our University is not reporting such high annual and cumulative deficits as the others in the Sector.

However, it remains to be seen how we will fare with the Budget this week and also when 'An Bord Snip Nua' reports on overall savings in the Public Sector for 2010. I feel confident that we have a robust structure in place in the form of the new Planning Group to deal with such matters in consultation with the 3 Faculties and all of the Support Services coordinated by the Chief Operating Officer.

Obviously we will have to make further savings in FEMS and I am working with our 8 School Heads and the School Administrators to make rational and strategic savings which try to minimise any reduction in standards and services. We have recently agreed and Board has approved a strategic recruitment plan for 09-10 for FEMS and that is underway. At this time I don't know how this plan will be effected by the recruitment embargo which is being proposed by DES/HEA as a result of Government's plans for financial reductions in Public Sector spending.



Research



In the Media



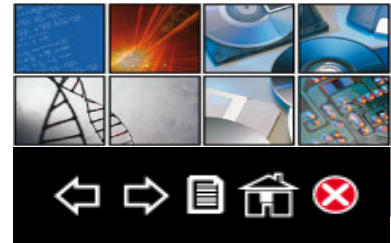
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Despite the poor financial situation, the FEMS Executive has agreed to invest some new money provided by College, in our Schools. The Executive has agreed initiatives such as essential refurbishment for new Staff offices and labs, academic start-up costs, graduate student programmes, undergraduate recruitment, outreach and new TY courses, and a new joint Faculty Safety Investment Programme with the Director of Buildings' Office

The Board has completed its deliberations and decision-making on ARAM. Some changes have been made in the model in terms of weightings which should stimulate and reward College's Strategic Plan for teaching and research. It may be that, in the short term FEMS will receive less funding from this mechanism but, I am confident that Board has made the correct decisions. One major change is that we will replace the research proxies with a research quality measure, details of which will come before Board soon. This should remove a major concern of many in College especially those of our colleagues in FAHSS where there was concern that research and scholarship was not being recognised for its quality. A further important decision by Board earlier this year was that in future ARAM would not be retrospective but a forward-facing all-inclusive budgeting and resource planning model, a change promoted by Heads of School for the last 2 years. This will finally give us more control, at School level, of the planning process and its financial cost and rewards.

Another new development is the TCD/UCD Innovation Alliance. By its nature this involves our Faculty more than the other 2. In summary the Alliance has agreed to work together in the form of a Graduate Academy to provide further training in transferable skills for graduate students, building on the training on research through academic disciplines which we already perform. Hopefully PRTLIV will fund the start of this initiative as well as several disciplinary graduate student research training programmes. Another feature of the Alliance is that the 2 Colleges will work together to provide supports and facilities to commercialise any aspects of our research which is suitable and timely, with a view to helping Government and Ireland to create an Innovation Corridor between the 2 Universities stimulating the formation of jobs and companies.

A big ask perhaps but, one by which the 2 Universities will stand up to the mark for the challenges laid down by the Government's strategy document at the end of last year on The Smart Economy.

I also met the student reps from FEMS in the Michaelmas Term to hear their views on College affairs, and to collate some of these concerns for FEMS Executive and specific Schools. I hope we will meet again this term to continue to provide a channel of communication from students to staff.

It is coming up to exam time and I'd like to extend my best wishes to all students in these exams. Students should remember that all your lecturers, course advisors and College tutors are here to give advice. Go to them before exams and not after to get it!

College is this week, launching a postgraduate advisory service to extend the College tutorship service to post-grads. I hope that this new initiative will prove useful and be regarded as an additional support for post-grads.

We have just started another Term. We will be having our Faculty Forum on April 29th, and I have invited the Vice-Provost and Acting Treasurer to attend so as to be able to provide as much information as possible for you. In this regard I have recently reminded Schools of my standing offer to attend Schools' Committee and Executive Committee meetings in order to provide information to all staff.

Our Faculty is playing a major role in Trinity Week this Term with Symposia, Workshops, Films, debates and discussions going on throughout the week. We will be publicising the events widely in the coming weeks and hope that you will get involved in the activities.

Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics & Science



Research

New research into pollution pathways

EMS Faculty researchers are engaged in a new 2 million Euro project to investigate the transport and attenuation of pollutants along different pathways in Irish river catchments. Priority pollutants include nutrients (phosphorus and nitrate), microbes and synthetic organic chemicals from agricultural and other land uses. Potential pathways include surface runoff, interflow in soils and sub-soils, and shallow and deep bedrock aquifers. One of the major outcomes of the research will be the development of a catchment management tool. This tool will assist technical managers in making decisions on measures necessary to maintain and enhance water quality in Irish river basins.

This 5-year project is being funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under its STRIVE programme. Project partners are Queen's University Belfast (lead) and University College Dublin. The TCD research team includes Bruce Misstear, Laurence Gill, Paul Johnston and Jenny Deakin (Engineering), and Norman Allott (Natural Sciences).

Centre for Biodiversity & Sustainable Development

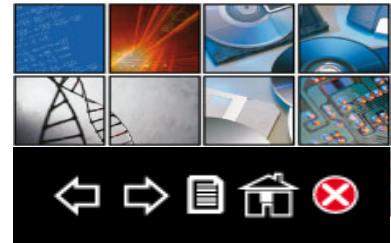
Sir David Attenborough officially launched the Centre for Biodiversity and Sustainable Development in the School of Natural Sciences, Trinity College Dublin on Saturday 13th December 2008. The Centre will focus on 'Sustainable Development' - development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Biodiversity (the variability among living organisms: among individuals of a species, the range of species and the ecological complexes in which they exist) provides ecosystem services upon which human well-being depends. However biodiversity is being lost at an unprecedented rate, which is eroding our capacity to sustain the planet. It is only through the utilisation of the living environment in a renewable fashion that we can achieve a sustainable future.



Launching the Centre, Sir David Attenborough welcomed Trinity College's initiative and said "The challenge of biodiversity loss is the greatest problem facing humanity" and emphasised how essential this Centre will be in developing future solutions. Sir David Attenborough was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor in Letters on Friday 12th December at the same time as the first cohort of Biodiversity and Conservation students were awarded Master degrees.

The research in the Centre will focus on interdisciplinary studies of environmental, technological, economic and social issues which are aimed at ensuring a sustainable future for the global society. The Centre currently has a wide spectrum of resources required for world-class sustainability research, driven by leading international researchers.

During his tour of Trinity, Sir David visited the Museum Building where Professor John Parnell (Head of School of Natural Sciences) showed him calcareous algal specimens collected on the voyage of the Beagle and sent by Darwin to the TCD Herbarium. Dr Patrick Wyse showed Sir David the newly restored



skeleton of the extinct marine reptile *Attenborosaurus conybeari*, named in Sir David's honour. Sir David, who has a particular fondness for birds, was also shown a specimen of the extinct Great Auk by Martyn Linnie (Chief Technical Officer, Zoology).

Lapworth Medal Awarded

Congratulations to Dr. Charles Holland (School of Natural Sciences) who was recently awarded the prestigious Lapworth Gold Medal. The medal is awarded by the Paleontological Association to a palaeontologist who has made a significant contribution to the science by means of a substantial body of research. Previous recipients include three FRS's Prof. William Chaloner, Prof. H. Whittington and Sir Alwyn Williams.

Dates for the Diary

- 14th May, 2009 – bicentenary of the birth of James MacCullagh, Geometry & Physics
<http://hamilton.tcd.ie/index.php?subsite=main§ion=events&subsection=jmcc>
- 15th April, 2009 – EMS Day
All funds raised will go to Focus Ireland & the Niall Mellon Township Trust
- 29th April, 2009 – Faculty Forum

Trinity Week Festival 2009 Monday 11th to Friday 15th May

Trinity Week gets a little facelift this year with new plans to launch an annual festival featuring a busy week of events over the 5 days. The theme of Trinity Week 2009 is Energy and Sustainability and we aim to gather teams of Trinity professors into dialogue with outside researchers and the public with Trinity College driving the agenda. The aim of the Trinity Week Festival is to raise awareness for Trinity College both internally & externally, and to encourage more people to visit the campus and experience the many events & atmosphere on offer. Across the campus all week there will be a host of free events from talks & symposiums to workshops, films & exhibitions.

For more information contact trinityweek@sciencegallery.com

Excellence in Teaching

Professor Sylvia Draper, School of Chemistry, received a National Award for Excellence in Teaching. The National Academy for the Integration of Research & Teaching & Learning (NAIRTL) announced the winners of their Awards for Excellence in Teaching in Higher Education on 15th December. The Awards Programme was introduced to honour exemplary teachers who are also innovative researchers in higher education in Ireland. Minister of State in the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Deputy Billy Kelleher opened the ceremony.

In the Media

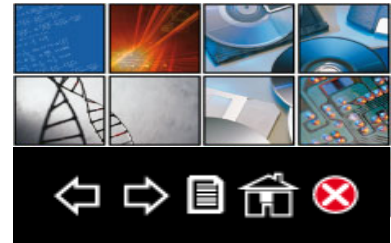
In the Press

Recent articles featuring the Faculty or TCD are available from the Communications Office. Faculty specific articles are circulated to all Schools as appropriate. Please also see the following website:
<http://www.tcd.ie/Communications/news/pressreleases/>

Publications

Tropical forests: an increasingly effective buffer against atmospheric levels of climate change-inducing carbon dioxide

Current research highlights the increasingly important role that forests in the tropics may be playing in buffering increases in levels of greenhouse gases, notably CO₂, in the atmosphere. Results from the research involving Professor David Taylor, School of Natural Sciences, were published in the 19th February issue of the journal *Nature*.



The amount of carbon stored in forests throughout tropical Africa appears to have increased over the last few decades, according to repeat measurements of permanent vegetation plots on the continent. This increased carbon might otherwise have been released into the atmosphere in the form of greenhouse gases, thus contributing to further climate change in the future. The finding is in keeping with results from Amazonia, suggesting that the trend may be pan-tropical. According to Professor Taylor, scientists have long known that forests in tropical Africa, as in other parts of the world, are sensitive to climate change. However, Professor Taylor states that, 'We have produced evidence of the possible moderating influence that forests may be having on climate changes in the region and globally. The amount of carbon stored annually by forests in tropical Africa is huge, and compensates to an extent increased releases of CO₂ as a result of the use of fossil fuels and the burning of vegetation. Despite this, the role that forests in Africa, and other parts of the world, play in the carbon cycle is rarely quantified and often under-valued.'

Further research should enable determination of the cause of this increased storage of carbon in African tropical forests. Likely causes are reduced mortality, possibly as a result of improved protection, increased growth, perhaps in response to climate change and the fertilizer effect of past increases in atmospheric CO₂, or some combination of the two. According to Professor Taylor, the findings also provide further support for the protection of intact areas of forest in the tropics, and more widely. 'What is particularly pleasing about these findings', said Professor Taylor, 'is that they are from research that was relatively low cost. The fact that they are published in *Nature* is clear evidence that good research does not have to be expensive.'



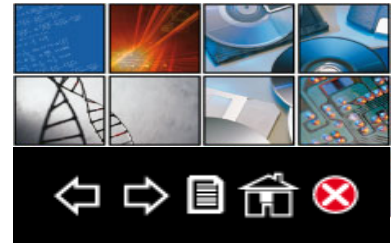
Image: Professor Taylor enumerating a forest plot in Mpanga Forest, Uganda, in 2006. The permanent plot, first established in 1968, was one of those included in the research published in Nature.

Nature Geoscience Publication

Rapid global warming marked the boundary between the Paleocene and Eocene geological periods 55.6 million years ago, but how the temperature rise was initiated remains elusive. Catastrophic release of greenhouse gases from an ancient inland sea, a mechanism seen in modern African lakes, could have triggered this period of ancient warming. The idea was published this month in *Nature Geoscience* following collaboration between geologists and atmospheric scientists based in London, Trinity College Dublin, Cambridge and Paris.

International concern over the climatic effect of man-made greenhouse gas emissions has intensified investigations into ancient climate change. The warm period known as the Paleocene/Eocene Thermal Maximum (PETM) was a naturally occurring period of global climatic turmoil. Atmospheric concentrations of methane and carbon dioxide rose sharply over about 30,000 years. As a result, ocean temperatures increased by 3 to 10 °C, and the oceans became more acidic. It was more than 100,000 years before the climate returned to its initial state.

For further details on this research please contact Dr Stephen Jones, School of Natural Sciences (stephen.jones@tcd.ie)



Council Update

The University Council was first established in 1874, as a representative body to oversee the academic affairs of the College. The purpose of this column is to inform Faculty staff about issues that have already arisen at Council and about matters that are still under discussion, thereby keeping everyone up to date and hopefully generating some dialogue about the changes that are likely to affect us in the foreseeable future.

Most are aware I'm sure, that January 2008 saw the introduction of a new faculty structure in College consisting of the Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics and Sciences (FEMS), the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Science, and the Faculty of Health Sciences. The council representatives for our faculty (2008-2010) are Prof. Clive Williams, (Dean), Dr. Mike Lyons (Senior Constituency), Prof. John Fitzpatrick (Senior Constituency, Head of School), Dr. Declan O'Sullivan (Junior Constituency) and myself Dr. Vincent Kelly (Junior Constituency). A further change was the appointment of a Chief Operating Officer (Mr Chris Lyons) and a Chief Academic Officer (Prof. Patrick Prendergast).


Recently, the economy never seems far from anyone's mind. My wife, who incidentally is studying accountancy, told me that 'the problem arose from anomalies in the banks balance sheets, on the left side nothing's right and on the right side nothing's left.' Of course, the economy is a serious issue for College and the Chief Academic Officer has stressed that despite increasing fiscal constraints the quality and standards of programmes should not be diluted. Recruiting high quality students is key to maintaining Trinity College's position to the fore. In this regard it is interesting to note that new entrants to the College ranked the prospectus, college website and the open day—in that particular order—as the most valuable sources of information about courses on offer. Indeed, 91% of the survey respondents had accessed the College's website, stressing the need to be imaginative about the material we enter on the web (*source* Senior Lecturer's Annual Report). In the academic year 2007/08 there were 15,716 students registered in College, of which 32% are on postgraduate programmes. The number of research postgraduates has increased year-on-year, with 2007/08 seeing the numbers breaking the 2000 mark for the first time at 2107.

A major change that's fast approaching, and likely to affect us all, will be the adoption of a new academic year structure, taking effect from the 13th July 2009. The teaching year will now consist of two terms of 12 weeks duration each. In effect, what it means is that teaching will begin two weeks earlier next year, the first term running from 28th of September to 21st December and the second from 18th January to the 8th of April. A lot of discussion has taken place regarding the 'reading week.' In fact, the term 'reading week' is no longer recommended and it is instead referred to as the 'study week' in order to better reflect the activities occurring during that period. There is good reason to harmonize the two-semester structure across College and by extension, the placement of the study week, which has now been set in Week 7.

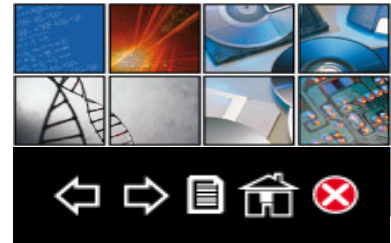
For staff with children the provision of appropriate childcare facilities is a major concern. It was brought to the attention of Council through the Student Services Annual Report that there were currently 204 children awaiting places in the day nursery, which makes provision for just 48 children. It is perhaps sometimes overlooked that the lack of childcare not only impacts on staff but also on the lives of students with children as well. An assessment of the current and future childcare needs of the students and staff is currently under way.

I hope this letter has proven at least somewhat informative.

Best wishes,

 (Junior Constituency)

Approved Council minutes and the forthcoming agendas may be accessed through the URL:
<http://www.tcd.ie/committeepapers/council/papers/>



EMS Faculty Office Updates

Faculty Office:

- **Website** - The Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics & Science website is live: please visit <http://www.ems.tcd.ie/>
- **Venue** - Faculty Conference Room is available for bookings of meetings. If you would like to avail of this facility please contact Ms Sonya O'Connell [occonneso@tcd.ie]

Administration

Faculty Safety Committee

Mr. Rory Greenan (School of Engineering) was formally deemed elected as Faculty Safety Representative in February 2009. The Faculty Safety Committee has now held two meetings. Minutes are available on the Faculty website. If you have any items you would like to place on the agenda please contact your School Representative or Ms Victoria Butler (butlerv@tcd.ie)
See also: <http://www.ems.tcd.ie/local/>

e- Strategy

The e-Strategy Programme Team has now met on 3 occasions with regular meetings to be scheduled for the coming months. Meetings are chaired by the Chief Operating Officer and membership of the Programme Team is as follows:

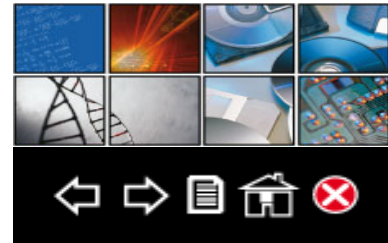
Chief Operating Officer and Programme Director
Interim Programme Manager
Art, Humanities and Social Science Faculty Administrator
Engineering, Maths and Science Faculty Administrator
Health Sciences Faculty Administrator
Academic Secretary
Treasurer (Acting)
Staff Secretary
Librarian
Director ISS
Director from Student Services
Representative from Steering Group (i.e. External Representative)
Secretary

Mr Chris Lyons
Mr. Alan Lush
Ms. Orla Sheehan
Ms. Victoria Butler
Dr. Joseph Richardson
Ms. Patricia Callaghan
Mr. Ian Matthews
Mr. Tony McMahon
Mr. Robin Adams
Mr. John Murphy
Mr. Sean Gannon
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Ms. Geraldine Chawke

A data collection exercise is currently being conducted to identify current and future information requirements and flows across College. The first meeting of the e-Strategy Steering Group also took place on the 6th March. A full update will be circulated to all in the form of an e-Strategy Newsletter which will be released shortly. If you have any further queries please contact V. Butler or Ms Geraldine Chawke (chawkeg@tcd.ie)

Semesterisation

As referred to in the Council Update section, much discussion has been held in College regarding the introduction of a new Academic Year Structure. The Dean, Academic Secretary and Faculty Administrator have been working closely with the Heads of School, Course Directors and School Administrators to ensure that this transition can be implemented as smoothly as possible. The Chief Operating Officer has also held meetings with relevant Staff across College including the Acting Treasurer, Director of IS Services, Staff Secretary etc to identify the best possible way to progress implementation. If you have any comments or issues you would like to discuss further please do not hesitate to bring these to the attention of the Faculty Administrator.



Human Resources

Pensions Related Deduction

The biggest news of all is in relation to the Public Service Levy entitled the Pensions Related Deduction (PRD). Implementation of the Pensions Related Deduction is in accordance with the provisions of the Government's Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Act, 2009 with effect from the **March payrolls**. An Explanatory Information Leaflet is now available on the Staff Office Announcements Page as a Priority Announcement http://www.tcd.ie/Staff_Office/home/announce.php

Note: This information document has been prepared with care by the TCD Staff Office and the TCD Treasurer's Office. It represents the College's interpretation of the "Pensions-Related Deduction (PRD)" and it's application as provided for under the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Act, 2009 ("the Act"). It is issued errors and omissions excepted with no attaching liability. The provisions of the Act, including any subsequent amendments, will take precedence in the event of any doubt.

Policy Issues

1. The Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics & Science Personnel and Appointments Policy & Procedure (FEMS Executive Committee)

Last quarter it was reported that the new procedure governing the FEMS Executive Committee now replaces the PAC as the approval body for Staffing Applications. Please be advised that the final deadline dates for submission of forms to the HR Advisor have now been abolished. That said, time is still required to check the forms in terms of procedure, contract status, financial status etc. so your co-operation is requested to ensure that applications are not submitted at the very last minute in advance of a meeting of the Faculty Executive. Staff are encouraged to submit applications regularly or to inform the HR Advisor of your intention to apply in advance so checking can be done prior to receipt of the forms. Again, this procedure is also located on the Faculty website.

2. Academic Titles Document

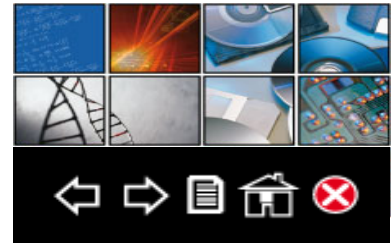
The Academic Titles Document was Board approved on the 7th July 2008. This document contains information regarding the appropriate college titles to be given to staff. It breaks each title listed below into a) Criteria for appointment, b) Nomination, appointment and promotion procedures, c) role and responsibilities and d) term of appointment headings. It is important that this document is consulted and the appropriate title selected. The following are to be used as official college titles for academic staff:

Professorial titles	Lecturer titles	Research titles
Professor	Senior Lecturer	Senior Research Fellow
Professor (part-time)	Senior Lecturer (part-time)	Research Fellow
Associate Professor	Lecturer	Research Assistant
Associate Professor (part-time)	Lecturer (part-time)	Research Associate
Research Professor	Research Lecturer / Senior Lecturer	
Clinical Professor	Clinical Lecturer / Senior Lecturer	
Adjunct Professor	Adjunct Lecturer / Senior Lecturer	
Adjunct Associate Professor	Associate Research Lecturer	
Honorary Professor	Visiting Academic	
Visiting Professor		

For copies of the report, please contact the Faculty HR Advisor.

3. Dignity & Respect Policy

This policy was launched in August 2008; details of the new policy are available at: http://www.tcd.ie/Staff_Office/policies/healthsafety/DIGNITY_AND_RESPECT.pdf



The Staff Office is currently running a number of Awareness Sessions open to all staff. This course is to raise awareness on the policy, procedures, supports available to staff, and the roles of responsibilities of everyone involved in the policy.

If you would like to get involved in either aspect, please contact Ms Cara Ryan on ryanc9@tcd.ie or ext 3967 to book a place.

Equality Project – “A Day in the Life”

The joint initiative organised with the other Faculty HR Advisors our “A Day in the Life” series is progressing, with our first contribution coming from our Head of Chemistry, Prof. David Grayson! This will be published on the website shortly. The theme of the project is to promote an inclusive college community in the hope of raising the level of awareness and understanding of one another’s roles and responsibilities within this and the other Faculties. I am now seeking expressions of Interest from all Staff in the Faculty in the positions of Junior Lecturer, Departmental Executive Officer, Technical Officer and an Under-Graduate Student in 1st Year to contribute an article for the Series under the above heading. The article will be published on the Faculty websites and there will be a prize for the winning entry. For more information on this project, please contact me on ryanc9@tcd.ie or ext 3967.

All staff within the Faculty are encouraged to contact the HR Advisor with any suggestions or comments they have in relation to HR practice, policy or otherwise in the Faculty.

Finance

Information Seminar

A Treasurers Office Information Seminar was held in the Faculty Conference Room on Tuesday 10th February from 10am – 12.30pm. The seminar was very well attended – for those who couldn’t get there on the day, full details of items discussed can be found at:

http://www.tcd.ie/Treasurers_Office/forms/Treasurer's_Office_Information_Seminar_Presentation.ppt

Introduction of Postgraduate Fee Bands

Following a proposal from the Dean of Graduate Studies in relation to Postgraduate fees it has been agreed that College will formally adopt a series of fee bands for all postgraduate courses. The Dean and the Faculty Office have worked with the Schools, Directors of PG Teaching & Learning, Course Co-ordinators, the International Office and the Treasurer’s Office to identify possible fee bands for all of the post graduate courses, including research, in the Faculty. The latest version of the proposal was tabled at the Finance Committee on the 4th March and will be reviewed at the upcoming meeting. It is envisaged that the new fees will be introduced for the 2009/10 academic year.

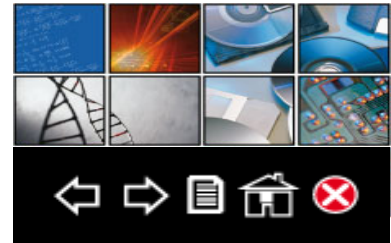
For a copy of the proposal and draft proposed fees please contact the Faculty Financial Advisor (donaghj@tcd.ie)

Treasurer’s Office Outreach Activities

The Treasurer’s Office Outreach Programme was developed in late 2008 with the aim of providing Treasurer’s Office staff with a fundamental overview of “a day in the life of” an academic. As a service provider, the Treasurer’s Office liaises with every Faculty and School in College and the concept of the Outreach Programme was considered a unique way in which to gain an insight into the type of environment academics and support staff work in.

The programme began in December 2008 with a visit by a group from the Treasurer’s Office to the School of Biochemistry hosted by **Professor Andrew Bowie**. The outreach tours have continued to date with participation by:

- **Professor Pete Humphries** – School of Genetics and Microbiology



- **Dr Ken Irvine** – School of Natural Sciences, Zoology
- **Professor Marina Lynch** – Director of Trinity College Institute of Neuroscience and Professor, School of Medicine (Physiology)
- **Dr Aideen Long** – School of Medicine
- **Professor Clive Williams**, Dean of Engineering, Mathematics and Science – Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics and Science
- **Professor John Fitzpatrick**, Head of School – Engineering
- **Professor Catherine Comiskey** – School of Nursing and Midwifery
- **Professor Kevin Devine** – School of Genetics and Microbiology
- **Professor Donal O'Mahony** – Director of Centre for Telecommunications Value-Chain Research (CTVR) and Associate Professor, School of Computer Science and Statistics

The feedback has been extremely encouraging from both the academic teams kindly hosting the visits and the Treasurer's Office staff, with many citing the programme as a mutually beneficial exercise which allows for positive interaction in an informal setting.

The Treasurer's Office is extremely grateful for the time and effort made by the academic teams so far to accommodate the visits and looks forward to further developing this programme over the coming months. We are always on the look out for academic volunteers/participants so if you are interested, please contact the Treasurer's Office Service Liaison Officer, Samantha Maguire at Ext. 8049 or email sam.maguire@tcd.ie to arrange a visit.

Faculty Finance

If you have any queries of a financial matter please do not hesitate to contact the Faculty Financial Advisor Mr. John Donaghy on ext. 2102 or donaghj@tcd.ie.

Contact Details

We welcome your comments on any of the items featured above

Alternatively, if you have something you would like to include in the next edition, please contact us on:

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