

Report of the Honorary Secretary 2004/2005

We have enjoyed a fabulous year of athletics. The year began with the Road Relays and once again this was flawlessly operated by NUI Maynooth and for that we thank them. Seventeen women's teams lined up however this number masks the fact that only six colleges competed. More work needs to be done to encourage the participation of the smaller colleges, perhaps an inter-provincial competition within the main competition is required. Ten colleges competed in the men's competition producing 18 teams on the results sheet.

The indoor championships took place in December once again this year after a one year move to February. Most colleges seem happy to have these championships back at their now traditional time of year. This year it is proposed to move the championships to a Saturday/Sunday to encourage more athletes and officials to attend.

The cross-country was hosted by QUB. This was a fabulous event, expertly organised and executed. On behalf of the IUAA, I would like to reiterate our thanks to all involved. The course was excellent and extremely challenging. Every eventuality was catered for, including changing facilities in case of inclement weather. DCU took all 3 titles once again.

The Track & Field was hosted by DIT and held on the new Irishtown track. Well done to all those involved in organising it. This was their first time hosting the T&F championships, also keeping in mind they were only given 6 months notice. DCU won the inaugural Middle Distance Trophy thanks to their abundance of scholarship athletes. Other colleges will have to follow suit or be left behind in the rankings.

The Antrim International was held as usual in the Antrim Forum in June. IUAA men won and the women were narrowly beaten by the Northern Ireland U23. A small team of Leinster U23's were present and provided some stern opposition for the IUAA and NI teams. Thankfully this year there were no after meet discipline issues.

The World Student Track and Field championships took place in Turkey in April. A very large Irish team was in attendance and successes on the track were in equal measure. Ailis McSweeney (UCC) won silver in the 100m and Derval O' Rourke (UCD), Paul Hession (NUIG) and Jolene Byrne (Institute of Chartered Accountants) won bronze in the 100mH, 200m and 5000m respectively. The icing on the cake was the team bronze in the womens 4*100m with Ailis Mc Sweeney, Anna Boyle (UU), Derval O' Rourke and Emily Maher (Stillorgan College). Congratulations to all.

In conclusion a fabulous year of university athletics was had and I wish everyone the very best for the forthcoming year.

Yours in sport

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Honorary Secretary 2003-2005

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Table 1: Attendance record for the 2004-2005 IUAA executive committee, at IUAA Championships and Events, General Meetings and Executive Meetings.

Name	Position	Road Relay Executive Meeting	Road Relay Championships	Indoor T&F Executive Meeting	Indoor T&F Championships	Cross Country Championships	Cross County General Meeting	T&F Championships	T&F General Meeting	Antrim T&F	Summer Executive Meeting	Percentage Attendance
Stephen Lipson	President	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	100
Eric Brady	Past President	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	70
Cyril Smyth	Vice President	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	80
Michael Hillery	Vice President	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	40
Gavin McBride	Treasurer	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	80
Rebecca Haworth	Secretary	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	60
Ian O'Sullivan	Competitions Secretary.	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	90
Ian O'Neill	PRO	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	90
Enda Fitzpatrick	Committee 1	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	80
Patrick Boylan	Committee 2	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	Absent	Present	70

■ Present
 ■ Absent
 ■ Resigned
 ■ Vacant Positions