



Welcome to the June 2015 issue of Voice, the occasional newsletter of the Institute. It is hoped to bring you at least two issues in 2015, to keep you informed of our activities. This issue will be distributed in electronic format to those members who have provided us with their e-mail addresses.

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Institute of Chemistry of Ireland Annual General Meeting 2015

Council Elections took place at the AGM, which was held at DCU on April 16th.

Your newly elected President for 2015-17 is Margaret Franklin MSc, FICI, while Vice President is Fergal Barry, PhD, FICI. Our long-standing and hard-working Honorary Secretary, Philip Ryan, was re-elected, as was our equally diligent Honorary Treasurer, John Keegan. Eoghan McGarrigle has agreed to help with our finances by taking on the role of Assistant Honorary Treasurer. Paraic James remains as Registrar, while Pat Hobbs, immediate past President, is now Editor of our journal 'Irish Chemical News'. Brian Murray is our Regional representative for the East, while Marie Walsh of LIT will replace Fergal Barry as Regional Rep. for the S.W. Several ordinary members of Council we re-elected and a number of co-options were made. We now have a full Council and look forward to working together over the next year for the benefit of our members.

Institute of Chemistry of Ireland Boyle Higgins Award 2015



The Boyle Higgins Gold Medal was awarded to Professor Dermot Diamond of DCU, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to chemistry.

He gave his presentation, entitled: "**Chemical Sensing with Autonomous Devices in Remote Locations: Why is it so difficult and how do we deliver revolutionary improvements in performance?**" on April 16th at DCU, before the AGM.

The picture shows Professor Diamond being presented with the medal by Pat Hobbs, President 2013 – 2015.

This year's congress was held at UCD on April 30th with the theme "Modern Approaches to Asymmetric Synthesis".



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The speaker are pictured here on the staircase in the Science Hub at UCD.

Back row (L to R): Dr Gerard McGlacken (UCC), Dr Paul Evans (UCD), Dr Fintan Kelleher (ITT), Prof Declan Gilheany (UCD),
2nd row from back: Dr John Stephens (NUIM), Prof Mauro Adamo (RSCI), Prof Pat Guiry (UCD).
2nd row from front: Dr Eoghan McGarrigle (Chair organising committee, UCD), Pat Hobbs (ICI ex-president), (front row) Dr Francesca Paradisi (UCD), Prof Karl Hale (QUB) and Margaret Franklin (ICI President).

Congratulations and thanks to Eoghan and his committee at UCD, for planning and hosting this successful event. The Science Hub at UCD provided a marvellous venue for the Congress. The Congress Dinner was held on that same evening, at the nearby Stillorgn Park Hotel.

The proceedings of the Congress will be published in "Irish Chemical News" in due course.

A report on the Congress can be found here:
<https://iciannualcongress2015.wordpress.com/>

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Joint RSC/ICI Awards Symposium in Belfast.

This event was held at QUB, on Friday, May 1st, the day after our own Congress. Both Pat Hobbs, Immediate Past President, and Margaret Franklin, newly elected President of the Institute, travelled to Belfast for the symposium. Professor Thorfinnur (Thorri) Gunnlaugsson of TCD, recipient of the 2014/2015 Annual Award for Chemistry (Eva Philbin Lecture Series), gave the third of his lectures during the symposium.

The title of his lecture (previously delivered at the RSCI in Dublin last year and at NUI Galway in April of this year) was:
“Self-assembly supramolecular structures and material made from novel acyclic ligands”.



Thorri Gunnlaugsson receiving his award from Margaret Franklin, FICI, President, The Institute of Chemistry of Ireland

Thorri is principal investigator of **“The Supramolecular and Medicinal Chemistry Research Group”** based in the School of Chemistry, TCD and is at the cutting edge of research into supramolecular structures, as well as ion sensor development and drug discovery. He was elected a member of the Royal Irish Academy in 2005.

The RSC awards went to the following:

Prof. Tobin Marks, Northwestern University, USA (Sir Geoffrey Wilkinson Award)

Prof. Ian Patterson, University of Cambridge (Natural Product Chemistry Award)

Prof Duncan Bruce, University of York (RSC Peter Day Award)

Prof Euan Brechin, University of Edinburgh (Chemistry of Transition Metals Award)

Institute of Chemistry of Ireland 2015 Industrial Chemistry Award

Last year, the Institute invited nominations for this high-level award for a chemist working in Ireland, in recognition of a substantial contribution to Ireland’s Chemical/Pharmaceutical Industry.

Henkel Ireland is sponsoring this award in 2015.

Pat Hobbs, Immediate Past President, revealed the name of the winner during the Annual Congress at UCD on April 30th. The award goes to Donal Coveney of TopChem. The prize will be presented at a major event later this year. Donal will give his award lecture at two venues, one in Dublin and the other in Sligo, where his company is based. Details will be announced later. We expect that this will be an important social, as well as scientific occasion in our calendar and hope it may become an annual event.

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They may be submitted to our new editor, Pat Hobbs, who can be contacted at this e-mail address: patrickhobbs@outlook.com

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Professional Affairs, Qualifications, Education, Membership, Recruitment and the Editorial Board.

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