

# *IUAA Cross Country Championships 2001 Review*

Hosted by University College Dublin on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2001 Belfield

**Organising Committee:** Keir McNamara, Eric Brady, and Tony Collins

Results: Ladies 4000m				Men's 4000m			
Position	Name	College	Time	Position	Name	College	Time
1	Eliz Egan	UL	15.19	1	Gary Thornton	NUIG	33.24
2	Fiona Reid	UL	16.01	2	Vincent McGuinness	UL	34.00
3	Elaine O'Donoghue	UL	16.04	3	Ryan Calvert	QUB	34.01

Teams				Teams			
College	Positions	Total	Position	College	Positions	Total	Position
UL	1,2,3,4	10	1st	UL	2,6,11,13,15,20	67	1st
TCD	6,9,10,11	36	2nd	NUIC	4,9,10,12,18,19	72	2nd
DCU	5,23,29,30	87	3rd	DIT	5,23,24,25,36,45	158	3rd

- Planning for the event began in December 2000, when course designs and dates were approved by various college authorities.
- Works were undertaken in February 2000 to clear areas of scrub in advance of the race meet.
- Webpages dedicated to the event were launched on [www.ucdac.com](http://www.ucdac.com) in February 2001, with the kind assistance of Paul Curtayne and his team at Genie Internet Consulting. This included all the information pertinent to the race, including a detailed list of accommodation in the city.
- An information pack including all this information was sent to all members three weeks in advance of the race meet. The race was originally scheduled for Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>, but due to hold ups as a consequence of foot and mouth disease (FMD), didn't take place until April 7<sup>th</sup>. The closing date for receipt of entries was April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- A sponsorship agreement was agreed with Ulster Bank that would have covered all costs. However, due to the fact that policy prevented them from sponsoring sports events during the FMD crisis, this sponsorship was withdrawn.
- First aid was provided at the course, as was sound equipment. Some course materials were borrowed from Blackrock AC. The length of each lap was 2010m.
- Check in, changing rooms and footwear disinfection took place at the sports centre at the far side of campus. The check in was late in opening due to traffic problems and caused some confusion. Nothing could be done about the course and changing rooms being so far away. The races were run over the most ideal location in the campus for cross-country running.
- A programme was designed, produced and edited by Eric Brady for the race day and was given out free of charge.
- The event itself went off relatively smoothly. The course and facilities were regarded by all who attended as good, and no complaints were received by UCD AC. Thirty-two women and 60 men completed the course. Numbers were down on previous years, mostly one suspects as a result of the FMD crisis. One female athlete who ran without having entered was disqualified, and the places of two athletes were reversed following one obstructing the other on the finish line in the men's race.
- The race was previewed in the Evening Herald, and the results were also got covered in the Sunday Independent, Monday Independent, Irish Times, and UCD's own Observer, Tribune and Alumni publications. The postponement of the event was carried on the RTE, Examiner and Irish Times FMD web updates.
- Preliminary results were available at the captains meeting and finalised within 2hrs of the finish.
- The event dinner took place at the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire. It was a small gathering, but wet well. All prizes were presented there and photographs from the day were presented using multimedia equipment. Unfortunately opportunists who entered the ballroom at the end of the night stole a few jackets. They were never recovered.

- Overall the event was a success and was run smoothly and cheaply. There was opposition to running it so close to the track and field intervarsities, but in light of all that has gone on since, it was the right thing to do.

<b>Expenses</b>		£
DJ		250.00
Red Cross		50.00
Timing		150.00
Sound		250.00
Meal		2,368.00
Pins		18.45
Lunch for course builders		20.00
Baling twine	£25.00	
Postage	£13.50	
Phonecalls	£05.00	
Petrol	£40.00	
Accomodation	£10.00	93.50
Guest refund		5.00
QUB meal refund		60.00
TCD meal refund		<u>80.00</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,428.45</b>
 <b>Income</b>		
Guest entry		5.00
Meals		
TCD	£520	
QUB	£140	
UCC	£300	
CIT	£200	
UL	£340	
UCG	£140	
		<u>1,640.00</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,645.00</b>
<b>Total Cost</b>		<b>£1,783.45</b>

Best of luck to this year's host!

Keir McNamara