Welcome to the summer edition of the SNHS newsletter.

This newsletter edition is all about NUMBERS. In April, 360 delegates attended the Annual Congress of Psychology Students hosted by DCU for the first time (see page 2) which included 179 oral presentations and 80 posters. This conference included keynote speakers Prof Chris French from Goldsmiths University of London and Dr Eva Doherty from RCSI.

Our first cohort of 40 undergraduate psychology students completed their final year exams in May (see page 3).

The 7th Qualitative Summer School held here in May had over 200 delegates over the four day event and was a lively and interesting event for all who participated.

Yet again this year we had strong representation in the President’s Teaching and Learning Awards in May: 12 staff were nominated, 5 shortlisted and we were delighted when Dr Lorraine Boran was awarded as the overall winner of the President’s Teaching Award for Excellence (details on page 6). Details of the international symposium on disaster ethics hosted by the school are on page 5.

Also in this edition there are details of the new Graduate Certificate in Ethics which is currently open for applications (see page 7). On page 8 there is an overview of the Elevator project led by Dr Kate Irving, SNHS.

As we go to print, congratulations to newly promoted Professor Anne Matthews, Dr Mary Rose Sweeney’s promotion to Senior Lecturer and Dr Siobhan Russell’s appointment as Lecturer.

Enjoy the read!

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Congratulations to our psychology students for hosting the 36\textsuperscript{th} Annual Congress of Psychology Students in Ireland. This is an All-Ireland Congress, organised by students, for students and it represents one of the high points of the academic calendar annually for psychology students.

Given its importance and its history, it was an honour to have the Congress hosted here at DCU – in the School of Nursing and Human Sciences - on April 11\textsuperscript{th} and 12\textsuperscript{th} 2014. This was the first time that the congress was hosted here at DCU and credit for hosting this year’s Congress goes to a team of highly dedicated students on the BSc in Psychology programme, supported in no small way by some very hard-working academic and technical support staff!!

The congress attracted 360 delegates from 21 third-level institutions throughout Ireland and the UK. In terms of the scientific programme, undergraduate and post-graduate students of psychology and allied disciplines presented a total of 179 oral presentations and 80 posters. Each paper highlighted original research undertaken by students as an integral part of their psychology training and these papers were judged by experienced academics from across the Irish third-level sector.

This team of BSc Psychology students took on the challenging task of organising this major event and they hosted what has now entered the history books as the largest psychology student congress ever held in this country. This is no small achievement for a group on students on a new programme and is a testament to their enthusiasm and their passion for their discipline.

In addition to this impressive programme, the students organised two world-class keynote speakers to address the congress. Prof. Chris French, Psychology Department, Goldsmiths, University of London delivered a keynote address to congress delegates on the topic of anomalistic psychology, while Dr. Eva Doherty, RCSI, delivered an extremely well attended public lecture on the topic of stress management. Last, but not least, the students organised a fun-packed social programme that allowed delegates network with colleagues from across the third-level sector.

In organising this congress, the committee (pictured on page 3) were excellent ambassadors for the BSc in Psychology, their school, faculty and their university. Their initiative and motivation in making the successful bid in 2013 and their dedication and commitment throughout the subsequent year of intensive planning is highly commendable. Their professionalism, attention to detail, teamwork, collegiate spirit and organisational skills were uplifting and their desire to represent their discipline and their University in the most favourable light possible was inspiring. This exceptionally dedicated group of students has helped put the new DCU BSc in Psychology programme firmly on the national map. They should be incredibly proud of their achievement.

We are also incredibly proud of each and every one of our students who presented at the congress and the fact that DCU psychology students featured strongly among those presented with awards. Well done to all.

Prof. Teresa Burke & Prof. Pamela Gallagher
Committee members with Prof. Chris French

Congress Organising Committee:  Back row:  left to right:  Ross Flanagan (Treasurer), Andrew Wheeler (Registration Team), Aine Maher (committee member), Kate Walsh (committee member), Diego Garaialde (IT Support).  Front row:  left to right:  Kelly Keena (Congress co-chair), Amanda McDonnell (Academic Facilities), Orla Mooney (committee member), Julie Anne O’Connell Kent (Congress co-chair), Christian Korpos (Secretary).  Not pictured:  Muna Fuilali (Registration Team).

Final Year Psychology Students

Our first cohort of BSc in Psychology students with staff after their final lecture in fourth year! We wish them the best of luck in their final exams and in their future careers!
International Engagements in the School of Nursing and Human Sciences

At School of Nursing and Human Sciences we are proud of our international engagements. This was another busy academic year where we dealt with lots of new enquiries and where we developed existing international partnerships. During Semester 1 we hosted two undergraduate general nursing students from Wollongong University, Australia. We also had a visit from three vocational nurse teachers from Střední Zdravotnická Škola Prague, Czech Republic (see picture 1 below). We continue to have an active Erasmus Partnership with Turku University of Applied Sciences (TUAS), Turku, Finland. Lecturers can avail of a one-week teaching programme at TUAS. Up to 2 students each semester can travel for up to 3 months to TUAS for an exchange programme. During the exchange students can choose from a selection of nursing courses taught in English. For application guidelines and practical information please visit www.tuas.fi/exchangestudents

In Semester 2 we had a visitor from the University of Osnabrück, Germany. We also had two groups of lecturers and students (i) from Columbus State University, Georgia USA and (ii) from Mount Saint Mary College (MSMC) Newburgh, New York USA over in the school (see picture 2 and 3 opposite). We are looking forward to further international engagements in the next academic year. Some forthcoming events include:

**Summer School 'International Perspectives on Health Care' at University Osnabrück (UOS), Germany 30th June – 24th July 2014**

This course analyses different health care systems throughout the world and their impact on global health care. A range of recreational activities and a ‘taster course’ in German language are offered as part of the summer school. Information can be found at www.uni-osnabrueck.de/summerschools or Email: summerschools@uni-osnabrueck.de

**Summer School at Turku University of Applied Sciences (TUAS), Finland 11th – 22nd August 2014**

This International Summer School offers nursing and health care students a range of topics and modules worth 2-5 ECTS each. Further information regarding this event can be found at http://www.tuas.fi/en/study-tuas/exchange-students/international-summer-school/

If you are interested in any of these international events or if you would like more information on international engagements within the school, please contact Daniela.Lehwaldt@dcu.ie (International Officer SNHS).
Disasters wreak havoc, leaving death and destruction in their paths. They also trigger many ethical dilemmas for those directly affected, and for planners and responders. What help should be sent? Who gets the limited resources available?

When disasters occur, they tend to overwhelm local/national capacities as people attempt to respond effectively, resulting in huge imbalances between urgent needs and available resources. Since disasters have become more frequent and are very costly, disaster risk reduction and management have become priorities for national as well as international agencies.

Both in policy development as well as in our actual responses to disasters, ethical considerations and decisions are pivotal. However, few resources are available as yet for disaster ethics. Those in the field are often overwhelmed by the ethical dilemmas they face. Policy makers, humanitarian agencies and individual responders experience a lack of ethical guidance and training materials that might help them to better address the challenging and distressful ethical dilemmas occurring in disasters.

These considerations and concerns formed the basis for a stimulating and challenging international symposium held in the School of Nursing and Human Sciences, DCU on May 16th 2014.

The International Symposium on Disaster Ethics was a collaborative effort of the School of Nursing & Human Sciences, the Institute of Ethics, and COST Action IS1201. It is also a part of the President of Ireland’s Ethics Initiative. Audiovisual recordings of the presentations are available from http://disasterbioethics.eu/index.php/activities/conferences/international-symposium-on-disaster-ethics-dublin-may-2014.

The programme included a key note entitled: Ethical Challenges in Confronting Disasters, from world renowned Bioethicist Professor Ruth Macklin, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, USA. We also received presentations from Dr Chiara Lepora, Middle East Program Manager, Médecins Sans Frontières, Dr Kevin Kelleher, Assistant National Director, Health Protection, Health Service Executive, Ireland, and Dr. Dónal O’Mathúna, DCU, Ireland and Chair of COST Action IS1201. The focus of the afternoon was a very engaging discussion involving the symposium participants and an invited panel of speakers. In addition to the above speakers the panel included: Lieutenant Colonel Jerry Lane, HQ Defence Forces Training Centre, The Curragh, Ireland and Jane-Ann McKenna, Director of Médicins Sans Frontières, Ireland.

7th Qualitative Research Summer School—May 2014

The 7th Qualitative Research Summer School at the School of Nursing and Human Sciences took place from the 6th to the 9th of May 2014. The Summer School was very successful again this year and evaluations from both speakers and delegates were very positive.

Over 230 delegates registered and attended the workshops. Notable this year was the fact that many delegates came from outside DCU and some from outside Ireland, and that their research backgrounds varied enormously. This variation added interest to the group discussions and to the learning experience of all.

Dr. Marcia Kirwan and Dawn Clark would like to express their thanks to all who helped make the Summer School a success including the organising committee, the administration team, and the website and AV support team.
The picture shows recently graduated Dr Fiona O'Neill (centre) who had been conducting breast cancer research. Her project was entitled "An examination of the pharmacology of HER2 inhibitor responses in cellular models of breast cancer". Her work was recognised at the recent faculty awards for the Outstanding Graduate Researcher, she was one of two awardees. Pictured are Dr Sinead Aherne (NICB) (Co-supervisor), Dr Fiona O'Neill recipient and Dr Robert O'Connor (Supervisor).

REACH Conference
REACH (Research Excellence across Clinical healthcare) Conference 2014 hosted at the School of Nursing and Human Sciences, DCU on the 12th June 2014.

Pictured from left to right: Professor Anne Scott, Dr Mary Rose Sweeney, Dr Gerry Moore, Ms Eithne Cusack, Professor Graeme D Smith and Dr Linda Nugent. See this link for an overview of the event—http://youtube/xxdF6umTUmk.

President’s Awards

Teaching & Learning: Congratulations to Dr Lorraine Boran was the overall winner at the President’s Awards for Excellence in Teaching. Five of our lecturing staff were shortlisted: Dr Lorraine Boran, Professor Teresa Burke, Professor Anne Matthews, Dr Liz McLoughlin and Dr Mark Philbin. List of those nominated also included: Dr Melissa Corbally, Sean Duffy, Dr Michael Keane, Evelyn Kelleher, Dr Robert O’Connor, Melissa Stobie and Dr Stella Vlachou.

Engagement: Congratulations to Dr Raphaela Kane and Tom Bissett (Finglas Addiction Support Team - FAST) who received a Special Merit Award in the staff category of the President's Award for Engagement today. The award is based on their Recovery Coaching and Addiction in the Community initiative. It is a great achievement and very well done to you both. We also had a number of nominations in the student engagement category: Ann Reilly, Erin O'Reilly and Rebecca Jones (BSc Health and Society) and Jamie Gallagher (BSc in Psychology)
Dublin City University (DCU) and Mater Dei Institute of Education (MDI) are pleased to announce a new Graduate Certificate in Ethics (Health Care). The Graduate Certificate in Ethics (Health Care) is jointly coordinated by MDI, DCU Institute of Ethics and DCU School of Nursing and Human Sciences. This interdisciplinary course provides participants with knowledge, skills and competencies in the specialised area of Health Care Ethics to address various ethical issues, challenges and dilemmas that emerge in the daily context of the delivery of health care.

The Graduate Certificate in Ethics (Health Care) is offered on a part-time basis over one year. Lectures take place on one night a week (Tuesdays 5:45pm to 9:10pm) and on one Saturday. The programme starts in September.

More information can be found at:

http://www.materdei.ie/graduate-certificate-in-health

Dr Donal O Mathuna’s appointment as the Convenor of Cochrane Ireland and Associate Director of the UK Cochrane Centre was announced in April. As a senior lecturer in Ethics, Decision-Making and Evidence, in the School of Nursing and Human Sciences at Dublin City University, Dónal has many years experience as a Cochrane author and trainer. Donal is in his new role will aim to ensure that Cochrane Ireland makes a practical contribution to the health and social care systems across the Island of Ireland. The Cochrane Collaboration is a global independent network of health practitioners, researchers, patient advocates and others, responding to the challenge of making vast amounts of evidence generated through research available in meaningful ways to inform decisions about health.

Dr Mary Rose Sweeney from the School of Nursing and Human Sciences was invited by Special Olympics Ireland to give a presentation on the SOPHIE Study to an invited audience at the opening of the regional Special Olympics games in Limerick on the 12th of June this year. The audience included government ministers from North and South of Ireland, Special Olympics Ireland Patrons, Directors and board members, senators, athletes, and sporting organisations.
Dementia Elevator is an education and empowerment programme to help individuals, communities and health systems engage with and support people with dementia. The project was launched in January 2014 and is led by Dr. Kate Irving, Lecturer, School of Nursing and Human Sciences, in partnership with the HSE, with the support of Atlantic Philanthropies. The main motivation behind Elevator is to improve quality of life for people with dementia by ensuring that there are people in communities with the right skills at the right time to make staying at home a more obvious choice than is currently the case.

A Dementia Educational Needs Analysis carried out by the project team examined current strengths and gaps in the care of people with dementia in acute and residential services and within the community. Based on the findings of the report seven priority areas were identified as areas that warranted further dementia education and training. The project team are currently designing training programmes in the seven areas listed below.

Elevator will:

- Provide dementia awareness training on three levels: (i) general dementia awareness training, (ii) essential skills training for key public facing workers, and (iii) dementia awareness training for healthcare workers (including both the public and private sectors). This dementia awareness training will equip attendees with essential skills to engage and communicate appropriately with people with dementia.

- Deliver psychosocial skills training (i) for carers and (ii) for healthcare professionals, including work on the importance of validation and related skills, cognitive remediation and multisensory stimulation therapy.

- Develop training on ethical care decisions including (i) practical guidance for carers in the home and healthcare assistants and (ii) a degree level module to provide a framework for professional decision making in clinical practice.

- Establish a service leaders and managers awareness programme to raise awareness and understanding of dementia among management in the healthcare sector and how management can influence positive change.

- Deliver a memory assessment programme to assist health and social care professionals in the skilled assessment and handling of people presenting with new memory concerns and develop a supporting on-line decision tool for memory assessment, with a complementary educational platform.

- Collaborate with the ICGP to design and deliver dedicated GP training focused on dementia.

- Expand the current DCU/HSE programme for Dementia Champions, building leadership in dementia care, broadening dementia awareness and making information available within local communities and services.

For more information about Elevator see our website at www.dementiaelevator.ie/the-project/ The Elevator Educational Needs Analysis can be viewed here [link to analysis].