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Talking science without the jargon at UCC

Would you like to know more about responsible forest harvesting, making computer programmes run faster, using probiotics to treat cancer, or how about learning about a brand new drug for treating cystic fibrosis?

These are just some of the exciting and cutting edge topics which will be battling it out to win 1st place at the UCC Science For All Final Competition on the 5th of April.

The competition now in its 12th year, challenges young scientists to communicate the excitement of their research with the general public in an easily understandable manner, without using jargon.

Snatch Comedy, will provide a dose of their fabulous unpredictable Improv-sketches for the intermission.

Kathriona Devereux, science presenter will act as MC for the final. The panel of judges will be chaired by Mr John Dolan, Features Editor, Evening Echo, and also includes Ms Donna O'Driscoll (Director of Marketing & Communications, UCC) and Mr John O'Donoghue, Education Co-ordinator, Royal Society of Chemistry.

Professor Paul Ross Head of the College of Science, Engineering and Food Science said "The Science for All competition is a fantastic vehicle for students to learn competencies on how to communicate the excitement and intricacies of their research to the public in an enjoyable and informative context".

The competition is organised jointly by the College of Science, Engineering and Food Science, www.ucc.ie/en/sefs and two Science Foundation Ireland funded research centres, the APC Microbiome Institute (<http://apc.ucc.ie>), and the Irish Photonics Integration Centre (IPIC; www.ipic.ie).

The final takes place in University College Cork's Western Gateway Building lecture theatre G05 at 7pm on Tuesday 5th April. All are welcome and admission is free.

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