

Republic of Ireland inaugural Schools' Analyst Heats 2017

The inaugural heat for the Republic of Ireland for the Schools Analyst Competition was run on the 25th April 2017 at Dublin City University. A total of 7 Schools participated on the day in a practical competition that concerned the analysis of a new fizzy drink, 'Orangerina'. The students used wet chemistry, spectrometric and liquid chromatographic methods for their analyses. Drs Pat O'Malley, Eric Moore and Aoife Morrin were the judges of the competition. Overall, the competition ran extremely well with great support for the running of the competition given by the technical, administration and academic teams. A reception and prize giving took place after the laboratory session. The winner of this heat was a strong team from Patrician College. Second place and third place were awarded to Colaiste Eanna, Rathfarnham and Dominican College, Glasnevin, respectively. All students received RSC goodie bags (courtesy of John O'Donoghue) and certificates and the top three teams were awarded Schools Analyst prizes.

A second heat was run in UCC on the 27th April. Similar to Dublin, the competition was well run, again with strong support from the technical and academic teams. 5 teams competed in this competition heat. The winning team in this heat was Coláiste an Chroí Naofa, Cork. Second and third places were given to Christ King Secondary School and Coláiste na Toirbhirte (Bandon). All students who participated received certificates and an RSC goodie bag also.

The overall winning team, who will go forward to represent the Republic of Ireland in the Schools Analyst Final in Sussex was selected to be Coláiste an Chroí Naofa, Cork. We wish the team all the luck in the final - adh mór leo!!



DCU Heat. Photo(L-R): Mary Ross, John O'Donogue, George Marston, Michael Martin, Dr Kieran Nolan, Kieran Slavin, Dr. Pat O'Malley, Veronica Dobbyn, Dr. Eric Moore, Aisling McCarthy, Dr. Aoife Morrin.



UCC Heat. Photo(L-R): Noel Browne, Dr. Anna Hogan, Dr. Eric Moore, Niamh O'Sullivan, Michael Condon, Sean Lyons, Tristan Guichard, Dr. Aoife Morrin, Dr. Elizabeth Gilchrist, John Meehan.

DCU Heat

1st Place

School: Patrician College, Monaghan

Teacher: Cora McCauley

Students: George Marston, Michael Martin, Kieran Slavin

2nd Place

School: Colaiste Eanna, Rathfarnham

Teacher: Susan McCabe

Students: Cathal McCabe, Ben Graham, Adam Furlong

3rd Place

School: Dominican College, Glasnevin

Teacher: Karen Ward

Students: Kate O'Hara, Jessica Rotaru, Ciara Byrne

UCC Heat

1st Place

School: Coláiste an Chroí Naofa, Carrignavar, Co. Cork.

Teacher: Niamh O'Sullivan

Students: Michael Condon, Sean Lyons, Tristan Guichard

2nd Place

School: Christ King Secondary School, South Douglas Road, Cork.

Teacher: Denise Quilter

Students: Heidi Pathak, Mary O'Halloran, Jill Casserly

3rd Place

School: Coláiste na Toirbhirte, Bandon, Co. Cork.

Teacher: Nicola Twoomey

Students: Eimear Kelly, Siobhan Lee, Emily Crowley

