

Press Release

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Science for All - UCC students compete to explain their research without the jargon

Come along and hear UCC postgraduate students explain their research to the public at the final of the 10th annual Science for All competition on Wednesday 9th April. The aim of the competition is to encourage young scientists to communicate their research to the general public in an easily understandable manner, without using jargon.

Hear ten minute talks from:

- Maria Donovan – a pharmacy graduate from Ballinhassig, who will talk about improving drug treatments for babies with seizures.
- Cian Hill, a UCC microbiology graduate, who will talk about his research on how breastfeeding and birth mode (natural or C-section) can influence the gut bacteria of newborns.
- Mark Kennedy, from Tramore, will talk about his research in UCC and University of Notre Dame, Indiana, on finding and measuring the mass and spin of Black Holes and Neutron Stars.
- Matteo Pusceddu from Italy will speak about the importance of omega-3 fats on stress and brain function.
- Ruairi Roberts, from Dublin will speak about his research in UCC and the CSIRO Food Research Institute in Melbourne, Australia, on using seaweed to protect probiotics.

The panel of judges for the Final will be chaired by Mr John Dolan, Features Editor, Evening Echo, and will also include Mr Tom McCarthy, Media & Public Relations Office, UCC and Dr Angela Sheahan, Food Industry Training Unit, UCC and Past-President Speak Easy Toastmasters, Mallow.

The competition, now in its 10th year, is organised jointly by the College of Science, Engineering and Food Science, UCC and the Alimentary Pharmabiotic Centre, <http://apc.ucc.ie>, a national Research Centre for food and medicine funded by Science Foundation Ireland and industry. The competition forms part of a postgraduate module in Science Communication and Outreach.

The FINAL takes place at 7pm on Wednesday April 9th 2014 in Boole Lecture theatre 2, University College Cork. ALL are WELCOME and admission is free.

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