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Introduction

Professor
Michael A. Hayes
President



Welcome to the Annual Report 2012-2013 for Mary Immaculate College.

2012-2013 has been another exceptional year for Mary Immaculate College. This year under the guidance of the HEA, College Management gave a commitment to work collaboratively with the University of Limerick towards the establishment of a Centre for Excellence in Initial Teacher Education. In line with the decision of the Minister for Education and Skills to extend the BEd to a four-year programme, the College engaged in the process of reconceptualising its initial teacher education programmes in a dynamic, flexible and responsive manner. We have developed a programme that is informed by current international research in teacher education that will commence in September 2013.

MIC continued to attract Ireland's top students onto our four undergraduate programmes in Education and the Liberal Arts, and The Department of Arts Education & Physical Education were delighted to welcome the first cohort of nine students to the new MA In Education And the Arts (META) programme. This two-year, part-time, MA programme is the first specialist programme of its kind nationally and seeks to serve practising teachers (both primary and secondary) who have a particular interest and aptitude in the arts and education.

In September 2012 the 'Franco-German House' was inaugurated by Her Excellency, Mrs Emmanuelle d'Achon, French Ambassador to Ireland and His Excellency, Dr Eckhard Lübke, German Ambassador to Ireland. October saw the gala opening of the Lime Tree Theatre with a performance of the Plough and the Stars by the Abbey Theatre. The internal landscape of Mary Immaculate College has changed considerably with refurbishment works carried out throughout the College, most notably the Student Placement and Careers Office, the Finance Office, the Quad and the introduction of a new Staff Lounge.

The President's Postgraduate Scholarships were awarded to 68 students who received First Class Honours from the Undergraduate Degree programmes and Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary Teaching) programme in the College. These awards support Mary Immaculate College's vision for enabling exceptional students to pursue higher level learning opportunities and research of outstanding quality at this time of unprecedented change, renewal and reform in Irish education.

One of the highlights on the College Calendar is our conferring ceremonies and this year approximately 1000 students graduated in October 2012 and we were delighted that fourteen PhD awards were conferred, the highest number of PhD 's to be conferred in MIC to date. The College hosted several national and international conferences during the year including IDERi 7, The Future of SPHE and the Catholic Education and the New Evangelisation Conference to name a few. 2012-2013 was another great year for sport in the College with the highlight being our Senior Hurling Team reaching the final of the Fitzgibbon Cup for the first time in the history of the competition.

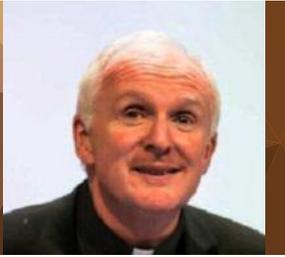
I hope you find this report interesting and informative as we work towards meeting the goals and targets of our Strategic Plan 2012-2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Hayes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Professor Michael A Hayes
President

Foreword

by Chairman of
An Bord Rialaithe



Most Reverend Brendan Leahy, Bishop of Limerick

It gives me great pleasure to write the foreword to the MIC Annual Report 2012-2013. This is my first opportunity to do so since I was ordained as Bishop of Limerick in the Spring of 2013 and the first thing I would like to do is thank my predecessor as Chairperson of An Bord Rialaithe, Fr. Tony Mullins. Fr. Mullins support to me in my transition has been tremendous and I am very grateful to him for his guidance and advice to me since my arrival here.

I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every member of the entire College community for the warmth of their welcome. 'Community' is central to the ethos of this wonderful College and I have experienced that in a very real way as a newcomer made to feel a keen sense of belonging. I know that this is a hallmark of the student experience we offer at MIC and, to my delight, this is the first thing recounted to me by Alumni I have met who so clearly value that community spirit that is so much part of life on campus.

Since the launch of the MIC Strategic Plan by *An Bord Rialaithe* in March 2012, the College has embarked on a special effort to convey to the wider community in the city, the region, nationally and internationally, that this special spirit of welcome and inclusion extends far beyond the mere boundary of the campus.

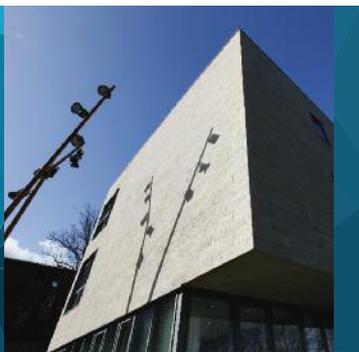
I am fully conscious that this is a challenging time for our country and that all of us who are working in higher education in Ireland are working towards a reconfigured landscape of academic provision geared towards excellence in teaching, learning and research and also towards the greater participation of people, regardless of age or circumstance. The Higher Education Authority is conducting a strategic dialogue with all higher education institutions that will bring about these objectives in a rejuvenated higher education system. For our part, we at MIC are fully committed to the objectives of this process. After all, this College was founded on the vision of Catherine McAuley, that education is a fundamental right and the underpinning for quality of life.

It is my privilege, as Chairman of *An Bord Rialaithe*, to commend this Annual Report.

† Brendan Leahy

Chairman of *An Bord Rialaithe*

Governance



Governing Body (An Bord Rialaithe)

An Bord Rialaithe had four meetings during Academic Year 2012-13. It noted a Presidents Report at each of its meetings as well as reports from College Committees.

At each meeting of An Bord the President reported on College strategy, internal operations and the external higher education landscape. In addition, reports were provided by the Finance Committee, the Audit and Risk Committee, An Bord Acaduil, and a range of other sub-committees with different roles within the College. The full list of sub-committees of An Bord Rialaithe during 2012-13 is as follows:

- Audit and Risk Committee
- Finance Committee
- Quality Committee
- Health & Safety Committee
- Access Committee
- Health Promoting Committee
- IT/AV Committee
- Energy & Environmental Committee
- Bord na Gaeilge
- Research Committee
- MIREC (Mary Immaculate College Research Ethics Committee)

Membership of Governing Body 2012-2013

Most Rev. B. Leahy (An Cathaoirleach); Prof. M. Hayes (An tUachtarán); Prof. G. O'Brien (AVPA); Mr. J. Coady (VPAF); Prof. E. Wall (VPAA); Prof. T. O'Doherty, (Dean of Education); Prof. M. Breen (Dean of Arts); Prof. M. Healy (AVPR) ; G. Uas. Ó Tiarnaigh; Fr. M. Wall; Sr. M. O'Kelly; Dr. L. Chambers; Sr. E. Ryan;; Mr. D. Wynne (MISU President); Fr L. Walsh; Ms. C. Spooner; Ms. A. Kavanagh; Dr. C. O'Sullivan. Sr. B. Coman; Mr. T. Donoghue; Mr. J. Dalton; Dr. P. Connolly; Mr. Cillian McHugh (MISU Vice President); Ms. M. O'Brien; Dr. A. Kenny, Mr. J. Hayden; Dr. A. Looney; Ms. R. Godfrey; Ms. G. Moloney.

An Coiste Bainistíochta an Choláiste (CBC) 2012-2013

CBC had ten meetings in the 2012-2013 academic year and discussed Staffing, Finance and Policy Issues.

Membership

Prof. Michael A Hayes – An tUachtarán – (Cathaoirleach); Prof. Eugene Wall –An Leasuachtarán Gnóthaí Acadúla/Vice-President Academic Affairs (LGA) (Leas Cathaoirleach); Mr. John Coady – An Leasuachtarán Riaracháin agus Airgeadais /Vice-President Administration & Finance (LRA); Prof. Teresa O'Doherty – Déan an Oideachais/Dean of Education (DaO); Prof. Michael Breen –

Déan na nDán/Dean of Arts (DnD); Prof. Michael Healy – An Comh-Leasuachtarán Taighde/Associate Vice-President Research (CLT); Prof. Gary O'Brien – An Comh-Leasuachtarán Riaracháin /Associate Vice-President Administration (CLR); Ms. Rachel Godfrey – Professional Services Staff Representative; Dr. Patrick Connolly – Academic Staff Representative; Dr. Ailbhe Kenny – Academic Staff Representative.

Academic Council (An Bord Acadúil - BA)

BA met seven times in the academic year and its membership was as follows:

Membership

Professor Michael A Hayes
Professor Eugene Wall
Professor Teresa O'Doherty
Professor Michael Breen
Professor Gary O'Brien
Professor Mike Healy
Dr Patrick Connolly
Dr Sylvia O'Sullivan
Professor Jim Deegan
Dr Eugene O'Brien – HoD, English Language & Literature
Dr Lóic Guyon – HoD, French
Ms Maire Ní Neachtain – Ceann Roinn na Gaeilge
Professor Des McCafferty – HoD, Geography
Dr Christiane Schönfeld - Head of German Studies
Dr Liam Chambers – HoD, History
Mr Diarmuid O'Driscoll – HoD, Mathematics and Computer Studies
Dr Rosemary Day – HoD, Media & Communication Studies
Dr Gareth Cox – HoD, Music
Dr Niall Keane – HoD, Philosophy
Dr Veronica Cullinan - HoD, Psychology
Rev. Professor Eamonn Conway – HoD, Theology & Religious Studies
Dr Michael Finneran HoD, Arts Education and Physical Education
Uas Sean DeBrun HoD, Language, Literacy, and Mathematics
Dr Carol OSullivan - HoD, Learning, Society, and Religious Education
Dr Emer Ring – HoD, Reflective Pedagogy and Early Childhood Studies
Dr Patricia Daly – HoD, Special Education
Dr Cathal de Paor - Director of Continuing & Professional Development
Ms. Eucharía McCarthy - Director of Curriculum Development Unit
Mr Neil O Conaill - Director of School Placement
Dr Anne O'Keeffe – Director of the Centre for Teaching and Learning
Ms Marie Ryan - Course Coordinator – B.Ed in Education and Psychology
Ms Gerardine Moloney
Dr Eugene Duffy – Lecturer, Theology and Religious Studies
Dr Una Ní Bhroiméil – Lecturer, Department of History
Mr Des Carswell – Lecturer, ECCE
Ms Gwen Moore – Lecturer, Music Education
Mr Darragh Wynne - Misuprez
Mr Cillian McHugh – Misuviceprez
Alan McAuliffe

External Landscape

The College continued to engage proactively in the HEA's 'Strategic Dialogue' with the higher education sector towards reconfiguration of the higher education landscape in Ireland. In December 2012 the College Management Team met with the HEA Executive and discussed mutual objects in the context of the College's strategic vision for continued autonomy and participation in a new regional cluster of partner institutions, including Limerick Institute of Technology and the University of Limerick.

In February 2014, both parties reconvened for a further meeting and agreed that the College would join with UL in establishing a new collaborative National Institution for Studies in Education (NISE), as well as a partnership with UL in the joint delivery of a new undergraduate degree programme in the Liberal Arts for Limerick. These exciting and innovative projects were included in a special compact between MIC and the HEA along with other initiatives aimed at enhancing coordination and integration between the local higher education institutions including development of a Federated Graduate School with LIT and UL.



Campus Development



NEW STAFF LOUNGE

The new Staff Lounge opened and is located in the Foundation Building.



NEW STUDENT PLACEMENT AND CAREERS CENTRE

The new Student Placement and Careers Centre is located in the Foundation Building and will greatly enhance the current provision in this area for students.



REFURBISHMENT OF THE FINANCE OFFICE

The Finance Office was refurbished also, to increase and enhance the working space for the staff working there.



REFURBISHMENT OF THE QUAD

The College Quadrangle – or ‘Quad’ was re-furbished, transforming a parking area into a beautiful outdoor green space with the Chapel as its main focal point. The Quad offers members of the College community and campus visitors an aesthetically pleasing and tranquil area for conversation, outdoor study or reflection.



DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL WORK

The President of DeSales University, Fr. Bernard O'Connor, Dr Brian Kane and Fr. John Harvey of DeSales University, Pennsylvania visited the College in July and signed a Memorandum of Understanding for a student and staff exchange programme with the College. Dr Seamus Carey of Sacred Heart University in Connecticut visited the College in August after which a Memorandum of Understanding was signed for a Student Exchange Programme.



MIC RESEARCH CENTRES SHOWCASE

A Research Showcase was held in the College on September 4th. Each year the College presents a research showcase event to highlight aspects of our research portfolio. This year the CEO of the Higher Education Authority, Tom Boland, was the key note speaker, where he spoke on *'The 3rd and 4th Level Research Landscape in Ireland'*. This was an important opportunity to demonstrate the central importance of research in MIC as a specialist Higher Education Institution and the intrinsic connectedness between teaching, learning and research at the College.

THREE CENTRES, CENTRE FOR IRISH STUDIES, IRISH CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES AND THE CENTRE FOR POLICY STUDIES

Faculty joined in discussions with the College President and the Associate Vice President Research regarding the establishment of three centres which will work across the faculties:

The three centres are:

- The Centre for Irish Studies
- The Irish Centre for Catholic Studies
- The Centre for Policy Studies

STUDENT INTAKE 2012

The student intake in relation to newly enrolled undergraduates for Academic Year 2012-13 was:

BA Liberal Arts	242
BA Early Childhood Care & Education	74
Bachelor of Education in Education & Psychology	34
Bachelor of Education	420

PRESIDENTS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

This year, 68 students received First Class Honours from the Undergraduate Degree programmes and Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary Teaching) programme in the College. In recognition of their outstanding academic success in accomplishing this, each student was granted a Mary Immaculate College President's Postgraduate Scholarship for the Academic Year 2012-13.

The President's Scholarship has come into existence in response to the College's Strategic Plan 2012-2016 and, in particular, our vision for enabling worthy students to pursue "higher level learning opportunities and research of outstanding quality" at a time of unprecedented change, renewal and reform in Irish education. Their scholarship award represents our investment in our students continuing professional development through established programmes of excellence in a range of postgraduate subject areas.

The scholarship provides the recipients with an opportunity to pursue postgraduate study at Graduate Diploma, Taught Masters or Research Masters level in the College, with an annually renewable reduction of €1,500 in fees. Students who received the first place on each programme were offered an annually renewable reduction of €3,000 in fees.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

RECONCEPTUALISED BACHELOR OF EDUCATION AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAMMES

In line with the decision of the Minister for Education and Skills to extend the BEd to a four-year programme, the College has engaged in the process of reconceptualising its initial teacher education programmes in a dynamic, flexible and responsive manner. We have conducted a root-and-branch reform of the programme, seizing the opportunity which the Minister's decision affords us to address historical imbalances and shortfalls in the existing three-year programme and to develop a programme that is informed by current international research in teacher education.

The Bachelor of Education in Education and Psychology is a unique and exciting four-year honours degree programme which prepares primary level teachers and which also provides opportunities for graduates to pursue a career in psychology. This programme has been redesigned to take a fresh approach to teacher education, it incorporates new and focussed modules specifically designed to meet the changing needs of Irish society and education. This programme leads to both an academic and professional qualification, accredited by the University of Limerick and recognised by the Teaching Council. In addition the full complement of psychology modules has been maintained within this programme and BEd in Education and Psychology students study psychology alongside their peers on the BA in Psychology programme. We are confident that this restructured programme will equip our students to meet the many challenges of teaching in the context of societal change while also participating in a specifically Irish educational experience.

COMMENCEMENT OF NEW MA IN EDUCATION AND THE ARTS (META) PROGRAMME

The Department of Arts Education & Physical Education was delighted to welcome the first cohort of nine students to the new META programme. This two-year, part-time, MA programme is the first specialist programme of its kind nationally and seeks to serve practising teachers (both primary and secondary) who have a particular interest and aptitude in the arts and education, artists who specialise in educational practice and policymakers/administrators in the arts in education. The programme is interdisciplinary in nature, being offered by Faculty with expertise across the disciplines of music education, drama education, visual art education, dance education and literature. The META programme seeks to explore and reflect on the arts in education and arts education within a broader cultural context, both national and international. Its focus is on the arts as a collective and integrated endeavour, but also seeks to allow the development of expertise in each of the distinct disciplines.

CERTIFICATE IN INCLUSIVE CARE AND EDUCATION (0-6 YEARS) (NQAI LEVEL 6)

The Curriculum Development Unit secured National Early Years Access Initiative (NEYAI) funding of €39,570 from PAUL Partnership, as the lead agency for the Start Right Limerick Consortium, to support 21 ECCE practitioners to undertake the Level 6 Certificate in Inclusive Care and Education (0-6 years). This course, which is delivered through blended learning, is an activity specified within the NEYAI 3-year plan as the Start Right action for 'supporting early needs practitioners to include children with special educational needs (SEN)' and constitutes a component of the up-skilling of early years practitioners within Start Right's model area for 2012-2013. College staff represent MIC on the Start Right Limerick Consortium and jointly oversee the design and delivery of this Level 6 Certificate which is a programme of the Department of Special Education in MIC. The first cohort of students on this programme registered in September.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND RECOMMENDS THE MAEP PROGRAMME FOR FULL ACCREDITATION

Mary Immaculate College received good news during the summer that the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI) Review Panel, who made their accreditation visit to the College on Tuesday 3 July, recommended full accreditation of the Masters of Arts in Educational Psychology (MAEP) to the Council of the PSI.

The MAEP at MIC is a two-year, full-time professional training course, which was first run in September 2010. This programme is designed to prepare trainees for practice as educational psychologists in a range of settings. Over the four semesters of the programme, trainees spend on average two days a week on campus for lectures/tutorials and on average two days a week on placement in schools (Semester 1) and Psychological Services (Semesters 2, 3 & 4).

The PSI Review Panel was particularly commendatory of the level of resources being invested in the programme. The programme's accreditation is backdated to September 2010 and is for a five-year period. Our second cohort of students on this programme registered in September.





GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ADULT AND FURTHER EDUCATION

The Teaching Council announced the awarding of professional accreditation to Mary Immaculate College's Graduate Diploma in Adult & Further Education. This programme is intended for graduates planning to teach in the Adult and Further Education (FE) sector and for teachers already working in this area who wish to further develop their professional practice. Graduates of the programme will be eligible to apply for registration as a teacher with the Teaching Council for the purpose of teaching in the FE sector. With effect from 1 April 2013, applicants for registration for the FE sector must have attained a Council-approved further education teacher education qualification, in addition to degree qualification requirements. This is in line with Regulation 5 of the Teaching Council Registration Regulations, which aim to achieve consistent standards in qualifications required to be a registered teacher across three sectors – Primary, Post-Primary and Further Education. The Graduate Diploma in Further Education at MIC facilitates graduates working in many sectors in adult education and lifelong learning. Given the centrality of the practical teaching placement, the collaboration with local Vocational Education Committees (VECs) has been particularly important for the quality of the student learning experience in the programme.



CONTINUING GROWTH OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION IN MIC

This semester MIC welcomed 14 students on the Programme in Contemporary Living. The students will experience both formal and informal aspects of College life under the guidance of the MIC Inclusion Co-ordinator. In addition to the Programme in Contemporary Living, another programme of inclusion has been launched in the College. This programme, entitled the Inclusion Partnership Programme, is a joint initiative between MIC and the Brothers of Charity, Ennis. In this programme, two students who are already studying with the Brothers of Charity will audit a number of courses in MIC under the guidance of a tutor assigned by the Brothers of Charity. This programme is seen as another significant step in the advancement of Inclusive Education.



INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY AND EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIPS

Recognition of prior learning in vocational education and training (RIPLVET), the Leonardo da Vinci Partnership, funded under the European Lifelong Learning Programme. This project focuses on vocational teacher education and is co-ordinated by Mary Immaculate College. Following on from its inaugural meeting in MIC in January 2012, the group has reviewed systems for the recognition of prior learning (RPL) in vocational teacher education across partner countries. The potential of a European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET) for supporting RPL has also been a focus. The five other participating institutions are: City of Limerick Vocational Education Committee, University of Stirling, Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, FLORIFORM-Formation Fleuriste, France and Gazi University, Turkey. The Partnership continued its important work at a meeting in Gazi University, Ankara from 19-22 September. The meeting was attended by three members of MIC staff: Dorothy Morrissey; Des Carswell and Cathal de Paor.

The agenda for the meeting in Ankara included speakers from the Ministry of Education in Turkey, Gazi University, and the Turkish Vocational Qualifications

Authority. Relevant developments in RPL in the broader lifelong learning context were also discussed. These included the publication by the European Commission in early September of a Council recommendation urging member states to establish national systems for the validation of non-formal and informal learning by 2015. This would allow citizens to obtain a full or partial qualification on the basis of skills and competences acquired outside formal education. Finland, France, Luxembourg and the Netherlands currently have comprehensive systems in place.

GALA CELEBRATION OF THE TRANSFORMING EDUCATION THROUGH DIALOGUE (TED) PROJECT

The College hosted the Gala Celebration of the Transforming Education through Dialogue (TED) Project on 8 October which was launched by Minister Jan O'Sullivan, T.D.

TED is a strategic partnership between MIC and the schools, agencies and organisations of the Limerick region and beyond. The TED project, which is based in the Curriculum Development Unit facilitates a connection between the expertise of College staff and the identified needs of schools and voluntary and statutory groups within the local community and at national and international level in order to address issues of equity of outcome in Education.

The celebration included the launch of the new TED nomenclature, the Junior Entrepreneur Programme in Limerick, the Working Together for Positive Behaviour resource and training programme, the Family School Community Partnership report, the Mission Transition Report and the Speech and Language Provision report.

This event incorporated the launch the Junior Entrepreneur Programme (JEP) in Limerick. JEP is an entrepreneurial awareness and skills enhancement programme for Primary School children which has been developed and delivered in Kerry over the past two years with great success. The programme aims to help children to recognise entrepreneurship and to foster an awareness and understanding of the entrepreneur's role in the community, therefore empowering the child to start to think and act with initiative, creativity, independence and ideas that are invaluable in the modern world. The Junior Entrepreneur Programme is an initiative of the Institute of Technology, Tralee, and the CDU in Mary Immaculate College, Shannon Development and Tweak.com.

CONFERENCES

IDiERI CONFERENCE

The 7th International Drama in Education Research Institute (IDiERI 7) was convened in Mary Immaculate College from Tuesday 10 – Sunday 16 July. The conference is the pre-eminent gathering for research in the field of applied drama and theatre, and this was the first time it had convened in Ireland, with previous gatherings having been held in the University of Sydney, the University of the West Indies and the University of Victoria. Over 220 delegates from over 30 countries are registered to attend. The conference theme for IDiERI 7 was Borders and Translations: Towards new paradigms and languages in drama education.



Hosted by Mary Immaculate College, and organised by Dr Michael Finneran, Department of Arts Education and Physical Education, the programme sessions were located in the TARA building with the exception of the Conference Launch and the Opening Keynote Address which was delivered by Dr Lionel Pilkington (NUI Galway). Titled, Theatre and Possibility: the Case of Ireland, on 10 July. Dr Pilkington's address was the first of over 130 presentations made during the 6-day conference. Delegates at the launch were treated to an exquisite recital by local harpist, Jean Wallace and a thrilling performance by John Murphy as Limerick butcher, Johnny Clocks, in an excerpt from Pigtown.



THE FUTURE OF SPHE: PROBLEMS & POSSIBILITIES: INAUGURAL CONFERENCE OF THE SPHE NETWORK IN MIC

The first ever conference of the SPHE Network took place in Mary Immaculate College on September 29th and was opened by Professor Michael Hayes. In his speech, Professor Hayes signalled the importance and relevance of Social, Personal and Health Education to the current generation of children and adolescents and invited all participants to engage with the conference in a spirit of collaboration, partnership and critical dialogue. He identified the many challenges in teaching SPHE and expressed his hope that the participants would leave the conference as champions of SPHE.

Many of the issues contained within the SPHE curriculum were deconstructed and subjected to critical and creative debate during the conference with national and international perspectives on health education and promotion provided by the keynote speakers, Dr. Carol O'Sullivan (MIC) and Dr. Nina Grieg Viig (University of Bergen). Parallel sessions and workshops explored Relationships and Sexuality Education, Health Promoting Schools, Global Education, and Social and Emotional Literacy. Many of the workshops focussed on increasing the skills of teachers and other key stakeholders in the effective implementation of SPHE.

IVACS RESEARCH CENTRE 6TH INTERNATIONAL BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

The Centre's most recent assembly of linguistic luminaries took place at its sixth biennial international conference, held at Leeds Metropolitan University. The two-day conference was opened by Prof. Susan Price, Vice-Chancellor at Leeds Metropolitan University and in her opening address, she commented on the truly international dimension to the conference, with speakers from Ireland, the United Kingdom, Finland, Spain, Italy, Poland, Serbia, Lithuania, Switzerland, Belgium, Zimbabwe, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, the United States and Hong Kong. In all, over 55 papers were presented at the two-day event.

HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY & SCIENCE IN IRISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS: OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE IN OUR CHANGING SOCIETY. IASSEE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Teacher Educators from around the country gathered in Limerick City for the Irish Association for Social, Scientific and Environmental Education (IASSEE) Research Symposium, which was hosted by Mary Immaculate College. The Symposium was officially opened by MIC President, Prof. Michael A Hayes. Organised by Dr Anne Dolan, Eileen O'Sullivan and Dr. Maeve Liston of the Department of Learning, Society, and Religious Education the IASSEE research symposium provided an invaluable forum for teacher educators to work together, to ensure that teacher education programmes



across the continuum of teacher education respond to current challenges in ways that are effective, creative and critical, in order to enhance the quality of teaching and learning in Irish schools.

SMEI 2ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT MIC

Following on from the success of its 1st Annual Conference at UCC in 2011, the 2nd annual conference of the Society for Music Education in Ireland was hosted by the Department of Arts Education and Physical Education and the Department of Music at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick on 10th and 11th November 2012. Internationally acclaimed music educator and researcher, Professor Margaret Barrett who is President of the International Society for Music Education gave the keynote address. As the umbrella body for music education in Ireland, the SMEI provides a forum whereby members can discuss issues of common concern, identify areas of common practice and share information on topics of mutual interest.

Jointly hosted by the Department of Arts Education and Physical Education and the Department of Music at Mary Immaculate College, the 2nd Annual Conference of the Society for Music Education in Ireland brought national and international musicians, music educators/facilitators and students to MIC.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND THE NEW EVANGELISATION CONFERENCE

The Department of Theology & Religious Studies hosted the fourth in the McAuley Conference series. The theme was Catholic Education and the New Evangelisation. The symposium considered Pope Benedict's initiative for the renewal of faith in Europe under the auspices of the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelisation and its implications for Catholic Education in Ireland. Speakers included leading Italian theologian Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Dr. Eugene Duffy, Conference Convenor; Dr. Gareth Byrne, Head of Religious Education at Mater Dei ; Sr. Marie Céline Clegg IBNM, Board of Directors of Loreto Education Trust; Dr. Ron Nuzzi, Alliance for the Catholic Education at the University of Notre Dame and Dr. Kerry Greer, MIC Psychology Department.

IVACS ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

13th Inter-Varietal Applied Corpus Studies (IVACS) Research Centre Annual Symposium Mary Immaculate College hosted the 13th IVACS Annual Symposium on January 17th.

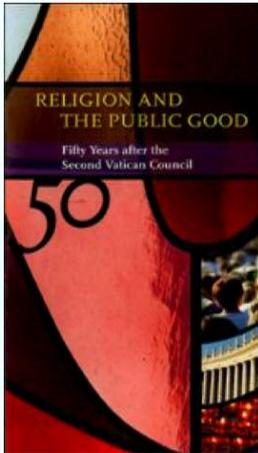
The theme of the Symposium was Corpus Linguistics: what lies behind quantitative data? The Symposium brought together researchers from Ireland, Germany, the UK, Norway and Spain, all of whom work within the IVACS network. As well as MIC and UL, papers were presented by representatives of a number of universities from abroad University of Nottingham, University of Cambridge, Leeds Metropolitan University, University of Bergen, Norway, University of Extramadura, Spain and University of Jena, Germany.

The IVACS Research Centre was formally established at Mary Immaculate College in 2002 as an inter-institutional research network between Mary Immaculate College,



Pictured at the 13th IVACS Symposium, hosted by Mary Immaculate College, (MIC), Limerick, were Prof. Michael Breen, Dean of Arts, MIC, Dr. Anne O'Keefe, IVACS Coordinator and Prof. Michael McCarthy, University of Nottingham

University of Limerick, University of Nottingham and Queen's University Belfast to link international researchers who work in the field of Corpus Linguistics. Since then, the network has extended to researchers in many other institutions, including the Universities of Cambridge, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Leeds Metropolitan, Plymouth Extramadura, Madrid, and Hong Kong Polytechnic University, among others. The network has grown strategically so as to broaden its expertise base through links with other key corpus-based researchers and research centres, especially in the UK. These connections have led to many collaborative publications and projects.



RELIGION AND THE PUBLIC GOOD: FIFTY YEARS AFTER THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL

October marked the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of the Second Vatican Council which had a defining impact on the Catholic Church. However, Vatican II was also an influential and significant event for the wider world, for believers and non-believers alike. In this context the College held a conference on October 10-11 entitled Religion and the Public Good. The conference, convened by Dr Patrick Connolly, explored some contemporary issues affecting the relationship between religion and society in Ireland and Europe and also looked at the current relevance of the Council's Declaration on Religious Freedom. The conference was opened by Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor and speakers came from Ireland, the UK, Belgium, Germany and the USA.



CONFERENCE ON THE ROLE OF THE IRISH LANGUAGE IN THE IRISH ECONOMY AND HOW IT CAN ASSIST IN OUR ECONOMIC RECOVERY

As part of Seachtain na Gaeilge Mary Immaculate College (MIC) hosted a one day conference on Saturday March 9th, as Gaeilge, focusing on the role that the Irish language currently plays in in our economy and asks how this role could be expanded to assist in the economic recovery of our country. The conference, was opened by Dr. Brendan Ó Caoimh, Dept of Geography, MIC, who dealt with three separate issues Community Development, Language Planning and Irish and the Media. Speakers included Mícheál de Mórdha, Manager of the Blasket Heritage Centre, Máire Ní Neachtain, Head of Roinn na Gaeilge in MIC, Tomás Mac an Iomaire, independent radio producer, graduate of MIC Páidí Ó Lionáird, who currently presents a current affairs programme, Seacht Lá, on TG4 and MIC graduate Dara Ó Cinnéide, who achieved recognition as Captain of the Kerry Senior Football team that won the Sam Maguire Cup in 2004 and is now a well-known presenter and producer with both RnaG and TG4.

CCTV COLLOQUIUM

The Centre for Culture Technology & Values held a colloquium jointly with the Centre for Culture and Creativity of the Waterford Institute of Technology in Kinsale from 14th to 16th November at which twenty academic papers were presented by staff and postgraduate students on the theme of Culture, Religion and Technology.

10TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIETY OF DIX-NEUVIÉMISTES

More than 80 specialists of nineteenth-century French culture from around the world gathered at MIC to give papers related to this year's general theme 'The Senses'. The Department of French Studies was actively involved in the organisation of the event with various members of staff chairing sessions. Following the event, Loïc Guyon received an 'Award of Appreciation' from the Shannon Conference & Sports Bureau and Shannon Development in recognition for the efforts and contribution made to business in the region.

IRISH SOUND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONVOCATION

Dr. Tony Langlois was one of the convenors of the Irish Sound Science and Technology Convocation which was joint-hosted this year by St. John's College and Cork School of Music (CIT). ISSTA is an umbrella organisation for Irish academics and artists involved in experimental music and sound art of all kinds.

INCLUSIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR TEACHER EDUCATION: RE-IGNITING DIALOGUE

This conference was hosted by the Faculty of Education to provide leaders in the field of teacher education with a unique opportunity to engage in dialogue and discussion and assist them in developing strategic responses to evolving national policy. The conference was coordinated by Dr Deirdre Ní Chróinin.

MUSIC, TECHNOLOGY AND CREATIVITY IN THE CLASSROOM AND COMMUNITY

The Department of Arts Education and Physical Education and the Department of Music presented the following workshops and Research Seminar under the Training of Trainers Scheme from March 11-13.

The workshops were led by Dr Alex Ruthmann, Assistant Professor Music Education, University of Massachusetts. The Research Seminar on Music and New Media, chaired by Michael Murphy, included papers by Dr Alex Ruthmann and Dr Ailbhe Kenny.

QUESTIONING INTERCULTURAL LITERATURE IN EUROPE

A workshop was hosted by the Irish Centre for Transitional Studies on 12th and 13th April 2013 examining intercultural literature that has dealt with challenging topics and re-thought questions of sociological, linguistic, legal and cultural emancipation of people throughout Europe.



CAMUS AND BEYOND: LITERATURE, PHILOSOPHY AND THE POLITICAL

A conference organized by the Irish Centre for Transnational Studies took place on Friday, April 26th 2013 to mark the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Algerian-born French author, philosopher, and journalist, Albert Camus. The symposium was entitled Camus and Beyond: Literature, Philosophy and the Political.

THE MCAULEY CONFERENCE – MIC - MAY 17TH & 18TH 2013 - WHAT IS DISTINCTIVE ABOUT CATHOLIC LEARNING?

The 2013 McAuley Conference explored “What is Distinctive about Catholic Learning?” In particular it addressed what is unique and special about learning in the Catholic tradition across the centuries through examining how the Humanities and secular subjects have been cultivated within this tradition.



ARTS FACULTY SEMINAR SERIES

Autumn 2012 Arts Faculty seminar series:

Tuesday 18 September	Dr Eamon Maher, National Centre for Franco-Irish Studies, IT Tallaght	“Where to now for the Catholic Novel”?
Tuesday 9 October	Dr Margherita Tonon, Centre for Metaphysics and Philosophy of Culture, University of Louvain	“Rethinking ‘Labour’ as a Philosophical Concept”
Tuesday 23 October 4	Prof Lieven Boeve, Dean of Catholic Theology Faculty	Catholic Education and Secularisation
Monday 5 November 4	Dr Pat Brereton, School of Communications, Dublin City University	Smart Cinema, DVD Add-ons and New Audience Pleasures
Tuesday 20 November	Darach Sanfey, Mary Immaculate College	‘Reckless, scandalous, impious’: un drôle decitoyen. Rousseau and the prerogatives of citizenship

EU YOUTH CONFERENCE

The EU Youth Conference, a meeting held as part of Cyprus’ Presidency of the EU, took place in Nicosia from the 11th-13th of September. Shane O’Sullivan, a Geography PhD student in the Faculty of Arts was selected by the National Youth Council of Ireland as one of just three youth representatives from Ireland to attend, on the basis of his research.

CENTRE FOR TRANSNATIONAL STUDIES (ICTS)

The inaugural event of the Centre for Transnational Studies (ICTS), based at Mary Immaculate College, was an all-day-workshop focused on theoretical texts (Benjamin, Adorno, Améry, Foucault, Augé, etc.) examining the concept of ‘Transnational Homes: Identities in Displacement’, the conference took place in MIC on September 21st.



2012-2013 HIGHLIGHTS

DEANS LIST FROSTBURG UNIVERSITY, USA

Two Faculty of Arts students, Sinead Boyle and Nicola Sammon, on their study abroad programme, were named to the Dean's List at Frostburg State University.



MIC POSTGRADUATE THESIS PRESENTED TO POPE BENEDICT

Philip Cremin graduated from MIC with a MA by research and thesis and a copy of his thesis was presented to Pope Benedict XVI during the annual meeting of the Pope with his former doctoral students (Schülerkreis) at Castelgandolfo. Prof Vincent Twomey SVD, Emeritus Professor of Moral Theology at Maynooth, and a member of the Ratzinger Schülerkreis, presented His Holiness with Philip's work, which is entitled: Joseph Ratzinger's Idea of God as Dia-logos: a Contribution to Contemporary Society?

IRISH RESEARCH COUNCIL

The Dean of Arts, Prof. Michael Breen was reappointed by the newly formed Irish Research Council to chair its Postgraduate Review Board. The Dean has also been appointed to represent Ireland on the Scientific Advisory Board of the European Social Survey. The European Social Survey is one of four European research roadmap Social Science & Humanities projects in which Ireland has a role.

COLLEGE EVENTS



LIME TREE THEATRE GALA OPENING

The Lime Tree Theatre had an interesting and varied programme for Autumn / Winter 2012. The showcase event was the Abbey Theatre Production of Seán O'Casey's 'The Plough and the Stars' which was performed from the 30th October to the 3rd November. The College hosted a celebratory gala opening night on the 30th October, which was the first night of the production. Minister Jimmy Deenihan T.D., Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht was the Guest of Honour at this event.



FRANCO GERMAN HOUSE

Summerville Lodge (built c. 1870) is a protected structure in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage and under the Limerick City Development Plan.

It was inaugurated as the 'Franco-German House' by Her Excellency, Mrs Emmanuelle d'Achon, French Ambassador to Ireland and His Excellency, Dr Eckhard Lübke, German Ambassador to Ireland on September 28th, 2012.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Patrick Burke, BEd in Education & Psychology (2008-2012)

THE UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS: THE 2012 IRISH WINNER IN THE FIELD OF TEACHER EDUCATION

The Mary Immaculate College community was delighted to hear the announcement that one of the College's students had been selected by a panel of international academics for a prize in the prestigious Undergraduate Awards competition.

Patrick Burke, who graduated with a BEd in Education and Psychology from Mary Immaculate College in October, was chosen from among 2890 applicants, from 92 institutions and 64 nationalities for an international Undergraduate Award in recognition of his innovative undergraduate research in the field of Teacher Education. The title of Patrick's History of Education essay was, "Rewarding results in reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic: Literacy and numeracy today and during payment-by-results in Irish primary schools (1872-1899)".

Open to students in their final or penultimate year on a degree course, the Undergraduate Awards "reward innovation, independent thinking and creativity within coursework across all academic disciplines." Some 39 students from third-level colleges around the world were announced as winners of the awards. International winners include students representing a number of Irish Institutions and Stanford, Yale, Princeton, Boston College, the University of Cambridge, McGill University, University of Toronto, Durham University, St Andrews, and University of Edinburgh. President Michael D. Higgins presented the winners with their awards at the Undergraduate Awards Ceremony on 9 November 2012 at which Vice President Academic Affairs, Professor Eugene Wall and Dean of Education, Professor Teresa O'Doherty were present.

GRADUATION 2012

The Conferring Ceremonies took place on the 25th and 26th of October with the graduation of approximately 1000 students. Fourteen PhD awards were conferred, which is the highest number to date.



Prof. Michael Breen with the 2012 cohort of PhD students: Matteo Cullen; Catherine O'Brien; Steve Leddin; Aoife McLoughlin; Andrew Hunt; Jennifer McMahon; Stephanie Hannon; Treasa Campbell; Gerald Roche and Thomas Nelligan

SPORT

EAMON CREGAN INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME IN THE GAA MUSEUM

A sporting highlight saw Limerick legend Eamon Cregan inducted into the Hall of Fame in the GAA Museum at Croke Park. Just hours after receiving his Hall of Fame award, the Limerick All-Ireland winner steered MIC senior hurlers into their first quarter-finals of the Fitzgibbon Cup.

GAA President Liam Ó Néill congratulated Eamon Cregan on being named on the prestigious list which honours his massive contribution to the GAA saying; "Former players have a special place in the history of the GAA and nowhere is this captured better than in the GAA Museum where their achievements are highlighted and revered. This new facility will serve as a permanent reminder to the greatness of the players who adorned our game at the highest level. It is important that these players are remembered not only by those who were lucky enough to see them, but crucially by those who did not have that privilege".

Cregan, who is now in his 20th season as manager of MIC Hurling Team, enjoyed a 19-year inter-county hurling career, winning practically every hurling honour at senior level – four Munster championships, a National Hurling League, an Oireachtas medal, four Railway Cups and three All-Star Hurling Awards. He starred on the Limerick team that won the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship in 1973 – Limerick's first since 1940. During the game, Eamon was switched from his usual forward position to centre-back, a move which many regarded as vital in Limerick's victory.



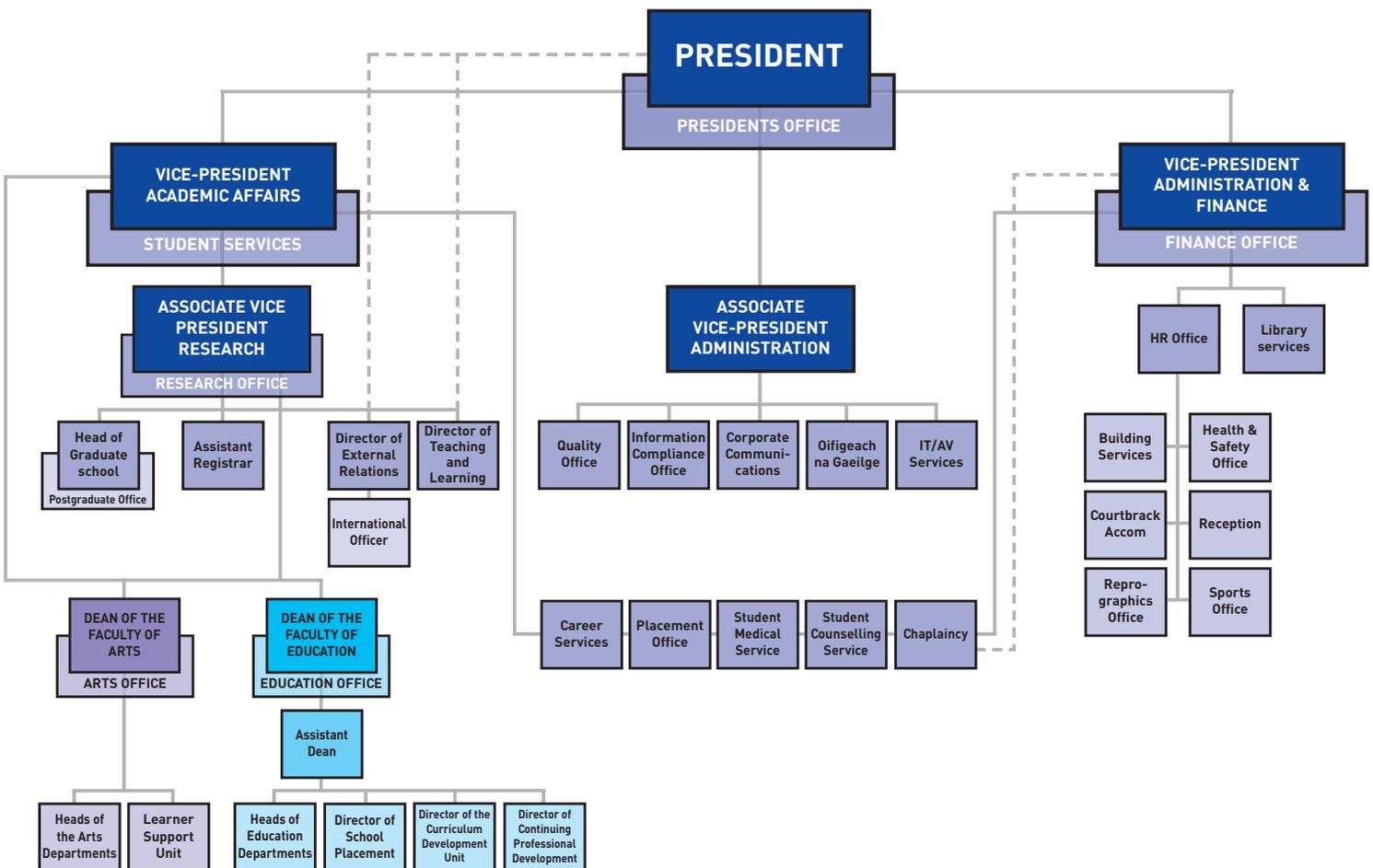
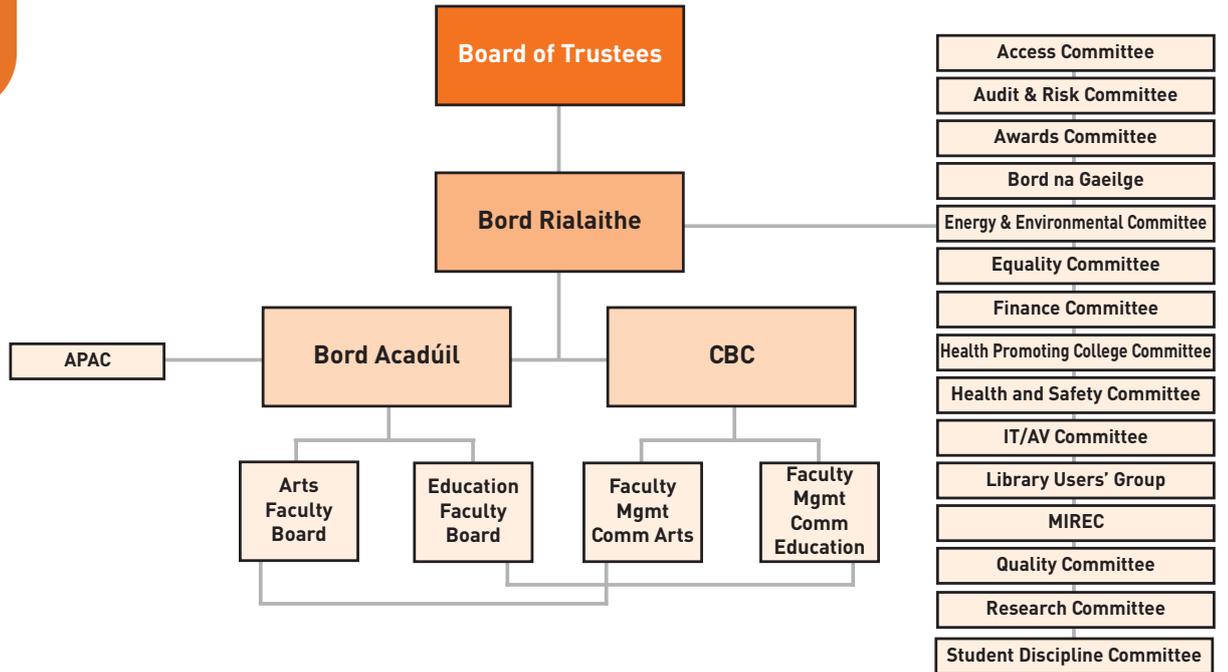
SENIOR HURLING TEAM ADVANCED TO THE FINAL OF THE FITZGIBBON CUP

College President Michael A Hayes hosted a reception in honour of the members of the College Senior Hurling Team following their historic advancement to the final of the Fitzgibbon Cup in March. Despite their brave performance in the College's first ever appearance in the third-level hurling final they were unfortunately beaten by UCC.



Members of the MIC Senior Hurling Team pictured with Prof. Michael A Hayes, President of MIC and Eamon Cregan, Team Manager (pictured centre) and Joe Redington, MIC GAA Development Officer (pictured left) and Ciara Cregan Sports Officer MIC (pictured front right).

Organisational Chart



ACCOUNTS

Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál
Ollscoil Luimnigh

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

	Note	2013 Euro	2012 Euro
INCOME			
Grants	1	8,119,347	9,699,087
Capital Grant – Building Development	1	-	1,255,196
Student Fees	2	15,108,799	14,896,379
Release of non-core funding for Library Development	8(d)	22,809	1,279,883
Release of non-core funding for Blended Learning	8(d)	42,809	-
Release of Deferred Income	8 (b-d)	1,873,886	-
Other Income	3	2,093,202	3,491,470
Research and Self-Funding Programmes	8(c-d)	2,740,565	2,143,211
Non Deferred funding for Pensions	14(b)	6,509,651	5,429,571
Total Income		<u>36,511,068</u>	<u>38,194,797</u>
Transfer from Capital Account	9	1,780,537	439,414
		<u>38,291,605</u>	<u>38,634,211</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Operating Expenditure	4	(25,754,504)	(25,925,959)
Pension Costs	14(c)	(8,017,020)	(7,902,727)
Research and Self-Funding Programmes	8(c-d)	<u>(2,740,565)</u>	<u>(2,143,211)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(36,512,089)</u>	<u>(35,971,897)</u>
Operating Surplus for the year		1,779,516	2,662,314
RESERVES			
Transfer to Development Reserve	10	(476,889)	(1,462,660)
Transfer to Accommodation Reserve	11	(184,337)	(234,304)
Transfer to Library Development Reserve	12	(48,407)	(1,279,883)
Transfer to Academic / Research Reserve	13	<u>(1,873,886)</u>	-
Movement in Reserves		<u>(2,583,519)</u>	<u>(2,976,847)</u>
Overall (Deficit) for year		(804,003)	(314,533)
Accumulated Reserve Surplus at 1st Oct 2012		2,892,197	3,206,730
Accumulated Reserve Surplus at 30th Sep 2013		<u><u>2,088,194</u></u>	<u><u>2,892,197</u></u>

On behalf of An Bord Rialaithe

Michael Hayes

Prof. Michael A Hayes
President

John Coady

Mr John Coady
Vice President Administration & Finance

Energy

Overview of Energy Usage in 2013

With the continued rise in the number of students and staff and the ongoing success of the Lime Tree Theatre adding to campus energy demands, the successful management of the College's power consumption strategy has led to a further reduction in overall energy usage at Mary Immaculate College.

In 2013, MIC consumed 6538Mwh of energy consisting of:

- 2,021 MWh of electricity
- 4,511 MWh of natural gas
- 4.3 MWh of transport fuels (diesel)

Actions undertaken in 2013

During 2013, MIC undertook a range of initiatives to improve energy performance including the upgrade of attic insulation in the main building, computer lab retrofit and replacement of boilers and burners throughout the College.

Altogether, these and other energy saving measures are saving MIC 486,835 MWh annually.



STUDENT NUMBERS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2012-13

Type	Full-time	Part-time	Total
Undergraduate			
Certificate		27	27
Honours Degree (L8)	2522		2522
Total Undergraduate	2522	27	2549
Postgraduate			
Postgraduate Diploma	200	17	217
Postgraduate Certificate		7	7
Masters Taught (L9)	54	65	119
Masters Research (L9)	35	1	36
Doctorate (L10)	77		77
Total Postgraduate	366	90	456
Total UG & PG Enrolments	2888	117	3005

GRADUATION NUMBERS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2012-13

COURSE	NO. GRADUATED
Bachelor of Arts	215
Master of Arts (Biblical Studies)	1
Master of Arts (Christian Leadership)	10
Máistir sna Dána (Gaeilge)	2
Master of Arts (History)	13
Master of Arts in Media Studies	3
Master of Arts (Philosophy & Literature)	2
Master of Arts (Theological Studies)	7
Master of Arts (Research & Thesis)	7
Doctor of Philosophy (Arts)	13
Graduate Diploma in Special Educational Needs (SEN)	49
MEd. (Special Educational Needs) (SEN)	6
MA in Music Education	6
Certificate in General Studies	14
Bachelor of Education	393
Bachelor of Education in Education and Psychology	31
Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary Teaching)	58
Graduate Diploma in Adult and Further Education	13
Graduate Diploma in Information & Communication Technologies in Primary Education	9
Graduate Certificate in Professional Studies in Education	6
Bachelor of Arts (Early Childhood Care and Education)	57
Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education	1
MEd.	20
MEd. (Adult & Continuing Education)	4
MEd. In Information & Communication Technologies in Primary Education	8
MA in Educational Psychology	9
MA in Education (Research & Thesis)	2
Doctor of Philosophy (Education)	1
TOTAL GRADUATED	960





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