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From the Editor

Welcome to the Autumn 2004 Irish Fulbright News. The Association's activities continue apace resulting in the longest newsletter yet! Included here by dates for your diary over the coming months and by brief reports on the Association's activities in the period since the last newsletter. We look forward to seeing as many of the Association's members as possible at the Fulbright Concert and/or the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner to be hosted by NUI Maynooth.

I would particularly draw your attention to the information regarding the Fulbright Academy and the Fulbright Awards 2005-06 on page 6 of the newsletter.

This edition also sets out the Irish Fulbright Awardees for 2004-2005 and once more represents an eclectic range of the country's highest academic talent. We wish the 2004-05 Fulbrighters well in the U.S. and look forward to seeing them at future IFAA occasions over the coming years.

Beir bua le linn na bliana atá romhainn.

Dr. Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh

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Dates for your diary

Fulbright Concert

As previously circulated, a concert of Beethoven Piano Sonatas by John O'Connor at the National Concert Hall on 18th October, 2004 will be the first event of the IFAA calendar for 2004-05.

The NCH has kindly offered us a number of complimentary tickets for this concert. We are very grateful for this important gesture of support by the NCH for the Fulbright Programme in Ireland. The concert is preceded by a thirty-minute talk on the music by John O'Connor at 7.15pm. The programme will include Sonatas No. 4 in E flat Op. 7, No. 5 in C minor Op. 10/1, No. 6 in F major Op. 10/2 and No. 7 in D major Op. 10/3. There will be a drinks party afterwards. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis from John Hurley at

john.hurley@dcu.ie

*Prof. John Hurley
President*



**Monday 18th
October, 8:00pm**

John O'Connor, piano

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, kindly organised by Dr. Maeve Martin, will be held in the historic Pugin Hall at NUI Maynooth on 26th November, 2004.

The dinner will be attended by Professor John Hughes, the President of NUI Maynooth. A reception, including mulled wine, will commence at 7pm. The inclusive cost for the reception, and the dinner with wine is €50 per person. A booking form is enclosed.

For those wishing to travel to Maynooth by train, details are available on the Iarnrod Eireann website, www.irishrail.ie.

For those wishing to stay overnight, details are on the NUI Maynooth website (www.may.ie) or through 01-7086400.

Dr. Maeve Martin

**Irish Fulbright
Awardees –
2004-2005**

Paul Crosson is the recipient of the Fulbright – Teagasc Scholarship in Agriculture Science and Policy. He is currently a PhD student in the Dept. of Agribusiness in UCD. He is going to Penn State University to conduct research on the development and validation of a whole farm model to investigate Irish beef production systems.

Mr David Fennelly is a final year undergraduate student in the Faculty of Law at Trinity College Dublin. David will undertake an LLM degree at NYU specialising in the area of constitutional law and politics.

Ms Jane Grogan has recently completed a PhD in English literature and is a Visiting Lecturer at Royal Holloway, University of London. She is going to Penn State University. Her project title is The Poetics of Courtesy.

Mr Ciaran Heavey is the recipient of the Fulbright–Irish Dairy Board Scholarship in Business Studies. Ciaran is a recent MBS graduate from the Smurfit Graduate School of Business in UCD. He will undertake a PhD in

Business Management at the University of Connecticut.

Ms Deirdre Harvey is an Administrative Officer in the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. She holds a Masters degree in English literature and cultural politics from the University of Edinburgh. She is going to the Tisch School of the Arts at NYU to study Interactive Telecommunications.

Ms Katie Holten is the recipient of the Fulbright–Diageo Scholarship in Visual and Performing Arts. A graduate in fine art from NCAD, she represented Ireland at the 2003 Venice Biennale. Katie is going to undertake independent research at the Arts and Science Departments at Cornell University.

Mr Cathal Kearney is the recipient of the Fulbright – CRH Scholarship. A final year undergraduate student in Mechanical Engineering at Trinity College, he will do a Masters of Mechanical Engineering Degree at MIT.

Ms Amanda Kelly is completing her PhD in the School of Classics in Trinity College Dublin. She will be doing post-doctoral research at Harvard. Her project title is Roman Malia: An

architectural and ceramic study.

Dr Ronan Kelly is a lecturer in the Department of English at Trinity College Dublin. He will undertake research for a biography of Thomas More at NYU.

Ms Elizabeth Matthews is a final year student in the BA (International) degree at NUI Galway. She has been awarded a scholarship at Gallaudet University in Washington.

Dr Anna McMullan is a lecturer in drama studies in the School of Drama at Trinity College Dublin. She will be lecturing at Glucksman Ireland House, NYU on Irish theatre history and will conduct research on US performances of Beckett's prose.

Mr Enda Murphy is the recipient of the Fulbright – Marine Institute Scholarship. A final year student in Civil Engineering at UCC, he is planning to do an MSc in Environmental Engineering at MIT.

Dr Derek O'Keeffe is a Lecturer in Electronic & Computer Engineering at the University of Limerick. He is going to the Harvard Medical School to conduct research on 'A novel Hip Worn Multi-Axis Gyroscope.'

Professor Shane O'Neill is Head of the School of Politics & International Studies at the Queen's University Belfast. He is going to the Solomon Asch Center for the Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict at the University of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Eugenie Regan is the recipient of the Fulbright-Environmental Protection Agency Scholarship in Environmental Science and Policy. She is completing her PhD in the Department of Microbiology at NUI Galway and will undertake post-doctoral research at the University of Southeastern Louisiana on 'The Importance of surrounding habitats to wetland biodiversity.

Dr Richard Reilly is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Electronic & Electrical Engineering in UCD. He will undertake research on 'Modelling Multisensory Interactions involved in the Human Attention System' at the Nathan S. Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research.

Dr Bill Richardson is Head of the School of Applied Language & Intercultural Studies at Dublin City University. He is going to the University of Colorado at Boulder where he will conduct research for his

forthcoming book on Hispanic Studies.

Professor Geoffrey Roberts is Associate Professor at the Department of History, UCC. He will conduct research on Stalin's war leadership, military strategy and foreign policy at the Davis Centre for Russian Studies at Harvard.

Mr Eoin Ryan has recently completed an MLitt (Philosophy) in UCD. He also holds BE, M.Eng.Sc and BA degrees from UCD. Eoin will pursue a PhD in area of Philosophy of Mind/Epistemology at Brown University.

Dr Siobhan Tiernan is a Lecturer in Management at the University of Limerick where she specialises in the field of Aviation. She is going to Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida and her project title is 'Scheduled Airlines in the EU & USA: A Comparative Analysis of Current and Future Strategies.'

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The Irish Fulbright Alumni Association, c/o Irish-US Fulbright Commission, Brooklawn House, Shelbourne Road, Dublin 4. The Irish Fulbright Commission website is at <http://www.fulbright.ie> and contains a link to information regarding the Irish Fulbright Alumni Association.



Professor John Hurley, President, Irish Fulbright Alumni Association, presenting Dr Pat Fottrell with the IFAA medal of honour 2004.

Fulbrighters in the News

Aidan Moran publishes new book on sport psychology

A new book by IFAA member, Prof Aidan Moran (Department of Psychology, UCD), entitled "Sport and Exercise Psychology: A Critical Introduction" (Routledge/Psychology Press, 2004), explains the theory and practice of helping athletes to do their best when it matters most. Endorsed by Ireland's world top-10 golfer, Pádraig Harrington, the book was launched by Brian Kerr (manager of the Irish international soccer team).

Items for Fulbrighters in the News are always welcome: please forward details to ciaran.ohogartaigh@dcu.ie. (Don't be shy.)

The 9th Annual Fulbright Scholars and Alumni Dinner

The 9th Annual Fulbright Scholars and Alumni Dinner was held in the Royal College of Surgeons Ireland, St Stephens Green on June 14th 2004. The dinner was attended by new Scholars, Alumni, members of the Fulbright Commission, the Secretary General of Foreign Affairs Dermot Gallagher, and Presidents of most Irish Universities, as well as Directors and Presidents of Institutes of Technology. The dinner was organised and hosted by the Irish Fulbright Alumni Association.

The dinner was a most enjoyable event. Twenty new Fulbright scholars were announced and presented with their scrolls.

*Professor John Hurley,
President*

Fulbright AGM

Our annual general meeting was held this year on the 30th of April, 2004. The Committee wishes to express its thanks to Provost John Hegarty for his gracious hospitality when he opened his house at Trinity College (interior pictured below) to us for our meeting. We also

wish to thank Professor Hegarty's wife, Neasa Ni Chinneide, for her excellent tour of the house. The group was particularly interested in the collection of Yeats paintings current on display, and the portrait of the first Provost.



At the meeting the officers presented their reports to the general assembly and elections were held for membership of the Executive Committee. A number of members retired by rotation, and we are pleased to re-elect Francis McGoldrick as Hon. Treasurer.

We welcome the newly elected members Professor Tom Bolger, Mr. Paul Donnelly, Dr. Maeve Martin and H.E. Dr. Alberto Schepisi to the Executive Committee. The meeting concluded with the committee looking forward to another productive year.

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The 2004 Scholars are seen here with (left to right) Ms Carmel Coyle, CEO Fulbright Commission; Professor John Hurley President, Irish Fulbright Alumni Association; Professor Pat Fottrell Chair, Fulbright Commission; Mr Dermot Gallagher, Secretary General of Foreign Affairs; Professor William Reville, Vice-President IFAA

Notice from the Fulbright Academy

Fellow Fulbrighters,

“The Fulbright Academy is a recently formed body to bring together Fulbrighters with scientific interest. Their web page describes them as follows:

The Fulbright Academy of Science & Technology supports the advancement of knowledge and international understanding by linking the current generation of leaders in science and technology from around the world and using that network to address issues of critical concern. We actively promote the work done by Fulbright Scholars so that others can benefit from our expertise.

The Fulbright Academy of Science and Technology (FAST) is a global non-profit organization that fills a particular niche - a body that brings the knowledge and expertise of Fulbrighters to bear on some critical problems of global concern, such as poverty alleviation, primary and secondary education, health, and environmental sustainability.

The Fulbright Academy is the only global organization for Fulbrighters. It has relationships with directors and staff at institutions worldwide, including many of the national and bi-national Fulbright entities. The Academy is not affiliated with the US State Department or with the Fulbright Association.

We look forward to your membership in the Academy. Please note that membership is not limited to Fulbright scholars; membership is open to any

individual or entity that is interested in the international dimensions of science, medicine, engineering, technology innovation, and economic development.”

Those wishing to join the Fulbright Academy should contact at <http://www.fulbrighter.org/>

John Hurley, President

Fulbright Awards for Study / Research in the US

Applications for the Irish Fulbright Commission's annual awards programme for the 2005-06 academic year opened on 1st October, with a closing date of 12th November. Awards in the range €15,000 - €18,000 will be made to graduate students who wish to pursue postgraduate studies in the US.

There will also be a number of post-doctoral scholar awards of up to €10,000 for one academic year. Applicants must be in a position to outline a clearly defined course of study or research and must obtain their own placements in the US. For further details see www.fulbright.ie.