

# **IUAA Track and Field Athletics**

hosted by

**NUI, Galway**

25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2003

at

Regional Sports Centre,  
Dangan,  
Galway

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## Organising Committee:

Programme:	John Toner
Timing:	Paul Hession
Sponsorship:	Kathryn Casserly Owen Fallon
Website:	Owen Fallon
Check-in:	Emmett Dunleavy Dave Kelly
T-Shirts:	Regina Murphy
Equipment:	Tony O'Regan PJ Coyle
Track Set-up:	John Toner Paul Hession Tony O'Regan Regional Sports Centre

## Championship Winners:

### **Ladies' Championship:**

Winner: University of Limerick  
Runner up: Trinity College Dublin  
Third Position: University College Dublin

### **Men's Championship:**

Winner: Trinity College Dublin  
Runner up: University of Limerick  
Third Position: University College Cork

### **Overall Championship:**

Winner: University of Limerick  
Runner up: Trinity College, Dublin  
Third Position: University College Cork

### **Multi-Events Championship:**

Winner: University of Limerick  
Runner up: University of Ulster

## Communication:

The event website was used as the main means of communication between ourselves and the participating colleges this year.

It was designed by Owen Fallon, PRO for NUIG Men's AC. It was freely hosted on student.nuigalway.ie, the NUI Galway Clubs and Society's server. A link to the site was set up on the IUAA website.

It was later noted, however, that some of the smaller institutions had problems with internet access. It is therefore the opinion of NUI Galway that reverting to a posted information pack may be a good idea for the time being.

All entries were strictly made online – as stipulated on the event website – and entries closed on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April. The reason for leaving so long between close of entries and the competition was that Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April was a Bank Holiday, cutting down our organizing time.

## First Aid:

First Aid for the days of competition was organized around 8 weeks before the competition.

Two members of the Order of Malta were available for any First Aid requirements on the two days of the competition. It was understood that the crewmembers were going to have an ambulance at the track. However, this did not happen on the day. This led to problems, as the track had no building nearby that could be used for first aid.

The two crewmembers set up in one of the large containers beside the track for the two days.

## Sponsorship:

Sponsorship for the competition was hard to come by. Galway is predominantly a GAA county and a lot of the businesses in existence locally are already sponsoring, or part-sponsoring, a local GAA Club.

A small number of sponsors were found however:

Bank of Ireland (University Branch) kindly sponsored a page in the program.

Irish Times gave us a few hundred copies of the paper for check-in packs.

Coca-Cola sponsored 300 bottles of Deep River Rock water.

QuickTech Galway supplied the computers and printers for the day

## Programme:

The programme which was used for the competition was quite disappointing. A local printers' was used for the design and printing of the program.

The program was not very aesthetically pleasing. We were advised to use the printers used by the sports department, who had used them for some printing after their Sigerson Cup victory.

## Entries:

All entries were done online this year. This was in line with the setup of the online entry system a number of years ago.

The online entry system was seen to be a very powerful tool in running the competition overall. It was very quick, flexible and easy to use.

Each team could alter their entries any time until the closing date. All start sheets, check-in sheets, results sheets were all automatically generated before the competition.

## Captains' Meeting:

A total of three Captain's meetings were held over the course of the competitions. The first was held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of April before the start of competition. This meeting was quite brief and simply laid down the rules for the competition etc.

The second meeting was held after the first day of competition, because of an extraordinary problem with the electronic timing during the course of the Ladies and Mens 100M heats. A decision was made that an extra heat be run on the Saturday morning to verify the qualifiers for the finals.

The third and final meeting was held after the competition on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Comments were made about the lack of officials for the entire competition and it was explained that a course was being held in Dublin that weekend for the Special Olympics officials. This led to a lack of available officials.

The price of the meal was also commented on. It was explained that a different hotel had been booked in September 2002. This would have worked out more economical for the athletes. However, the date for the competition was changed from the provisional date at the AGM in November. No hotel was found to be available for the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2003. Eventually the Clybaun Hotel, Salthill became available. Unfortunately this hotels function room was much smaller and the price was not as reasonable. Therefore the ticket price had to be incurred on each of the clubs.

References were also made to the poor service we got from the electronic timing. It was noted that this was not the first year that there were problems with the electronic timing. It was decided that alternatives should be looked into for next year and subsequent years.

## Presentation Dinner:

**Venue:** Clybaun Hotel,  
Clybaun Road,  
Salthill,  
Co. Galway.

**Date:** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2003

**Time:** 8pm

### **Special Guests:**

Iggy O'Muirthcheartaigh – president of NUI, Galway  
Tony O'Regan – Sports and Recreation Officer NUI, Galway  
IUAA Executive Committee.

### **Awards:**

Sticking with tradition, medals not presented during the day of competition were presented at the meal. The relay medals were all presented first. The trophies were then presented to the winners of the championships.

## Other Details:

A three course meal was served to each athlete at the banquet. No free drink was supplied to the athletes at the meal due to the anti-drinking policy enforced by NUI, Galway. After the meal, a DJ took over the entertainment for the night.

The dress code for the night was neat. It was felt that the fancy dress idea initiated by CIT in 2002 was a good idea. The reason for a neat dress code was the suggestion of a hall of fame being started this year. If the initial entrants of the hall of fame were present, it was felt that fancy dress would not be appropriate. However, the hall of fame unfortunately did not come to pass and it was too late to change the style of the dinner. This is something that may have to be addressed in the future if the hall of fame is to be an annual event.

## Finance:

### **Expenditure:**

	<b>€</b>
First Aid	400
(Electronic Timing*	1800)
Radio Hire	214.53
Public Address	320
Clybaun Hotel	6250
DJ & Entertainment	350
T-Shirts (Bought)	500
Programme	800
Tea, Coffee and Refreshments	186

Total Expenditure 9020.53  
(10,520.53)

### **Income:**

Meal Tickets	8604.50
Sponsorship	250
T-Shirts (Sold)	185
Table Quiz	200

Total Income 9239.50

### **Overall Total**

**218.97**  
**(-1281.03)**

\*Please note that the electronic timing has not yet been paid for (as of October 2003). Due to the problems experienced a price was not agreed to after the competition. Numerous attempts were made to get a final price from Brian Price, however he could never agree on what he was charging.

The price noted above is the price initially quoted to me before the competition. The totals in brackets are the adjusted values if the €1500 is paid to Brian Price.