

# IUAA Track & Field 2008

Hosted By

UCD

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> April

at Irishtown Stadium & Belfield,  
Dublin

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## **1. The committee**

Main co-ordinators:

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Donagh Humphries,  
Ronan Daly

Committee:

Alan McCormack,  
Neil Cowzer,  
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Fiona Clinton,  
Margaret Galvin,  
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Website:

Donal Leahy

## **2. Competition Winners**

### **Ladies:**

Winners: **DCU**

Runners Up: UL

3<sup>rd</sup>: UCD

### **Men:**

Winners: **DCU**

Runners Up: UCD

3<sup>rd</sup>: UL

### **Overall:**

Winners: **DCU**

Runners Up: UL

3<sup>rd</sup>: UCD

### **Combined Events**

Winners: DCU

### **3. Communication**

The event's hosting Website was going to be our method of distributing information. Unfortunately it didn't really progress as planned. It suffered various difficulties in its implementation stage and never quite made the deadline in time.

A letter was sent out to each college with vital details such as closing dates and times for meal tickets orders and entries. Information on the date, venue and time of the banquet and the price of the tickets was included. The change of venue for the hammer (and the provision of transport to and from that venue at the relevant times) was also brought to the attention of all colleges.

Entries went ahead online and closed on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 10pm

Any other business was dealt with via email or over the phone.

### **4. First Aid**

The first aid was organised well in advance. It was provided by *St. John's Ambulances* who kept a close eye on the events as planned for the two full days.

An ambulance was positioned in close proximity to the track. Fortunately no serious accidents or injuries were sustained by the athletes.

## **5. Sponsorship**

Our sponsorship consisted of a special grant from the UCD sports council following some smaller contributions from various sources.

Refraining from seeking sponsorship until after Christmas was one area which added stress to the organisation of the event. Although a lot of effort was put into proposal letters and follow ups, many businesses responses regretted to inform us that they could not help us out due to their budgets being complete and finances tied up elsewhere.

### **Spar**

Sponsorship of €2000

They seemed interested in taking up full sponsorship for 2009.

### **Powerade**

Sponsorship of €1000 plus a donation of a generous supply of their sports drink which were distributed after the races.

### **MM Halley & Sons Solicitors**

Sponsorship of €1000

### **AIB**

Sponsorship of €400

## **6. Programmes**

Programmes were completed for the event. Due to the close proximity of the closing date for entries and the actual event these were completed under short notice. Reads Printing Co. on Nassau Street completed the programmes.

They provided timetables which proved useful for athletes and spectators. One problem was that the entire programme was done back to front which unfortunately made listings of events and participants more confusing than convenient.

The programmes were widely distributed and were provided free of charge on both days.

## **7. Entries**

Entries went according to schedule with no late entries or lack of entering as experienced in some previous years.

They were done online which again proved extremely useful and efficient. The online system has reduced the likelihood of errors and enables ease of use.

## **8. Captains Meeting**

Two captains meetings were held throughout the course of the event. The first was held on the Friday at the beginning of the event. This was short and informative. It worked well for the organisation in preparing for the subsequent events.

At the end of the competition on the Saturday evening the second and more formal captains meeting took place. This again was held in Irishtown. Most colleges attended.

Various problems were discussed. One in particular was that the water was not filled for the men's steeplechase event and the race had to be rescheduled to a later time at short notice. This is something that can be easily avoided after this year. It was suggested that it be included in the hosting college's booklet as a reminder.

Meal tickets were also distributed after the meeting and some cheques were handed over.

## **9. Presentation Dinner/ Banquet**

### **Venue**

The banquet took place for the first time in the UCD Student Bar, Belfield. Although there was some initial scepticism prior to the event as to the informal nature of the venue, it proved to be quite successful on the night.

### **Dress**

Dress was casual/semi-formal.

### **Time**

The meal was scheduled for 7.30pm however most people arrived closer to 8pm

### **Dinner**

Tables of 12 were set up with white table cloths and full settings. A full three course sit-down meal was served with a generous choice of starters, main courses (including a vegetarian dish) and desserts. Four bottles of wine (2 red and 2 white) were provided for every table of 12. Tea and coffee were served at the head table only and to others only on request.

### **Presentation of Prizes**

The presentation took place during the desserts. Following tradition, the relay medals were presented and then the overall competition winners were given trophies.

### **Entertainment**

Band: Bluemoose – This was something that hadn't been introduced for a number of years and it proved to be popular

DJ until 2am

The bar stayed open until 2.30am

Event finished at 2.30/3am

## **10. Other details**

The hammer event took place at Belfield (UCD). A mini bus was hired to transport men and women to and from the second venue. Although this was communicated to colleges beforehand, many made their own way to UCD. This was probably either because it was more convenient making their own way out or athletes felt they needed more preparation time than was given with the bus departure times. However some still availed of the service.

## **11. Finance**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>€</b>
Sponsorship	4000
Meal Tickets	6500
Special Grant (UCD Sports Council)	6000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>16,500</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>€</b>
UCD Student Bar	15,738
Ambulance	500
Printing (Sponsorship)	167
(Programmes)	250
Catering	200
Bus	250
Electronic Timing	1,100
Track Rental	900
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>19,105</b>
<b>Total Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>-2605</b>