

Award win for Spioráid Naomh

A TEAM from Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh, Bishopstown, are the winners in the senior category of this year's Science Raps competition.

James Carr composed and performed the vocals for *The Chemistry of Life* rap and the video was produced and edited by Eoghan Calnan.

Additional support was provided by their 'actor' classmates Luke Delaney, James Meeke, David O'Neill and John Spillane.

The Chemistry of Life was the theme for this year's Science Rap competition organised by the Alimentary Pharmabiotic Centre (APC; <http://apc.ucc.ie>) as part of Sci-

ence Week. To enter the competition students were requested to video their Science Rap, upload on YouTube and send on the link.

Joint first prize winners in the junior category are *LettusWrap*, by Megan McDonald, Megan Conroy and Sinead McDonald, from Bush Post Primary School, Riverstown, Dundalk; and *ScienceRaps2011*, by Mistura and Bolaji Arowolo, from Coláiste Bride, Clondalkin, and Moyle Park College, Clondalkin.

All winning raps can be viewed on the YouTube Pharmabiotic Channel at <http://www.youtube.com/Pharmabiotic>.

Graduate gathering

ON Wednesday, December 21, graduates from all corners of the world will enjoy holiday cheer in the festive setting of the staff common room in the north wing of the main Quad. The common room has a cosy ambience ideally suited to a winter gathering for graduates to re-unite with friends. Canapés and wine will be served from 6.30-8.30pm. Tickets are limited so book.

Language classes

SPANISH and Portuguese classes will take place in January at the Department of Hispanic Studies. Ten-week courses, 12-week courses in Spanish for Children (aged five-13) and 10-week courses in Portuguese will start the week of Monday, January 16. See www.ucc.ie for more details.

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Aylmer Barrett, pet connect.ie, joint winner of the Sales & Marketing Award; Artemij Fedosejev, planbeam.com, winner, Most Innovative Company award; Sarah Jane O'Sullivan, Seahorse Atlantic, joint winner, Sales & Marketing Award; and Mike McGrath, supply.ie, Most Collegial Award and Overall Winner, Best Company Award, at the first annual Ignite Programme Awards at UCC Picture: Neil Danton

Double delight for McGrath at awards

MIKE McGRATH, the founder of Supply.ie, has emerged as the principal winner at the inaugural awards ceremony of the UCC Ignite programme.

As well as receiving the Most Collegial Award as nominated by his peers on the programme, Supply.ie won the Best Company Award.

Launched just one year ago, in partnership with Cork City and County Enterprise Boards, the Ignite programme has shown itself to be a hugely beneficial environment for entrepreneurial graduates to launch their own businesses.

Ignite provides companies such as Supply.ie with incubation space in UCC's state-of-the-art Western Gateway Building, avail of professional mentoring and training, as well as access to UCC's academic, research and commercialisation expertise.

Receiving his awards at UCC, Mike McGrath commented: "We are delighted to win this inaugural Ignite award plus the recognition from our peers. Ignite is a great programme for start-ups with a most impressive line-up of mentors and advisers.

"Starting a business is not easy so it is great to have access

to successful individuals such as Liam Casey.

"We look forward to a long association with Ignite and continue to learn from their expansive network."

Presenting the awards and congratulating the recipients, vice-president for Research and Innovation at the college, Professor Anita Maguire, stated that: "The Ignite programme is a demonstration of UCC's unique approach to fostering innovation in the graduate community.

"By creating the conditions which smooth the path from lecture theatre and lab to marketplace, UCC is investing in the

future — the future of its students, helping to create new products and employment and playing a lead role in the economic development of our country."

Awards were also presented to:

- Artemij Fedosejev, planbeam.com — Most Innovative Award.

- Sarah Jane O'Sullivan, seahorseatlantic.com — Joint Sales & Marketing Award.

- Aylmer Barrett, petconnect.ie — Joint Sales & Marketing Award.

The Ignite Awards Ceremony took place in UCC's Aula Maxima.

Stafford Beer Medal for O'Reilly

DR PHILIP O'REILLY, Business Information Systems (BIS), **UCC** recently received the Stafford Beer Medal in recognition of the most outstanding contribution to the philosophy, theory and practice of Information Systems (IS) from the Operational Research (OR) Society at an Awards Ceremony which took place at the Royal Society, Carlton House Terrace, London.

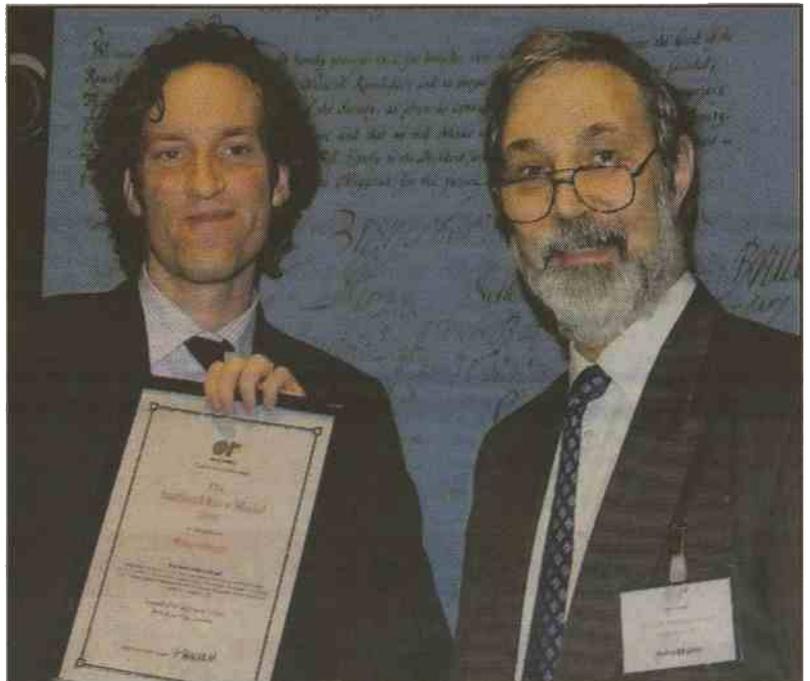
Founded over 50 years ago, the OR Society is the world's oldest established learned society catering to the Operational Research profession and one of the largest in the world, with

3,000 members in 53 countries.

Dr O'Reilly is a lecturer with BIS at **UCC**. A team of over 25 academics and researchers are actively involved in teaching and in a diverse range of research initiatives across various sectors, including Finance, Health, Green, ICT, and Government.

Indeed, BIS is currently 27th in the world ranking of IS research clusters across all universities and is placed ahead of Oxford, Harvard **University** and MIT for IS research. Over the past 18 years, BIS has cultivated very strong links with industry.

● See <http://bis.ucc.ie/>.



Dr Philip O'Reilly being presented with the Stafford Beer Medal by Professor Richard Eglese, **President of the Operational Research Society.**