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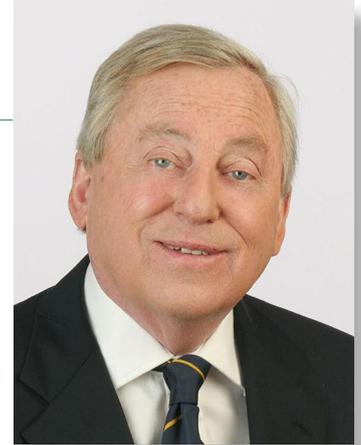
*Drawing of NUI Front Door, 49 Merrion Square.*

## Opening Remarks

**Dr Maurice Manning**

Chancellor

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The National University of Ireland (NUI) has lived through many changes in higher education since its foundation in 1908. Now at the centre of a loose federation of independent institutions, NUI constantly seeks to adapt and respond to changes in educational, social, and economic circumstances.

The continuing mission for NUI in modern Ireland is to provide a supportive framework for its confederate institutions, to promote the objects of the University, thus contributing to educational, cultural, social and economic advancement. The National University of Ireland currently comprises four Constituent Universities, two Recognised Colleges and five Colleges of a Constituent University. In its capacity as a federal university, NUI is currently the largest element of the Irish university system.

As a unique and significant focal point in Irish higher education, NUI serves the interests of the member institutions through the provision of services. Related to this, NUI promotes the national and international standing of the National University of Ireland as a whole, by undertaking activities related to scholarship, the advancement of higher education, and the cultural and intellectual life of Ireland.

This publication is designed to showcase the work of the National University of Ireland, and its achievements, ambitions and recent developments. It opens the door to NUI, offering information about the governance and structure of the University, the role NUI plays in supporting its member institutions, and the work conducted by NUI staff in providing services to students, graduates, staff, and academics across the University community.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maurice Manning". The signature is written in a cursive style.

# Registrar's Report

Dr Attracta Halpin

Registrar

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The NUI strategic plan for 2014-2017 sets the following four strategic goals for the organisation:

- Add value to the member institutions and demonstrate the value added
- Capitalise on the strength of the NUI brand internationally and re-define the meaning of the brand nationally
- Develop a discursive role and contribute to civic society
- Promote scholars and scholarship.

A selection of examples of how NUI achieved these goals in 2015 is presented below.

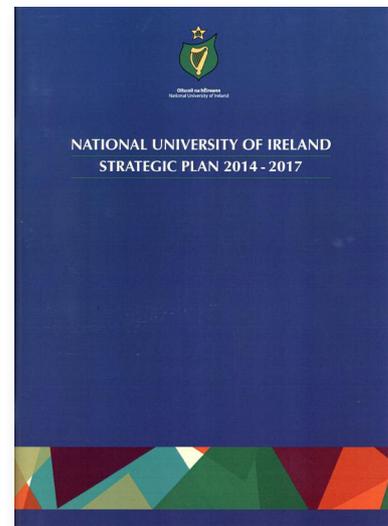
## ***GOAL: Add value to the member institutions and demonstrate the value added***

NUI provides services to the constituent universities, recognised colleges and colleges associated with the constituent universities in the areas of matriculation and conferrings. In connection with matriculation, it provides an information service to students, guidance counsellors, parents, schools and the general public. It provides a range of documentation services for which there is significant demand from graduates both in Ireland and overseas. Its premises are used extensively as a venue by the constituent universities (78 events in 2015). NUI administers the awarding of degrees on published work, the highest level of awards in the University and provides support for Postgraduate Applications Centre (PAC).

In 2015, NUI continued to liaise with staff in member institutions in relation to parchments and conferrings, producing customised parchments as required for joint degrees and honorary conferrings. In 2015, Dr Aline Courtois, the first NUI Dr Garret FitzGerald Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Social Sciences, based in NUI, continued her research on 'The significance of international mobility in student strategies at third level'.

**GOAL: Capitalise on the strength of the NUI brand internationally and re-define the meaning of the brand nationally**

The NUI brand was promoted internationally through contacts with overseas campuses and overseas graduates. The Chancellor and Registrar participated in a number of overseas conferings. Representations were made successfully on behalf of graduates overseas. In Ireland, NUI sought to act as a focus for university collaboration, particularly by hosting meetings of different university groups. The NUI brand was promoted extensively in 2015 in connection with NUI awards and also through educational sponsorships such as the publication of *Education Matters*. This was launched in NUI by Minister for Education and Skills, Jan O’Sullivan TD, in December 2014.

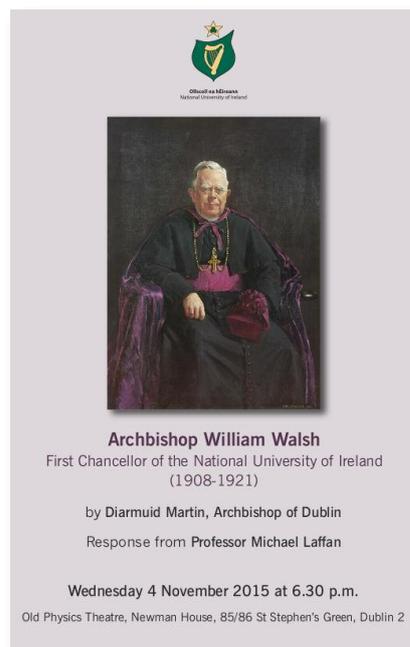


*Launch of Education Matters: Dr Tony Hall, Minister for Education and Skills, Jan O’Sullivan T.D., Phyllis Mitchell and Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor of NUI.*

### **GOAL: Develop a discursive role and contribute to civic society**

In February 2015, President Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland, gave the Edward Phelan Lecture, *The Future of Work*, subsequently published by NUI. The Edward Phelan Lectures are organised biennially by NUI in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation. In November 2015, as the start of NUI's commemorative programme for the Decade of Centenaries, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin gave a lecture in Newman House on Archbishop William Walsh, the first Chancellor of NUI. Professor Michael Laffan gave a response.

Part of NUI's contribution to civic society relates to its role in connection with NUI Seanad Éireann elections. NUI continued to maintain the NUI Seanad Éireann electoral register, published on 1 June 2015. The Chancellor chaired the Working Group on Seanad Reform established by the Government. The report of the Group, with radical proposals for reforming the Seanad, was published in 2015.



### **GOAL: Promote scholars and scholarship**

NUI promotes scholars and scholarship through its awards, its support for academic publishing, its publication of *Éigse: a Journal of Irish Studies* and its management of the University archives. In 2015, NUI administered a programme of awards with a total value in excess of €850,000. Over 100 students and graduates received awards from a total of over 500 students who entered NUI competitions or were nominated by their institutions for awards.

The University has traditionally provided a number of grants-in-aid annually towards scholarly publications by staff of the NUI Constituent Universities, on the basis of individual applications to the Senate. The scheme is open to full-time and part-time staff of the NUI Constituent Universities and Recognised Colleges. Under the scheme, grants of up to €3,000 may be awarded, following the Senate's consideration and approval of recommendations submitted by the NUI Publications Committee, which considers applications at its meetings in June and December. Publication grants totalling almost €23,000 were awarded in 2015.

## The Year in Numbers



**3,676**

Matric Exemption Cases  
Handled



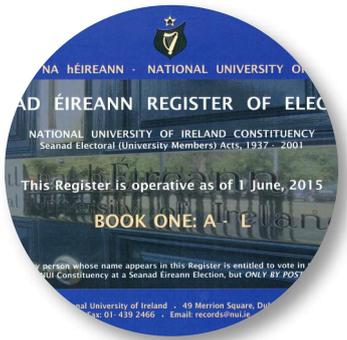
**38,994**

Parchments and Certificates  
Processed



**€0.8 million**

Awarded to Students,  
Graduates and Scholars



**103,165**

Names on the Seanad  
Éireann Register



**174**

NUI Conferring  
Ceremonies



**€22,793**

Awarded in Publication  
Grants



**5**

Honorary Degrees  
Conferred



**3**

Higher Doctorates on  
Published Work Awarded



**78**

Member Institution Events  
held in NUI

*Figures accurate 2015*

# Governance

NUI currently comprises four constituent universities, two recognised colleges and five colleges of a constituent university. While each institution within the NUI federation has its own Governing Authority, the overall Governing Authority of the University is the NUI Senate, headed by the Chancellor. The Senate's functions and responsibilities include determining basic matriculation requirements; reviewing the content and teaching of courses; appointing external examiners; and awarding degrees and other qualifications.

## i. SENATE

### The Chancellor

The Chancellor is the head and chief officer of the University. The Chancellor holds office during his/her life or until his/her resignation. Dr Maurice Manning was elected Chancellor of the National University of Ireland on 12 March 2009, becoming the fifth Chancellor of the University. Previously he had successfully combined an academic career in the Department of Politics UCD with a political career, serving in both Dáil and Seanad Éireann.

In his role as Chancellor of the University, Dr Maurice Manning was active throughout 2015. In addition to chairing the Senate, the Education and Society Committee and the Honorary Degrees Committee, the Chancellor represented NUI at many functions, hosted NUI events and participated in conferrings and honorary conferrings in Ireland and overseas.



As a memorial to its former Chancellor, NUI established the Dr Garret FitzGerald Memorial Lectures, an annual series of lectures by distinguished speakers on topics of national or international importance. The 2014/2015 lecture was delivered by The Hon Mr Justice John MacMenamin in Maynooth University on 25 September 2014.

The Chancellor also hosted a lecture on the First Chancellor of NUI, Archbishop William Walsh, which was delivered by the Archbishop of Dublin, Diarmuid Martin on 4 November 2015 in Newman House, St. Stephen's Green. In 2014, NUI acquired a fine portrait by Leo Whelan RHA of its first Chancellor Archbishop William Walsh. Archbishop Walsh held the position of Chancellor from 1908 until his death in

*Former Chancellor of NUI, Dr Garret FitzGerald.*

1921, guiding the NUI through its difficult early years. His time in office was shaped by the challenging nature of both Irish society and the turbulent dynamic within the newly established federal university.

Read more about Archbishop William Walsh and other former Chancellors at [nui.ie/about/chancellor.asp](http://nui.ie/about/chancellor.asp)



*Painting, by Leo Whelan RHA, of Archbishop William Walsh, first Chancellor of NUI.*

### The Vice-Chancellor

The Vice-Chancellor is the chief executive officer of the University. In his second year as Vice-Chancellor of the University, NUI continued to enjoy the support of Professor Philip Nolan, President of Maynooth University.

## ii. SENATE SUB-COMMITTEES

Much of the Senate's work is done through its sub-committees.

- The Standing Committee
- The Finance Committee
- The Investment Advisory Committee
- The Audit and Risk Committee
- The Committee of Registrars (Sub-Committee of the Admissions Officers)
- The Education and Society Committee
- The Honorary Degrees Committee
- The Publications Committee
- The Committee for Degrees on Published Work
- The Working Group on Online Education

### The Standing Committee

The Standing Committee is one of the two major sub-committees of the Senate provided for in NUI Statutes. Its role is to advise the Senate on all academic and other general matters coming up for consideration. As part of the streamlining of NUI governance, the Senate decided that from 2014 onwards, it would not be necessary for the Standing Committee to meet separately from the Senate unless for particular purposes. There were no separate meetings of the Standing Committee in 2015.

### **The Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee is the other major sub-committee of the Senate provided for in Statutes and advises the Senate on all financial matters relating to NUI. The Finance Committee meets in advance of each Senate meeting and as such held three meetings in 2015. NUI 2014 financial statements were approved by NUI Senate on 4 November 2015, filed with the Higher Education Authority (HEA) and the Department of Education and Skills (DES) as required and published on the NUI website shortly thereafter.

### **The Investment Advisory Committee**

This committee reviews the overall investment strategy annually and provides advice for the Senate, usually through the Finance Committee. The Investment Advisory Committee met twice in 2015.

### **The Audit and Risk Committee**

In accordance with its terms of reference, the committee met four times in 2015 and undertook a number of activities during the year, for example, a review and approval of the 2014 Draft Statement of Governance and Internal Control; a review of the 2015 Internal Audit scope document presented by RSM McClure Watters, noting the overall satisfactory level of assurance given, that the systems within the university can be relied upon to deliver the overall achievement of objectives; and an overview of the Registrar's proposal on staffing, insofar as relevant from an organisation risk perspective.

### **The Committee of Registrars**

The Committee of Registrars meets from time to time to advise the Senate on academic matters and on issues arising in the relationship between NUI and the constituent universities. Between meetings, the NUI Registrar liaises with the Registrars on any issues arising. The members of the Committee are the Directors of Postgraduate Applications Limited, the NUI company chaired by the NUI Registrar that processes applications to postgraduate courses on behalf of NUI and other institutions.

### **The Admissions Officers Committee**

The Admissions Officers act as a sub-committee of the Committee of Registrars. This Committee advises on issues relating to matriculation and admissions. The expertise of the Committee is particularly valuable to NUI in the evaluation of new qualifications presented for matriculation purposes. These include qualifications from countries both within and outside the EU, or internationally available qualifications, including English language qualifications. The range of qualifications presented by applicants seeking admission to the NUI institutions is annually becoming more diverse. The NUI Registrar consulted the Admissions Officers regularly throughout 2015. Work was completed on the major review of A Level subjects accepted for Matriculation purposes including a review of Applied A Levels.

### The Honorary Degrees Committee

The role of the Honorary Degrees Committee, chaired by the Chancellor, is to consider the nominations presented by members of Senate for honorary degrees and in the light of Senate policy on the awarding of honorary degrees to recommend the list of candidates to be awarded degrees by NUI in any given year. In 2015, Senate adopted the list of candidates proposed for honorary degrees and on 2 December in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, honorary degrees were conferred, as follows:

Mr Richard Ahlstrom	Science Editor of the Irish Times	DSc
Professor Mary Daly	Historian and President of the Royal Irish Academy	DLitt
Sir David Goodall	Former Diplomat	LLD
Professor Margaret Murnane	Distinguished Professor at the University of Colorado	DSc
Mr Paul O'Connell	Irish Rugby Player	DArts

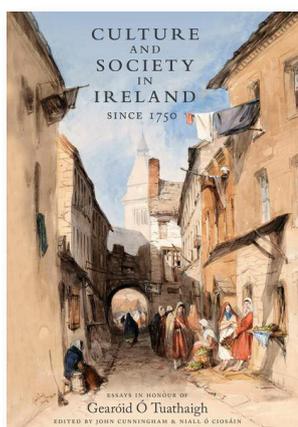


*Honorary Conferring 2015: Dr Mary Daly, Dr Paul O'Connell, Sir David Goodall, Dr Margaret Murnane, and Dr Richard Ahlstrom.*

## The Publications Committee

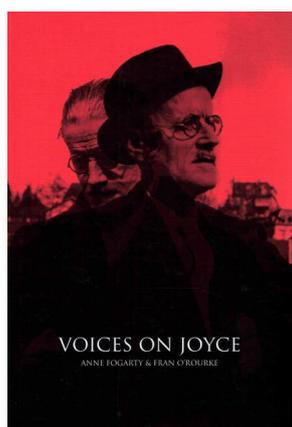
The Publications Committee advises the Senate on matters relating to academic publishing, administers the NUI Publications Scheme on behalf of the Senate and makes recommendations to Senate on the awarding of publications grants under the scheme. The Committee meets twice annually in June and December. The NUI Publications Scheme aims to promote and encourage publications and scholarly research by academic staff in the constituent universities and recognised colleges. On the recommendation of the Committee, the Senate approved grants for publications totalling €22,793 in 2015.

Recent awards include:



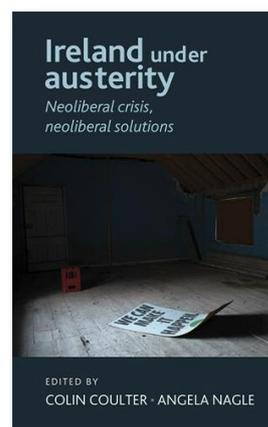
John Cunningham & Niall Ó Ciosáin (eds), *Culture and Society in Ireland since 1750: historical reflections in honour of Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh* (Lilliput Press, 2015)

John Cunningham is a Lecturer in the Department of History, NUIG and Niall Ó Ciosáin is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of History, NUIG.



Anne Fogarty & Fran O'Rourke (eds), *Voices on Joyce* (University College Dublin Press, 2015).

Anne Fogarty is Professor of James Joyce Studies in the School of English, Drama and Film, UCD and Fran O'Rourke is Associate Professor in the School of Philosophy, UCD.



Colin Coulter & Angela Nagle (eds), *Ireland Under Austerity: Neoliberal Crisis, Neoliberal Solution* (Manchester University Press, 2015)

Colin Coulter is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Sociology, Maynooth University and Angela Nagle received her PhD from Dublin City University.

The Publications Committee also advises the Senate on the journal *Éigse: A Journal of Irish Studies*, published by NUI.

#### **The Degrees on Published Works Committee**

The Degrees on Published Work Committee acts on behalf of the Senate in administering the examination of applications for higher doctorates on published work. The Committee met in October 2015 and conducted other business electronically during the year. In 2015, three degrees were awarded, one DLitt and two DScs.

Liam Ó Murchú	DLitt
Professor Aidan Bradford	DSc
Professor Hannah McGee	DSc

Five new applications for degrees on published work were received in 2015.

#### **The Working Group on Online Education**

The Working Group on Online Education consists of members from the National University of Ireland, University College Dublin, University College Cork, NUI Galway, Maynooth University, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, University of Limerick, Dublin City University, and Trinity College Dublin. It continues to explore the possibility of setting up a major Irish online education presence (whether in the form of MOOCs or another online education offering) using the strength of the NUI brand. Preliminary discussions and consultations initiated by NUI on the concept have elicited a generally positive response and it is clear that there is a considerable opportunity here. The next step was to commission a feasibility study, the results of which are hoped will establish the basis for a viable project in this area.

## MEMBERS OF NUI SENATE 2012-2017

### Chancellors, Registrar and Chief Officers of the Constituent Universities

Dr Maurice Manning, *Chancellor of the University*  
Dr James J. Brown, *Pro-Vice Chancellor*  
Dr Andrew J. Deeks, *Pro-Vice Chancellor*

Dr Michael Murphy, *Pro-Vice Chancellor*  
Professor Philip Nolan, *Vice-Chancellor*  
Dr Attracta Halpin, *Registrar*

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### Nominated by the Government

Mr Ross Higgins  
Professor Brigid Laffan

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### Elected by each of the Constituent Universities

*University College Dublin*  
Professor Thomas Brazil  
Professor Pat Guiry  
Mr Tom Harrington  
Professor Patrick M. Shannon

*National University of Ireland, Galway*  
Professor Pól Ó Dochartaigh  
Dr Pat Morgan  
Mr John Loftus  
Professor Antony M. Wheatley

*University College Cork*  
Mr Owen J. Dinneen  
Dr Piaras MacÉinrí  
Dr Barbara Doyle Prestwich  
Dr Marian McCarthy

*Maynooth University*  
Professor Jim Walsh  
Ms Rosemary Monahan  
Mr Sean Ashe  
Dr Emer Nolan

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### Elected by Convocation of the University

Mr Tommy Francis  
Mr John Hurley  
Dr Helen Gallagher  
Ms Linda M.P. O'Shea Farren  
Ms. Clíona E De Bhaldraithe Marsh

### Co-Opted

Professor Mark Rogers  
Professor Paul Giller  
Professor Aidan Mulkeen  
Professor Cathal Kelly

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### CONSTITUENT UNIVERSITIES

*Na Comh-Ollscoileanna*

**University College Dublin**  
*An Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath*  
Tel: (353 1) 716 7777  
[www.ucd.ie](http://www.ucd.ie)



**University College Cork**  
*Coláiste na hOllscoile, Corcaigh*  
Tel: (353 21) 490 3000  
[www.ucc.ie](http://www.ucc.ie)



**National University of Ireland, Galway**  
*Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh*  
Tel: (353 91) 524411  
[www.nuigalway.ie](http://www.nuigalway.ie)



**Maynooth University**  
*Ollscoil na hÉireann, Má Nuad*  
Tel: (353 1) 628 5222  
[www.maynoothuniversity.ie](http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie)



### RECOGNISED COLLEGES

*Na Coláistí Aitheanta*

**Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland**  
*Coláiste Ríoga Máinleá na hÉirinn*  
Tel: (353 1) 402 2100  
[www.rcsi.ie](http://www.rcsi.ie)



**Uversity**  
Tel: (353 1) 687 5999  
[www.uversity.org](http://www.uversity.org)



## COLLEGES LINKED WITH CONSTITUTENT UNIVERSITIES

### Coláistí ceangailte leis na Comh-Ollscoileann

#### National College of Art and Design, Dublin

*Coláiste Náisiúnta Ealaíne is Deartha*

Tel: (353 1) 636 4200

[www.ncad.ie](http://www.ncad.ie)



#### Institute of Public Administration

*An Foras Riaracháin*

Tel: (353 1) 668 6233

[www.ipa.ie](http://www.ipa.ie)



#### Shannon College of Hotel Management

*Coláiste Ósta na Sionna*

Tel: (353 61) 712213

[www.shannoncollege.com](http://www.shannoncollege.com)



#### St. Angela's College, Sligo

*Coláiste San Aingeal, Sligeach*

Tel: (353 71) 45243

[www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie](http://www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie)



#### Burren College of Art

*Coláiste Ealaíne na Bóine*

Tel: (353 65) 707 7200

[www.burrencollege.ie](http://www.burrencollege.ie)



# Constituent Universities & Recognised Colleges

- i. Relations and Services
- ii. Matriculation
- iii. Quality Assurance
- iv. NUI Conferings
- v. Graduate Records

## i. RELATIONS AND SERVICES

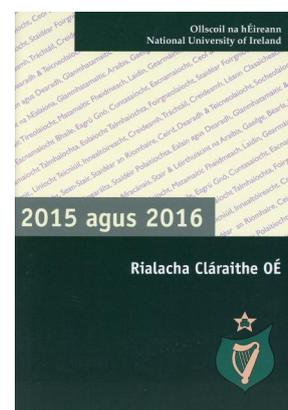
NUI strives to support and strengthen its positive relationship with constituent universities, recognised colleges and other NUI member institutions. The University commits itself to enhancing and extending the services it provides and endeavours to be an asset to the federation. The main services provided by NUI to the constituent universities – as also to the recognised colleges - relate to its statutory functions concerning matriculation and extern examiners, and to the provision of parchments for conferings. Other services include documentation services for NUI graduates, representations on behalf of graduates experiencing difficulty in securing recognition of NUI qualifications, archival services and support for Postgraduate Admissions Centre (PAC).

NUI graduates continue to seek employment and engage in further study abroad, but the economic growth in Ireland has resulted in improved employment prospects for those who wish to remain in the country. This is reflected in the continuing high demand for document services, with over 4,300 requests for Certification in English of Testimonia, Duplicate Testimonia/Certificates or provision of authenticated photocopies of NUI Testimonia/Certificates processed in 2015.

NUI is committed to making its premises available as a resource to member institutions, its location in the centre of the capital city making it a particularly convenient venue for meetings, seminars, launches and other events. In 2015, NUI was the venue for 78 seminars and other events hosted by the constituent universities and other events including seminars, workshops, round table meetings, book launches, and PhD vivas.

## ii. MATRICULATION

The Senate has statutory responsibility for setting basic matriculation requirements and the matriculation requirements are administered by NUI in consultation with the constituent universities and recognised colleges. The matriculation regulations are published annually and circulated throughout the system. In 2015, 3,676 applications for exemptions and special consideration of exceptional circumstances were processed by NUI. This involved



liaising with students, parents, guidance counsellors and schools and the ongoing provision of an information service. It also involved regular interaction and communications with Admissions Offices in the constituent universities and recognised colleges and with CAO.

### iii. QUALITY ASSURANCE

The Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012, which came into effect in November 2012, defines the University as a ‘designated awarding body’. As such, the Act requires the University to establish quality assurance arrangements in respect of ‘linked providers’ that deliver educational programmes leading to awards of the University. The Act also provides for periodic review of the University’s quality assurance procedures by Quality and Qualifications Ireland, the Authority established under the Act to oversee quality assurance of further and higher education and training in Ireland.

NUI’s Annual Dialogue Meeting with QQI took place in February 2015 where discussions centred on the relationship between QQI and NUI and a range of quality assurance developments and priority areas relevant to the University for 2015. Items for discussion included the establishment of specific QA guidelines for NUI; QA guidelines for designated awarding bodies more generally; an appropriate institutional review model for NUI; the current legal challenges to the International Education Mark (IEM) and the submission by NUI of a modified annual institutional quality report (AIQR). This report was completed and submitted to QQI in March 2015. The University has continued to contribute throughout the year to QQI’s series of policy consultations where appropriate. In 2015, NUI also continued to participate in the Irish Higher Education Quality Network (IHEQN) however discussions are still on going regarding the composition and future direction of this network.



#### Extern Examiners

Under the Universities Act 1997, the Senate is responsible for the appointment of extern examiners to the constituent universities, on the recommendation of the constituent universities, and for determining the functions of those examiners, in agreement with the universities. In 2015, the Senate continued to appoint extern examiners. While the administration of extern examiner appointments has been devolved to the constituent universities, the reports of extern examiners are forwarded to NUI and reports on these are presented to Senate.

NUI continued to administer the extern examiner system for RCSI, Shannon College and Uiversity.

## RECOGNISED COLLEGES

### Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI)

The Working Group Executive (WGE) is the formal mechanism for managing the relationship between NUI and RCSI and for oversight of strategic, policy and operational issues. The WGE acts on behalf of the NUI Senate and the RCSI Medicine & Health Sciences Board and reports to those bodies. Its principal role is to address issues relating to quality enhancement and the standards of educational programmes approved in both institutions, with a view to ensuring a continually high quality of qualifications awarded by NUI and RCSI. In 2015, the WGE met three times in March, October and December. In 2015, the NUI Senate granted approval for three new programmes in RCSI:

- MSc in Nursing/Midwifery (Applied Professional & Clinical Development)
- BSc in Health Sciences
- NUI Diploma in Health Sciences

The Senate also renewed approval of programmes previously approved:

- MPharm (NPIP)
- MSc in Human Factors and Patient Safety

### Uversity

In June 2013, Uversity, a unique collaborative partnership between all the universities in Ireland, the Institutes of Technology and a number of independent colleges, became a recognised college of the National University of Ireland. In November 2014, Senate approved the first programme to be proposed by Uversity, the MA in Creative Process, on the recommendation of the Review Panel appointed by NUI, subject to a number of conditions.

NUI has maintained close contact with Uversity since the initiation of the MA programme. The Chair of the Panel, Professor Hilary Grainger, was appointed as programme extern examiner in 2014/15. She reviewed work and attended the Examination Board meeting held in NUI on 29 October 2015 and chaired by the Registrar.

In addition, the Review Panel was reconvened on Friday 30 October 2015 and met in NUI with representatives of Uversity to review the progress to date of the MA programme following its completion by the first cohort of students. It provided an opportunity for the Panel to discuss in detail with representatives of both Uversity and the partner institutions the progress of the programme in 2014/15.

On the basis of the documentation and discussions, the Panel was satisfied that Uversity had implemented in full the conditions applying to the approval of the programme in respect of the intakes for 2014/15 and 2015/16. At its meeting on 5 November 2015, the Senate having considered the Follow-Up Report of the Programme Review Panel adopted the Panel's recommendation for continuation of approval of the MA programme for a further five years (2016/17 to 2020/21) subject to continued financial, academic and organisational support. The Senate also agreed to Uversity's request for continuation of its status as a recognised college over the same period. The conferring of the first Uversity graduates took place in Farmleigh on Wednesday 18 November 2015.



*Pictured at the Uversity graduation: Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor of NUI, Dr Dermot Desmond (founding Partner), Dr Danny O'Hare (Chair Uversity) and Dr Attracta Halpin, Registrar NUI.*

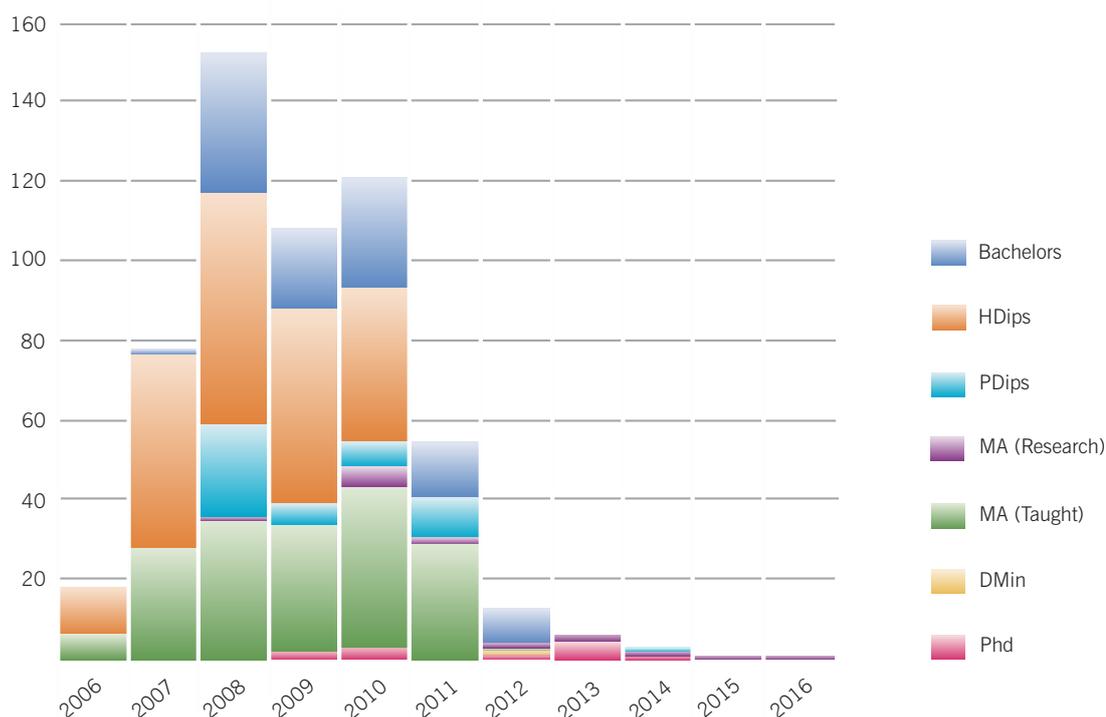
## Shannon College of Hotel Management (SCHM)

On the 31 July 2015, Shannon College of Hotel Management was formally incorporated into NUI Galway and is now a School in the College of Business, Public Policy and Law. In November 2015, representatives of NUI, NUI Galway and Shannon College met to agree the transitional arrangements for the College from NUI to NUI Galway. Arrangements were agreed between the parties to enable the full integration of Shannon College within NUI Galway over the course of 2015/16.

Since Shannon College became a recognised college in 2000, a total of 829 students received NUI awards, including 569 bachelors' degrees and 260 diplomas and certificates.



## Milltown Institute



Milltown Institute of Theology and Philosophy was first granted recognised college status by the NUI Senate in 2005. In July 2015, the University was notified that Milltown Institute was officially closing down. During its tenure as a recognised College of NUI, a total of 671 students were awarded degrees, diplomas and other qualifications of the University. These included 448 postgraduate awards, 106 undergraduate awards, 117 Diplomas and Certificates, and 26 research degrees.

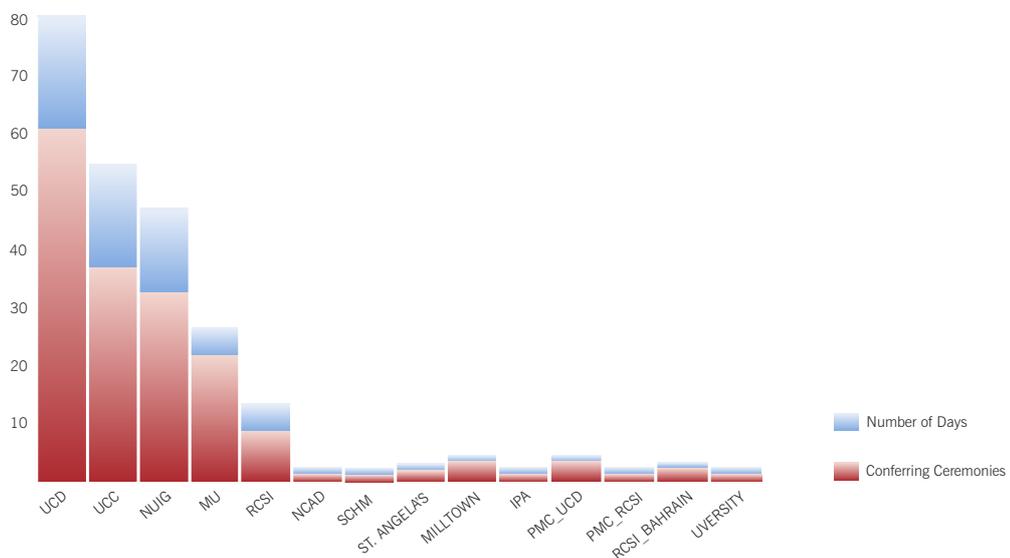
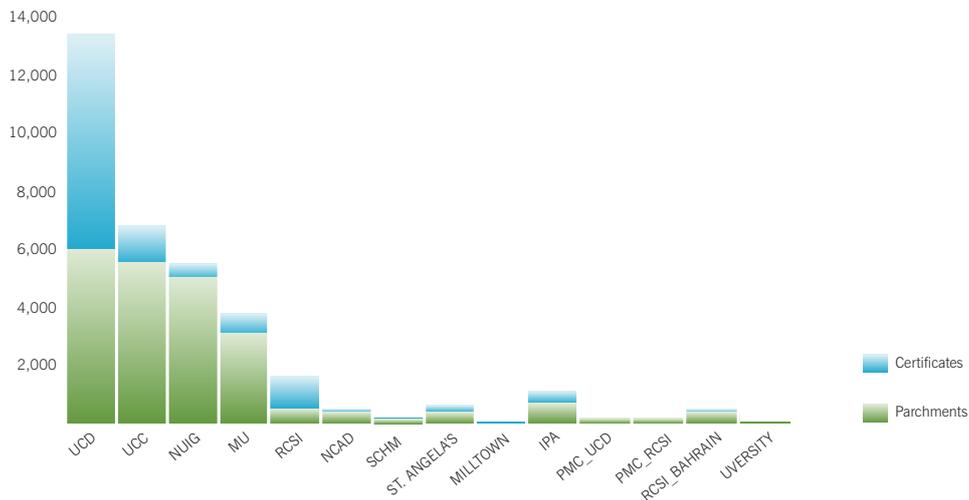
## National College of Art and Design (NCAD) and Institute of Public Administration (IPA)

In 2015, the final PhD students registered with NUI were conferred which concludes all remaining business between NUI and NCAD.

The transition of both IPA and NCAD to UCD has now been completed.

#### iv. NUI CONFERRINGS

NUI co-ordinates, produces and distributes all parchments and certificates for all NUI constituent universities and recognised colleges, in Ireland and overseas. The Conferring Unit also produces customised parchments in connection with the awarding of joint degrees and based on other national and international partnership arrangements. NUI produced almost 30,000 parchments and 10,000 certificates in 2015, which were presented to new NUI graduates at 174 conferring ceremonies.



NUI conferring ceremonies took place across the world in 2015, with graduates receiving NUI degrees in Ireland, Singapore, Hong Kong, Bahrain, Malaysia, Spain, China, Sri Lanka, France, Scotland and Seychelles.



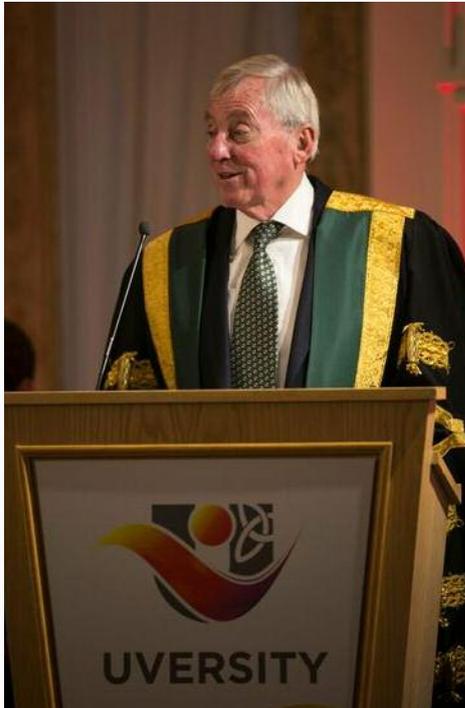
*RSCI Graduates.*



*Uversity Graduates at Farmleigh House.*



*Uversity Graduates pictured with Dermot Desmond.*



*Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor of NUI, giving the opening address at Uversity graduation.*



*University College Cork Conferring Ceremony.*



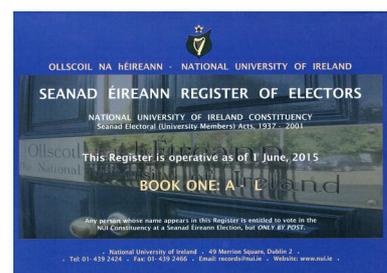
*RSCI Conferings 2015: Prof Hannah McGee, Dean of Medicine and Health Sciences, RCSI (who qualified for a DSc on her published work), Mr Delcan Magee, President of RCSI, Dr Maurice Manning, Professor Aidan Bradford, Associate Professor in Physiology (who also qualified for a DSc for his published work) and Dr Attracta Halpin, Registrar of NUI.*

## v. GRADUATES RECORDS

There are two aspects to the overall maintenance of graduate records:

- a) the updating and streamlining of the records of the graduates of all the NUI institutions, i.e. the Convocation Register.

This involves amending records in accordance with official notification received. Streamlining involves amalgamating records where graduates have been conferred in more than one institution and/or under different names. It also involves, on a year-to-year basis adding on new graduates – this is done in collaboration with the IT and Conferings Units;



- b) the annual revision and publication of the Seanad Éireann Register, i.e. those graduates who have claimed their franchise to vote in the NUI Seanad Éireann constituency. This is a statutory requirement.

NUI graduates were encouraged by the Chancellor to add their names to the Seanad Register in 2015. NUI graduates can register to vote in the NUI constituency for the Seanad Éireann elections at any time, but must submit their claim to register by 26 February to be included in the annual revised register. 103,165 names were listed on the Seanad Register published on 1 June 2015, and about 1000 Registration Claim Forms were received and processed by NUI between 27 February 2015 and the end of 2015, while hundreds of amendments and updates were received from graduates, Alumni Offices and via serving Senators.



*The NUI constituency elected Senators Feargal Quinn, John Crown, and Rónán Mullen, pictured, in 2011.*

## Awards

NUI offers a range of awards for competition each year to students, graduates and researchers from across the NUI federal system. Through these awards, NUI seeks to recognise the brightest minds and talents in the NUI community and to support scholars of distinction, from undergraduates to senior academics.

Included in the extensive programme of awards are:

- **Scholarships and Prizes** for undergraduates and recent graduates in a broad range of subject areas including medicine, nursing, health sciences, Irish language and foreign language studies, education, art and design, philosophy and Irish history
- **Travelling Studentships** for doctoral research in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Sciences
- **Doctoral Fellowships** in International Law and Education
- **Post-Doctoral Fellowships** in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Sciences
- **Publication Prizes and Grants**

In 2015, NUI offered an extensive programme of awards. Throughout the year, NUI ran competitions for travelling studentships, scholarships and other awards with a total value of over €850,000. In 2015, over one hundred and twenty students and graduates from UCD, UCC, Maynooth University, NUI Galway, RCSI, St Angela's College, Sligo, NCAD, and the overseas campuses qualified for NUI awards.

These awards are presented at the annual NUI awards ceremony, held in the Royal Hospital Kilmainham in November each year. At the ceremony in 2015, NUI Chancellor Dr Maurice Manning presented Professor Gerard Casey, Associate Professor in Philosophy in UCD, with the Doctor of Literature degree on Published Work in the area of Philosophy. Degrees on Published Work are the highest qualifications awarded by the University. They are awarded to scholars who have, over a sustained period, published a substantial body of groundbreaking and influential work



*NUI Awards Ceremony 2015, Royal Hospital Kilmainham.*

in a field of specialisation and who have achieved outstanding distinction internationally in that field. These degrees are rarely awarded and only three were conferred in 2015 – one DLitt and two DScs.

Other awards presented to senior academics included the NUI publication prizes in history. The Irish Historical Research Prize, offered for the best new work of Irish historical research by a graduate of NUI, was awarded to Dr Elva Johnston, a graduate of UCC, for *Literacy and Identity in Early Medieval Ireland*, published by Boydell and Brewer in 2013. A Special Commendation Prize was awarded to Professor James Kelly, a graduate of UCD, for *Sport in Ireland 1600-1840* published by Four Courts Press in 2014.

The Publication Prize in Irish History, for the best new work of Irish historical research published as a first publication by a graduate of NUI, was awarded to Dr Elaine Farrell, a graduate of UCD, for



*Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor of NUI and Dr Elva Johnston, winner of the Irish Historical Research Prize.*



*Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor of NUI and Dr Elaine Farrell, winner of the Publication Prize in Irish History.*



*Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor of NUI and Professor James Kelly, winner of the Special Commendation Irish Historical Research Prize.*



*Dr Ciaran O'Neill winner of the Special Commendation Publication Prize in Irish History.*

*'A most diabolical deed': Infanticide and Irish Society, 1850-1900* published by Manchester University Press in 2013. Dr Ciaran O'Neill, a graduate of NUI Galway, was specially commended for *Catholics of Consequence: Transnational Education, Social Mobility and the Irish Catholic Elite, 1850-1900*, published by Oxford University Press in 2014.

Several prizes were presented to more recent NUI graduates. The Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Sciences was awarded in the area of Biology and Environmental Science to Dr Paul O'Callaghan, a graduate of UCC and UCD. NUI Travelling Studentships in the Humanities and Social Sciences and in the Sciences were awarded to a total of eight students undertaking doctoral studies and research overseas.

Other awards presented at the ceremony included Dr H H Stewart Literary and Medical Scholarships, the Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship in Education, the Mansion House Fund Scholarships in Irish and Irish History and the NUI Art and Design Prize.

#### **NUI Art and Design Prize (€2000)**

This Prize is offered annually for a piece of work by a graduate of NCAD who has distinguished him or herself in one of the Art and Design disciplines. The Prize is a Purchase Prize and the work becomes the property of NUI. Final year BA/BDes and MA students in NCAD will be eligible automatically for consideration for the Prize.

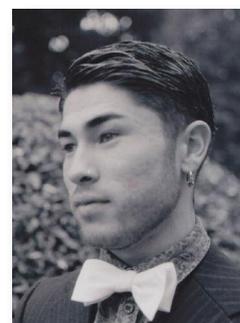
The 2015 Prize was awarded to Shane Berkery for his painting 'Table for Two'.



*Table for Two by Shane Berkery.*

The painting is oil-on-canvas, measuring 194cm x 152cm, depicts two pink-kimono clad women and invokes a sense of presence both within the artwork and in the space in which it is displayed. The artist brings the viewer closer to the painted figures by working large-scale, so that they can be experienced as another presence in the room. Creating this intensity of presence is a key objective of Shane's work.

Born in Tokyo, Shane has lived in Japan and America, and is now based in Dublin. His current works are influenced by old photographs of his Japanese grandparents and other personal photographs relating to his heritage.



*Shane Berkery.*

## NUI AWARDS

### **Undergraduate Scholarships & Prizes**

Dr H H Stewart Literary Scholarships and Prizes

Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarships and Prizes

### **Graduate Scholarships & Prizes**

NUI Art and Design Prize

Mansion House Fund Scholarships and Prizes in Irish and Irish History

French Government Medals and NUI Prizes

Pierce Malone Scholarship in Philosophy

NUI Club London Scholarship

NUI Scholarship and Prize in Education

NUI Scholarship in Rural Development

### **Graduate Funding Awards**

NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowships in the Humanities

NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowships in the Sciences

NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowships in the Social Sciences

NUI EJ Phelan Fellowship in International Law

NUI Travelling Studentships in the Humanities and Social Sciences

NUI Travelling Studentships in the Sciences

Fulbright-NUI Visiting Researcher Awards

Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship in Education

### **Publication Prizes**

NUI Publication Prize in Irish History

Irish Historical Research Prize

*Please note that some awards are offered on a biennial basis.*

## Publications

### Garret FitzGerald Memorial Lecture

In commemoration of its former Chancellor, NUI established the Dr Garret FitzGerald Memorial Lectures, an annual series of lectures given by distinguished speakers on topics of national and international importance. The Honourable Mr Justice John Mac Menamin, a judge of the Supreme Court of Ireland, delivered the 2014/2015 lecture in Maynooth University in September 2014. This, the fourth lecture in the series addressed the topic 'From Nightmare and Dreams to Realities: Citizens, Judges and Democracy in the New Europe'. Former Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland Baroness Nuala O'Loan responded.



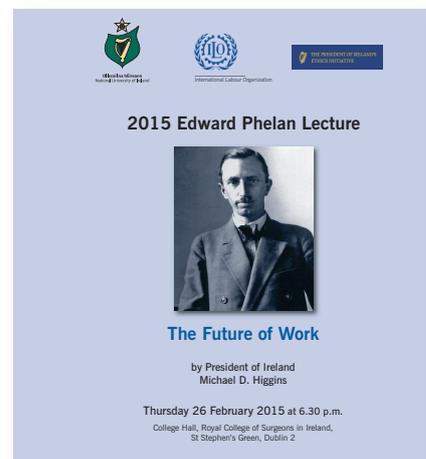
### Edward J. Phelan Lecture

The National University of Ireland and the International Labour Organization have collaborated in organizing the Edward Phelan Lecture. This lecture series was established in 2013 to honour Edward J. Phelan.

Born in Ireland, Edward Phelan had a distinguished career at the International Labour Organisation. He was official advocate of the ILO Project at the Paris Peace Conference of 1919, became its fourth Director in 1941 and Director General under its new constitution in 1946. He was the innovator of the ILO 'tripartite' formula which forms the basis of representation at International Labour Conferences. Each country's delegation includes not only Government delegates, but also representatives of workers' and employers' organizations, a model for social partnership.

The first lecture in the series was delivered by Guy Ryder, Director-General of the ILO. In 2015, the second lecture on '*The Future of Work*' was given by his Excellency Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland, in the College Hall, Royal college of Surgeons in Ireland, on 26 February 2015. The response was given by Guy Ryder, Director-General of the ILO.

Both lecture series have been published and are available to purchase from the main offices of NUI, 49 Merrion Square. Email [publications@nui.ie](mailto:publications@nui.ie) for more information.



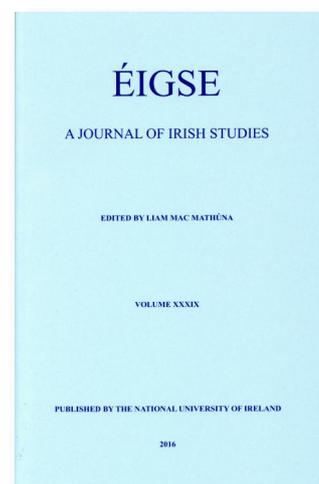
### *Éigse*: A Journal of Irish Studies

Originally funded by a bequest from Adam Boyd Simpson, the publication of *Éigse* is now funded through the NUI Publications Scheme and its development overseen by the Publications Committee. The journal has been published by NUI since 1939, and includes important contributions on Irish literature and the history and characteristics of the Irish language.

*Éigse* is edited by Professor Liam Mac Mathúna and has an International Advisory Board with the following members:

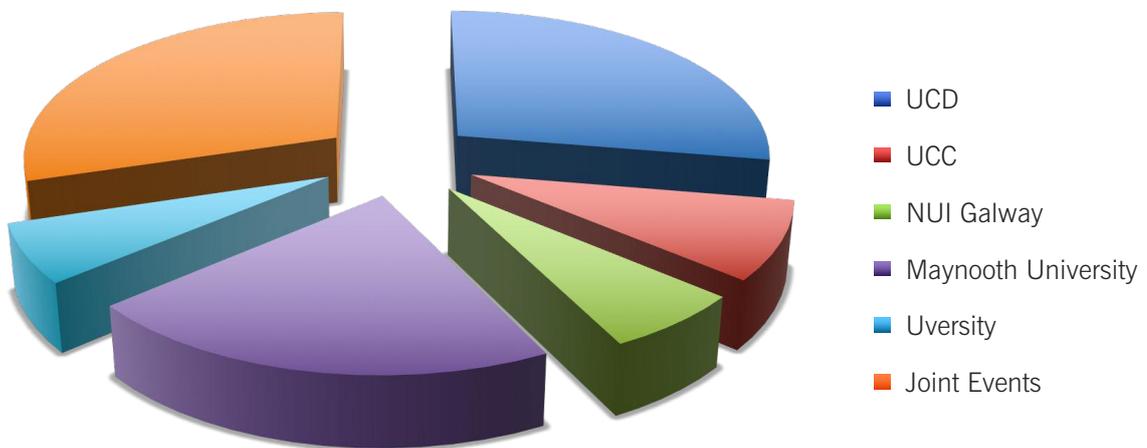
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Professor Roibeard Ó Maolalaigh, University of Glasgow  
Professor Jan Erik Rekdal, University of Oslo  
Professor Greg Toner, Queen's University Belfast  
Professor Dr. Hildegard Tristram, University of Freiburg

Following the appointment of Professor Mac Mathúna, the scope of *Éigse* has been broadened and the journal now covers a wide range of research in the field of Irish language and literature. Contributions are accepted in both Irish and English, and are welcomed from younger scholars and those working in emerging areas of research. An arrangement with Four Courts Press was entered into in late 2013 for the warehousing, distribution and marketing of NUI publications such as *Éigse* and *Lia Fáil*. Volume XXXVIII, the first volume of *Éigse* edited by Professor Mac Mathúna, was published in 2013 and continues to sell well. Further details: [www.nui.ie/eigse](http://www.nui.ie/eigse)



## Events

NUI is pleased to offer its premises as a resource for member institutions. Its central location and well-equipped meeting rooms make it a particularly convenient venue for the broad range of events organised throughout the year. In 2015, NUI was the venue for 78 events hosted by the constituent universities, member institutions, and other organisations with a connection to NUI. These events included book launches, lectures, seminars, international conferences, society meetings, core modules, and celebrations.



*Use of NUI facilities by institution, 2015*

For full details of the meeting room facilities in NUI and to check availability contact the Registrar's Office at [registrar@nui.ie](mailto:registrar@nui.ie) or call +353 (0) 1 439 24 24.

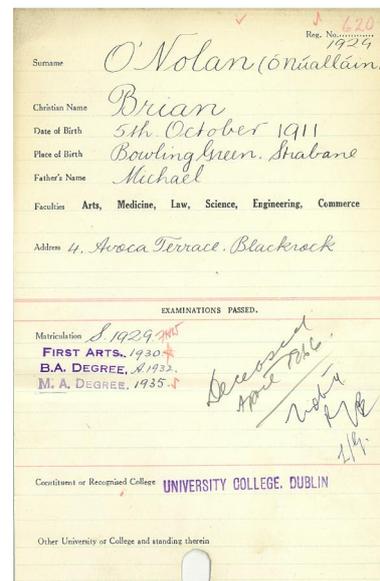
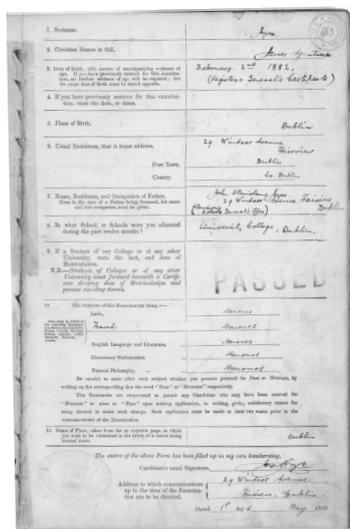
# NUI History & Archives

## ARCHIVES

NUI houses not just its own extensive archive, but also the archive of the Royal University of Ireland. It is committed to ensuring that these valuable archives continue to be maintained in optimal conditions. A recent conservation project has greatly contributed to improving conditions for the storage and conservation of the archives. The combined archives span three centuries, and continue to generate sustained interest among scholars and genealogists. They are also of continuing importance to NUI itself, and are consulted regularly. By virtue of its substantial archives, NUI can assist members of the public who are undertaking research on graduates of the University. NUI is proud of its many celebrated and illustrious graduates, and the archives contain the records of well-known figures from Ireland's political, social and literary history.

To find out more about these graduates, download an Archival Enquiry Form from [www.nui.ie/services/](http://www.nui.ie/services/)

*Brian O'Nolan (Ó Núalláin, Myles na gCopaleen, Flann O'Brien) matriculated in 1929 and entered University College Dublin. He graduated with a BA in 1932 and an MA in 1935. A celebrated novelist, dramatist and journalist, his works include At Swim-Two Birds (1939), The Hard Life (1962), The Dalkey Archive (1964) and The Third Policeman (1968), all published under the name Flann O'Brien.*



*The Matriculation Application Form of Irish novelist, short story writer, and poet James Joyce, who matriculated in the Royal University of Ireland in 1899 and was conferred in 1902 with a BA (Modern Languages) at University College Dublin.*

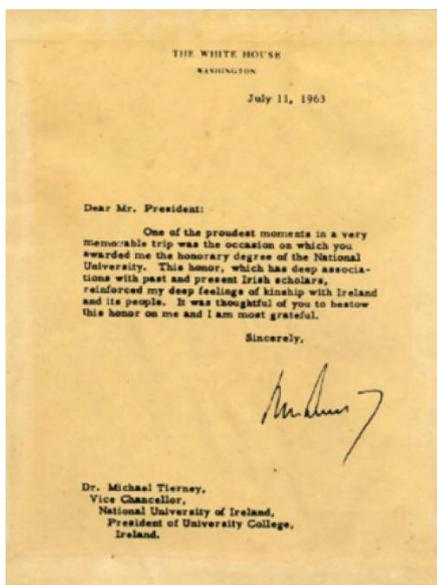
## The Conferring of John F. Kennedy

In May 1963, NUI Registrar Dr Seamus Wilmot wrote on behalf of the Senate to President John F. Kennedy, inviting him to be conferred with the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD). President Kennedy accepted the invitation. At a ceremony held in Dublin Castle on 28 June 1963, Dr Eamon de Valera, Chancellor of the University, conferred him with the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD). The Vice-Chancellor of the University and President of University College Dublin Dr Michael Tierney gave the introductory address. Taoiseach Seán Lemass and other members of the Government attended the event. President Kennedy sent Dr Tierney a letter in thanks on 11 July 1963, declaring that:



*Éamon De Valera, Chancellor of NUI, presenting honorary degree to John F. Kennedy, President of USA.*

*'One of the proudest moments in a very memorable trip was the occasion on which you granted me the honorary degree of the National University. This honor, which has deep associations with past and present Irish scholars, reinforces my deep feelings of kinship with Ireland and its people. It was thoughtful of you to bestow this honor on me and I am most grateful.'*



*Letter from President John F Kennedy to Dr Michael Tierney, after he was conferred with the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD).*

## THE MURALS

In addition to its extensive archives, NUI is also home to a far more visual reminder of the past - a cycle of early nineteenth-century mural paintings on the first floor of the building.

In 1912, NUI moved to 48 and 49 Merrion Square. The Merrion Square buildings were described in Senate minutes as a 'temporary location for the University'. In 1927, the premises were purchased by NUI and became the permanent address of the University. 49 Merrion Square is a listed Georgian building. It was built by George Kent some time between the 1790s and 1814. Sir Robert Way Harty, later elected Lord Mayor of Dublin, leased the house in 1818. He is generally credited with having commissioned the murals, which are a key feature of the house and were completed around 1820. Christine Casey, in her authoritative study *Dublin: The City within the Grand and Royal Canals and the Circular Road with the Phoenix Park*, comments that 'these are the most ambitious c19 painted interiors in Dublin'.

The murals can be found in the original Senate Rooms on the first floor of Number 49. The cycle consists of a series of Italianate landscape paintings, which completely cover the walls from the dado upwards. A painted frame of illusionistic woodwork in red surrounds each mural. The sources and inspirations for these Italianate landscapes, which include classical and mythological references, were taken from works by a number of artists including Claude Lorrain, Rubens, Salvatore Rosa and Grimaldi. In the absence of documentary evidence, the attribution of the paintings cannot be established. However, they are of very high quality and as illusionistic framed landscapes they are unique in Georgian Dublin.





NUI is pleased to take part in the annual National Heritage Week Open Day, when visitors are welcomed into 49 Merrion Square to view the unique murals. The Open Day celebrates the rich and diverse heritage of Merrion Square and its surroundings, allowing visitors to experience special talks, walks, music and properties not often on public display.

Visit us at the next Open Day and see them for yourself, or download the booklet *The Mural Paintings of 49 Merrion Square, Dublin* from [www.nui.ie](http://www.nui.ie)



# Our People

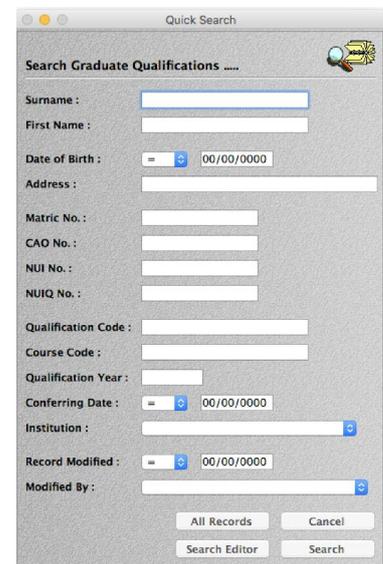
## STAFF

NUI continued to implement a policy of staff training and development and staff members were encouraged to upgrade their qualifications, enhance their skills and engage in Continuing Professional Development. The Registrar was dependent on, and enjoyed, continuing high levels of goodwill and support from NUI staff throughout 2015 for the achievement of organisational goals.

## STAFF IN FOCUS – IT UNIT

The IT Unit of NUI has responsibility for all the information technology matters in the office. As the remit of the unit encompasses all manner of IT functions, it requires the unit to have wide-ranging knowledge of these functions and the support of external expertise. However, information system development regardless of IT skills, is heavily dependent on the users' co-operation, commitment and contributions, without which, the re-development of the various systems could not have been achieved.

In 2015, the IT Unit continued with Phase 3 of a major project initiated in 2012 on the Graduate Qualification Records System. This is a new system designed in-house at NUI that will encompass the two functions of record management and parchment printing in one central application. It replaces an older Oracle Conferring System (OCS). Over time the OCS had proved to be inflexible in terms of parchment design and layout, system reporting is difficult and modifications have proved costly and time consuming. It will also replace an ageing Alpha and Access Systems reaching the end-of-life stage.

A screenshot of a web-based search interface titled "Quick Search" and "Search Graduate Qualifications .....". The form contains several input fields: Surname, First Name, Date of Birth (with a dropdown arrow and "00/00/0000"), Address, Matric No., CAO No., NUI No., NUIQ No., Qualification Code, Course Code, Qualification Year, Conferring Date (with a dropdown arrow and "00/00/0000"), Institution (with a dropdown arrow), Record Modified (with a dropdown arrow and "00/00/0000"), and Modified By (with a dropdown arrow). At the bottom, there are four buttons: "All Records", "Cancel", "Search Editor", and "Search".

*Screenshot of Graduate Qualification Record System.*

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