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Institute of Chemistry of Ireland Annual General Meeting 2016

Council Elections took place at the AGM, which was held at the DIT Kevin Street on 14th April 2016.

Margaret Franklin MSc, FICI, was re-elected for the second year of her term of office, while Vice President Fergal Barry, PhD, FICI, was likewise re-elected. The following officers were also re-elected: Philip Ryan (Honorary Secretary); Celine Marmion (Minutes Secretary); John Keegan (Treasurer); Eoghan McGarrigle (Assistant Honorary Treasurer).

Professor John Cassidy (DIT) is our new Registrar and Pat Hobbs, immediate past President, remains as Editor of our journal 'Irish Chemical News'. All of the Regional Representatives were re-elected, along with several ordinary members of Council. In addition, at our May Council meeting, Cormac Quigley (GMIT) was co-opted to Council. A few vacancies still remain, which we hope to fill by co-opting additional Council members over the coming months.

Institute of Chemistry of Ireland Boyle Higgins Award 2016



This year's Boyle Higgins Gold Medal was awarded to Professor Kieran Hodnett of the University of Limerick, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Applied Industrial Chemistry.

He gave his presentation, entitled: **"Polymorphic Transformations in Pharmaceutical Compounds"** on April 14th at Kevin St. DIT, on the day of the AGM.

This was followed by a wine reception, after which members attended the AGM.

It is hoped to publish the text of the Boyle-Higgins Award Lecture in a forthcoming issue of 'Irish Chemical News'.

The picture shows Professor Hodnett with the medal he had just received.

Institute of Chemistry of Ireland Congress 2016

This year's congress was held at The Galway campus of GMIT on Friday 27th May with the theme "Chemistry and Society". The varied programme included speakers from the host college GMIT as well as NUIG and Sligo IT, who gave academic presentations. Speakers from Mylan and Henkel provided an industrial perspective. There was also a small trade exhibition. We Thank Our Congress 2016 Sponsors:



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Presentation of Medals to Candidates who obtained the highest marks in L.C. Chemistry examination 2015

A total of 6 candidates tied for top marks in last year's Leaving Certificate examination in Chemistry. Four of them are currently studying at 3rd level colleges in Dublin and were presented with their medals after the Boyle-Higgins Award Lecture on April 14th. They are Hayley Blair (High School, Rathgar); Eimear Conroy (Loreto, Kilkenny); Sean Kavanagh (St. Vincent's, Castleknock) and Eleanor Windle (Dominican College, Muckross Park, Donnybrook.) They are pictured below. It is planned to present the remaining two candidates (Vera O'Riordan and Sinead McCarthy) with their medals on June 24th, during the Irish Universities' Chemistry Research Colloquium at UCC, where they are studying.



Hayley Blair, with her parents and the Institute President, Margaret Franklin, FICI.



Eimear Conroy, with Margaret Franklin and Colm Keher (Principal, Loreto College, Granges Road, Kilkenny).



Sean Kavanagh with Oliver Murphy (Headmaster) & Ms. Eimear Darcy (Teacher), Castleknock College.



Eleanor Windle with Deirdre Harney (Teacher, Muckross Park) and Margaret Franklin (Institute President).

The Work of The Institute of Chemistry of Ireland

The Institute of Chemistry of Ireland is your Professional Body, recognised by State Agencies and Government Departments. We publish the journal, Irish Chemical News, and this newsletter, VOICE. We organise an annual Congress, lectures and seminars, sponsor scientific events and make awards. We need more of our members to become actively involved with the work of the Institute, for example, by serving on one of our committees. At present we have the following active committees: Professional Affairs, Qualifications, Education, Membership, Recruitment and the Editorial Board. We are also hoping to form an Environmental Committee. If you have an interest in any of these areas, or have suggestions for new committees, we would love to hear from you. Please also help us to recruit new members, by inviting a colleague to become a member.



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