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THE DEAN OF HEALTH SCIENCES AWARD

FOR OUTSTANDING TEACHING
IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

2018





Professor Mary McCarron
Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences

I am pleased to announce the inaugural Dean of Health Sciences Award for Outstanding Teaching in Professional Practice. This award was developed to recognise the significant contribution of professionals who do not hold appointments with Trinity to the delivery of teaching to our undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Each of the Schools within the Faculty of Health Sciences has a long tradition of working with our clinical and allied health colleagues to educate students across all of our programmes, ensuring that our graduates are career-ready from the moment of graduation. This award seeks to recognise the valuable contribution of such colleagues and to highlight those exceptional individuals who excel in teaching and who continually encourage an ethos of excellence in clinical teaching. Nominations were received from students and staff, and I am pleased to grant five awards in 2018, across all schools in the Faculty.

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| SCHOOL | RECIPIENT |
| Dental Science | Dr R. Gerard Cleary |
| Medicine | Professor Ross Murphy |
| Medicine (Radiation Therapy) | Theresa O'Donovan |
| Nursing & Midwifery | John Patrick Balaoing |
| Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences | Dr John Michael Morris |



Dr R. Gerard Cleary
School of Dental Science Recipient

Dr RG (Gerry) Cleary was nominated by a number of students who praised him for sharing his hundreds of photos of clinical cases; spanning a 40-year period these clinical photographs offer a rare insight into the long-term effects of good dentistry.

Gerry also provides hand drawings and detailed explanations of clinical and laboratory concepts, and has successfully invited world-class speakers to Ireland. Gerry promotes the publication of students' work, and he has assisted students in achieving funding to study abroad.

“ *Dr Gerry Cleary, in our view is an integral, key asset to the graduate prosthodontics programme, to the Dublin Dental University Hospital and to the Dublin dental community at large. He inspires us, motivates us, and raises our standards beyond what we ever felt we could achieve.* ”

Gerry Cleary qualified at Trinity College Dublin in 1982. He completed his Fellowship in Dental Surgery at Edinburgh in 1987 and attended the M.S.D. Programme in Prosthodontics in Indiana University. Since receiving his Masters Degree and Certificate of post-graduate studies, in March of 1992, he holds a part time lecturing position in Adult Dental Health at the Dublin Dental Hospital, teaching graduate prosthodontics, and maintains a private practice limited to Prosthodontics.

Gerry was admitted Fellow of Faculty of Dentistry R.C.S.I. – Ad eundem - in 1999. The Fellowship of the American College of Dentists was awarded in 2000 and of the International College of Dentists in 2002 and the Pierre Fauchard Academy in 2009. He was appointed examiner in the MFDS RCSI in Sept 1999 and the FFD (Prosthodontics) RCSI in January 2002. Gerry has served in many honorary positions including Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry RCSI and President of the Irish Dental Association in 2006. Gerry is married to Silvia and they have a family of 4 children. Tennis and golf compete for any free leisure time.



Professor Ross Murphy
School of Medicine Recipient

Professor Ross Murphy was nominated by colleagues who praised him for his enthusiasm in both didactic and clinical teaching, particularly improving students' clinical examination and diagnostic skills in cardiology. He is totally passionate about his teaching and instils this passion for learning in his students.

Ross has undertaken additional clinical sessions in clinical cardiology and murmur identification for the students. He conducts this in his own time, often at weekends, and it is a session which is highly valued by the students in their final year of the Medicine programme. This multi-factorial approach is characterised by inspiring, supporting, actively involving and communicating with his students.

“*Ross is considered an exemplary communicator and teacher by the students. His teaching sessions are popular and well attended and he is recognised as going the extra yard in his teaching activities.*”

Dr Ross Murphy MD, MSc, FRCPI, is a graduate of RCSI. He trained in Dublin, at St George's Hospital, London, the Heart Hospital, London and at The Cleveland Clinic in Ohio, USA. He has been a Consultant Cardiologist at St. James's Hospital, Dublin and Clinical Senior Lecturer at TCD since 2006. His special interests include cardiac imaging and valve disease, Cardiac CT, and his research interests include the genetics of cardiomyopathy, newer echo modalities, and the vascular biology of coronary plaque.



Ms Theresa O'Donovan
School of Medicine Recipient

Theresa O'Donovan was nominated by colleagues who praised her for her student-centred approach to teaching, creating an engaging and supportive learning environment which students evaluate positively.

Theresa enables students to benefit from inter-professional learning by arranging for them to attend registrar planning presentations where they discuss and evaluate the patients' treatment plans, aiding students in bridging the gap between what is learned in the academic environment and what is seen in the clinical department. Her positive style of interacting with students, her availability, professionalism and helpfulness in learning was highly valued by students.

“*Theresa is a passionate teacher who engages students and facilitates them to fulfil their full potential. Only through the voluntary support of such professionals can we provide excellence in clinical education for Trinity radiation therapy students.*”

Theresa O'Donovan is a Clinical Specialist Radiation Therapist at the Radiation Therapy Department, Cork University Hospital. She is Vice President and former President of the Irish Institute of Radiography and Radiation Therapy. Theresa holds a BSc. in Radiation Therapy from Trinity College Dublin, an MSc in Clinical Education from the National University of Ireland, Galway and a PgCert in Advanced Practice, from Sheffield Hallam University. Theresa has extensive clinical experience as a Radiation Therapist both in Ireland and Australia. Her special interest is in student education and she is a link Radiation Therapist for the Discipline of Radiation Therapy Trinity College at Cork University Hospital. Theresa is a clinical assessor for CORU and a Fellow Co-ordinator for visiting Fellows at Cork University Hospital, sponsored by the International Atomic Energy Agency. Her research interest is in establishing radiation dose limits for image acquisition within the radiation therapy department. She is a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Radiotherapy in Practice and sits on the HSE health and social care professions education and development advisory group.



Mr John Patrick Balaoing
School of Nursing & Midwifery Recipient

John Balaoing was nominated by students who praised him for his outstanding ability to break down what is often complex information, explaining nursing procedures in very simple, understandable language.

His engaging and approachable style is encouraging and reassuring to students, who reported that he instilled knowledge, critical thinking and confidence. He encourages students to ask as many questions as possible, creating an engaging and thought-provoking student-centred learning environment. He is a dedicated, patient-focused nurse who leads students by example.

“ This nurse was the best preceptor I have been allocated to in my three years of nursing. He encouraged me to work on my own initiative, always explaining his rational throughout. He is an amazing nurse and the best nursing teacher I have encountered. ”

John Patrick Balaoing is a Student Nurse Preceptor in the Intensive Care Unit in Tallaght Hospital. Prior to this he was a Staff Nurse in the Surgical I.C.U. / Post-Anesthesia Care Unit of Capitol Medical Centre in the Philippines. John obtained his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Capitol Medical Centre Colleges in 2008.



Dr John Michael Morris
School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences Recipient

Dr Mike Morris was nominated by colleagues who praised him for long-term active engagement in the M.Sc./Postgraduate Diploma in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Technology. Mike has held many leading roles during his career to date, both nationally and internationally, and has brought insights and raised pertinent issues in the classroom to challenge and engage our students on topics of relevance to their profession.

In collaboration with the School, Mike spearheaded the development of the QP forum; this annual event brings together Pharmacists and Pharmaceutical Scientists from multiple disciplines working in industrial, regulatory and academic settings to share their expertise and engage in peer to peer learning.

“ Dr Morris played a central role as advisor to our School when the M.Sc./Postgraduate Diploma in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Technology was developed in the late 1980s. His ideas for continuous improvements to the course were inevitably timely and very much embraced by Colleagues. Testament to the esteem with which Dr Morris is held by our Colleagues can be gleaned from the fact that he was centrally involved, as advisor, when the course was upgraded from a Postgraduate Diploma to an MSc in 2005. ”

John Michael Morris, Ph.D., MPSI, obtained a degree in Pharmacy and a Ph.D. from the University of Manchester (UK) and worked briefly in industry in the UK, in development and QA over the next 10 years. In 1987 Michael moved to Ireland to work for the medicines regulator NDAB/IMB/HPRA and became Director Scientific Affairs at the Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA) of Ireland in 2004 until he retired at the end of 2015. Michael was formerly Pharmaceutical Director, IMB, responsible for the assessment of quality data (CMC data) and before that Senior Pharmacist at the Irish National Drugs Advisory Board. Dr. Morris was the EU member of the ICH Q6A Expert Working Group, and subsequently became EU topic leader and then Chair of ICH Q4B -pharmacopoeial harmonisation. In 2004 he was elected to the position of Chairman of the European Pharmacopoeia Commission until 2007 and he remained a member of the Ph. Eur. Commission until 2016. He is chair of Ph. Eur. Working Party PAT and a member of Group 12, pharmaceutical dose forms. Michael has also served on a number of other scientific committees including the dissolution testing focus group of FIP. He has also been very active in the Ireland chapter of PDA since its inception in 2006 and has just recently stepped down after two years as President of that organization. He is also Chair of the PIER pharmacists group in Ireland.



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