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Welcome to *Voice*, the occasional newsletter of the Institute. Your 2017 ICI Diary is enclosed with this mailing and I am taking this opportunity to fill you in on our main activities during the past year. You can see photos of our various events on our website.

To keep up to date with our activities, please visit our website: www.chemistryireland.org

You are reminded that our journal, *Irish Chemical News*, is now only available in electronic format. It can be downloaded from our website and we will send it to you if you have provided an email address for this and other communications.

You can subscribe to our e-mail list by sending an e-mail to:- info@instituteofchemistry.org

Institute of Chemistry of Ireland Congress 2016

This year's congress was held at GMIT Galway, on Friday 27th May with the theme 'Chemistry & Society'. There was a brief report on it in the June issue of VOICE, which was circulated in electronic format only. If you are not on our e-mail list, you can still download the June issue of VOICE from this link: <http://www.chemistryireland.org/docs/news/Voice-Irish-Chemical-Newsletter-June-2016.pdf>

Institute of Chemistry of Ireland Boyle Higgins Award 2016

The 2016 Boyle-Higgins Gold Medal was awarded to Professor Kieran Hodnett of The University of Limerick. His lecture, entitled "Polymorphic Transformations in Pharmaceutical Compounds" was given on April 14th at Kevin St. DIT, on the day of the AGM. This event was also reported in the June issue of VOICE, which can be found via the link given above.

The 68th Irish Universities Chemistry Research Colloquium, University College, Cork

This year's Colloquium was held at UCC on June 23rd & 24th and once again, we were happy to be among the sponsors. The excellence and variety of the presentations was amazing, showing that chemistry research is alive and well in Ireland. For more information, you can get the book of abstracts here:

<http://www.chemistryireland.org/docs/events/2016-Colloquium-Book-of-Abstracts.pdf>

Institute of Chemistry of Ireland Annual Chemistry Award 2017 (Eva Philbin Lecture Series)



Professor Sodeau receiving his award plaque.

This award, inaugurated in 2005, recognises the significant contribution to chemistry of an individual of international repute, who also has excellent skills in science communication. The 2016 recipient is Professor John Sodeau, founding Director of the Centre for Research into Atmospheric Chemistry (CRAC) at University College Cork. He gave the first of his lectures at UCC on Nov. 9th and the second at a joint awards seminar at Kevin St. DIT on November 15th. His lecture, entitled "Every Breath you Take" covered many aspects of air pollution and climate change and was delivered in a most entertaining manner. The third lecture in the series will be given in Limerick early in the new year and a 4th lecture is planned for Waterford.

Professor Sodeau's lecture was recorded & is available on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ap80-M6bIA>

http://www.ucc.ie/en/chemistry/newsevents/fullstory-709178-en.html?post_id=1323929050991958_1323929570991906#_

This award, inaugurated last year, is a high-level award for a chemist working in Ireland, in recognition of a substantial contribution to Ireland's Chemical or Pharmaceutical Industry. Henkel Ireland sponsors the €1000 award. The winner of the 2016 award is Dr. Imelda Shanahan, founder and Managing Director of TMS Environment Ltd. The company offers a range of services, including laboratory analysis, monitoring and consultancy in environmental and related areas.



Dr. Shanahan gave an inspiring presentation entitled "Strictly Chemistry?" at the joint awards seminar at the Kevin St. campus of DIT on November 15th. In her talk, Imelda described a number of examples of the varied problems that her company, TMS Environment Ltd., has been able to solve over the past few years. The company is celebrating its 21st Birthday this year and we wish Imelda and TMS every success in the future.

The picture shows Dr. Imelda Shanahan receiving her award from Dr. Patricia Cullen, of Henkel Ireland.

EuCheMS GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2016



This year's EuCheMS General Assembly was held in Seville in September, in conjunction with the 6th EuCheMS Chemistry Congress. Pat Hobbs, Immediate Past President, represented The Institute of Chemistry of Ireland at the meeting. He also led a delegation to promote our bid to host the 8th EuCheMS Congress in Dublin in 2020. There were five other countries also bidding and it was Portugal who was successful. Perhaps geography went against us, as Liverpool is due to host the Congress in 2018. Nothing daunted, it is hoped to try again with an offer to host the 9th EuCheMS Congress in the Convention Centre, Dublin, in 2022.

For more information on EuCheMS, please visit the website: <http://www.euchems.eu/>

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR 2017 DIARY: **AGM April 27th at the RCSI. SAVE THE DATE!**

We hope to circulate a list of important 'diary dates' with this mailing, but there is one date that has been confirmed and which you should note. The AGM 2017 will be held on Thursday, April 27th at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI), Stephen's Green, Dublin at 7.30 p.m. All members are invited to attend. The meeting will be preceded by a wine and finger food reception at 6.30 p.m. and it is expected to be a pleasant social occasion. On the same date, also at the RCSI, starting at 5.00 p.m., the Boyle Higgins Award lecture will be given and the Gold Medal will be presented. We have not yet announced who the recipient will be, but more details will be circulated later. I should like to encourage as many of our members as possible to attend these combined events, when we can meet with colleagues, renew acquaintances, get introduced to more of our members and do some networking. This is the one event in the year when we would love to see a greater input from the general membership. I do hope to see you there.

We wish all our members a very Happy Christmas and New Year!

This issue of VOICE compiled and edited by Margaret Franklin FICI, President of ICI.