

IUAA Track & Field Championships

Date: Friday 13th & Saturday 14th April 2007

Host: Dublin City University

Venue: Santry Stadium

The Organising Committee

Ian Chaney / Gordon Harold / Niall Moyna / Mickey Whelan / Fionnuala Britton /
Ellen Drumm / Declan Brennan / Enda Fitzpatrick

Winners and Runners Up

Men's Championship

Winner: Dublin City University (DCU)

Runner up: University of Limerick (UL)

Ladies' Championship

Winner: Dublin City University (DCU)

Runner up: University of Limerick (UL)

Overall Championship

Winner: Dublin City University (DCU)

Runner up: University of Limerick (UL)

Communication

The organising committee communicated with all colleges prior to the event through the DCU Athletics Club and IUAA web pages. On more personal issues and other related matters – a helpline was available from the DCU Track Office at (01)7008479. The event itself ran off smoothly and few enquiries were received after the end of April.

A detailed information pack / programme were given to all institutions on the first day of the competition – gratefully put together by the Organising Committee.

First Aid

First Aid over the two days was provided by the Order of Malta, who had an Ambulance and three crew members present throughout the event.

Liam Moffatt, physical therapist in the making and his colleagues in ATT were available to treat / massage athletes at the venue over the 2 days.

Sponsorship & Fundraising

Sponsorship

Allied Irish Bank, DCU Branch (with thanks from Ellen Drumm) was the main sponsors of the event, contributing €4000 towards the running of the championships. Ellen attended our function at the 1838 Club, and spoke highly of her delight of how the championships were run: “it was easily the best athletics championships that she ever attended”. Further support was provided by Tri-Space Catering, DCU Trust, Volvo Ireland, Waterford Crystal, DCU Clubs & Societies, IUAA and DCU Sport.

Fundraising

DCU Athletics Club organised a number of fundraising events to raise funds towards hosting the Intervarsity championships

Programme

The championships programme was designed, produced and edited by the Organising Committee, with great assistance from Prof. Niall Moyna and other members of DCU Academy.

Publicity

Full details of the Championships were made available on the IUAA webpage, the Lindie Naughton Evening Herald Athletics page and other national press releases. DCU Times covered the exciting build-up and finale of these championships during the month of April. Ian Chaney liaised with the Irish Runner, Athletics Weekly and other sporting national press after these championships to cover the results.

Captains' Meeting

Two Captains' meetings were held during the Championships. The first was held at 1pm on Friday 13th April, prior to the commencement of the Championships, where the OC (Enda and Ian) outlined the plans for the 2 days. The primary purpose of this meeting was for the organisers to provide information to the captains about the procedures for the weekend and some of the more important rules of the competition. The second meeting was held at 4pm on Saturday 14th April, after completion of the competition. The general consensus was favourable, however a number of small issues were discussed – with Enda and other members of the OC expressing their disappointment with the facilities and more importantly the equipment provided by Fingal County Council. The results were promptly distributed by the ever efficient Stephen Lipson at this meeting with hard copies were distributed at the evening function

Entertainment

The formal entertainment was provided by DJ Stewart in the Nubar. The evening was a great success and our sincere thanks must go to the IUAA athletes from all colleges in attendance for their courteous behaviour. The night ended on schedule before the late night revellers headed downtown.

Presentation Dinner

Venue: 1838 Club

DCU Campus

Special Guests: Ellen Drumm - AIB; Gordon & Olive Harold, Declan & Eileen Brennan and the IUAA Executive Committee.

Finances

The summary of the finances are currently with the DCU auditors and were unavailable at time of putting together this report.

Additional Comments

The facilities (and equipment) at the Morton stadium left a lot to be desired. Without the divine inspiration from Ian and Gordon, the ladies steeplechase did take place thus enabling the entire championships to take place at the same venue. The electronic timing was executed by the AAI on both days. Ian suggested a number of key timetabling adjustments which ensured the smooth running of the championships. This was met with great approval from the athletes!!!

A number of IUAA records were broken at these championships; Eileen O Keefe set 2 new records in the Hammer and 8kg Weight for Distance, Fionnuala Britton in the steeplechase, Edel O Meara (NUIG) in the pole Vault, University of Ulster ladies (UU) in the 4 x 400m relay and Jeremy Harper (UU) in the 35kg Weight for Distance.

Ian Chaney introduced the advent of the "Athlete of the Meet Award" and the first recipients of these prestigious Awards were Eileen O Keefe (RCSI) and Chris Crowley (DCU).

Ian Chaney (Chief Organiser)

Date: 15th May 2007

Enda Fitzpatrick (Event Assistant)

Date: 15th May 2007

The Organising Committee (OC)