Welcome from the Dean, Professor Tom Welton

Welcome to the 7th Annual Faculty of Natural Sciences Prizes for Excellence.

The Faculty Prizes for Excellence are organised by the Education Committee and are designed to recognise individuals who have made a major contribution to teaching and learning, or to health and safety within the Faculty of Natural Sciences.

It is my great pleasure to present this year’s Prize winners, all of whom have made a significant contribution over the past year.

The Faculty strives to provide a safe and academically highly stimulating environment in which research and teaching can flourish. These awards therefore allow us to celebrate some of the many outstanding individuals within the faculty who have gone that extra mile to enrich the experience of our students in their development as leading scientists of the future.

We received many nominations this year and those listed in this booklet have been selected as being those most deserving of recognition.
Faculty of Natural Sciences Prizes for Excellence 2016

The prizes are made in 3 categories:

**Excellence in Teaching and Learning**, including: lecturing, laboratory demonstrating, academic tutoring, personal tutoring and introducing new teaching programs, methods and projects.

**Excellence in the Support of Teaching and Learning**, in the context of Departmental and Faculty teaching and learning activities including: laboratory class demonstrating, running workshops, academic tutoring, academic teaching administration and student support, and technical support of lectures and laboratories.

**Excellence in Health and Safety**, these awards are given in recognition of excellence in promoting and implementing safe practices in the Faculty. The prizes fall into four categories: academic staff, support staff, Post-Docs and students.

The award winners in all categories are those judged to have been most outstanding in their contribution to the teaching and learning experience, or to the promotion of health and safety.
Prizes for Excellence in Teaching 2016

The following staff receive recognition for excellence in teaching.

Department of Chemistry
Donald Craig
Ramon Vilar Compte

Department of Life Sciences
Alfonso De Simone
Niki Gounaris
Lauren Cator

Department of Mathematics
Eva-Maria Graefe
Florenicia Tettamanti Boshier
Phillip Ramsden

Department of Physics
Fay Dowker
Peter Török
Roberto Trotta

WINNER PROFILE
Ramon Vilar, Department of Chemistry
Prize for Excellence in Teaching

“Ramon Vilar is highly regarded by students and colleagues alike for his enthusiasm and dedication to teaching. He has led the development and successful implementation of the FoNS Make-a-Difference undergraduate student competition. This work has had a significant effect both in terms of the individual students involved, but also as a springboard regarding developing ideas around innovation and entrepreneurship at undergraduate level. It is for his continued engagement with these higher level skills and their implementation into our UG curriculum for which he deserves recognition.”
Prizes for Excellence in the Support of Teaching & Learning 2016

The following staff receive recognition for excellence in the support of teaching and learning.

Centre for Environmental Policy
Karen Makuch

Department of Chemistry
George Britovsek
James Wilton-Ely
Michael Ray
Niall Jackson

Department of Life Sciences
Charles Aigbokhai
Eoin O’Gorman
Kazim Ogmen
Moira Sarsfield
Paul Hitchen
Sarah Rouse
Steve Cook

Department of Mathematics
Agnieszka Damasiewicz Niccolai
Ai Guan
Chiara Taranto
Kuru Jain
Madeleine Whybrow
Zak Turcinovic

Department of Physics
Brian Appelbe
Freddie Page
James Clough
Sioni Summers
Taran Driver
Thomas Wilson
Tom Griffin

WINNER PROFILE
Charles Aigbokhai, AV Support Assistant,
Faculty of Natural Sciences
Prize for Excellence in the Support of Teaching and Learning

“Charles Aigbokhai, Faculty AV Support Assistant, was nominated for the superb support he provides to staff and students, particularly in the Department of Life Sciences. Charles joined the Faculty in September 2015 and, as a member of the Faculty AV Support Team, is responsible for providing front line support and guidance to lecturers, students, administrators and others on the use of the equipment provided within teaching rooms, and particularly the lecture capture software.”
Prizes for Excellence in Health and Safety 2016

The following staff receive recognition for excellence in promoting and implementing safe practices in the Faculty.

Academic Staff Prize for Excellence in Health & Safety
James Durrant, Department of Chemistry

The Jan de Abela-Borg Support Staff Prize for Excellence in Health and Safety
Meilin Sancho, Department of Physics

Post Doc Prize for Excellence in Health & Safety
James Bannock, Department of Chemistry

Student Prize for Excellence in Health & Safety
Jessica Shaw, Department of Chemistry

WINNER PROFILE
James Bannock, Department of Chemistry
Post Doc Prize for Excellence in Health & Safety

“Dr. James Bannock is nominated for his multiple contributions to promoting health and safety in both teaching and research. He has been actively involved in the running of the third year undergraduate physical chemistry teaching lab for the past four years, and this year became the deputy lab coordinator – the first time that a PDRA has assumed this role. Since taking over, he has introduced a series of improvements to the lab that have greatly enhanced student safety.”