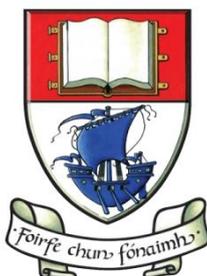


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Intervarsity Cross Country Report 2012

10th March 2012

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Event: I.U.A.A Irish Universities Cross Country Championships 2012
Date: Saturday 10th March 2012
Host: Waterford Institute of Technology Athletic Club
Venue: W.I.T Sports Campus, Carriganore, Co Waterford

Organising Committee:

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| 1. Andrew Connick | Athletic Development Officer |
| 2. Charlotte O'Farrell | W.I.T.A.C Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Paul Butler | I.U.A.A |
| 4. Tom O'Brien | Waterford A.C |
| 5. Damien Walsh | W.I.T.A.C |
| 6. Alan Danagher | W.I.T.A.C |
| 7. Barry Upton | W.I.T.A.C Coach |
| 8. Graham Power | W.I.T.A.C |

Officials:

Event Organiser: Andrew Connick
Race Director: Paul Butler
Registration: Damien Walsh & Stephen Lipson
Course Managers: Tom O'Brien & Graham Power
Facility Set up: Charlotte O'Farrell
Parking Officials: Barry Upton & Pat Shannon
Meal Tickets: Charlotte O'Farrell & Francesca Reville
Registration: Stephen Lipson & Damien Walsh.
Programmes: Charlotte O'Farrell
Starter: Cyril Smyth
Goodie Bags: Charlotte O'Farrell & Francesca Reville
Finish: Stephen Lipson & Damien Walsh
Photography: Leo Coy
Website: Gavin Downey

Results 2012

Individual Women

Pos	Name	College
1.	Ciara Mageen	UCD
2.	Una Britton	DCU
3.	Ciara Everard	UCD

Individual Men

Pos	Name	College
1.	John Coghlan	DCU
2.	Daire Bermingham	D.I.T
3.	Michael Mulhare	UL

Women's Team

Pos	College	Points
1.	U.C.D	27
2.	D.C.U	40
3.	T.C.D	64

Men's Team

Pos	College	Points
1.	D.C.U	62
2.	Waterford I.T	69
3.	U.C.D	150

Overall Team

Pos	College	Points
1.	D.C.U	63.467
2.	U.C.D	83.775
3.	U.L	142.668

Entries:

Entries were carried out as normal on the I.U.A.A Website. All times and dates were discussed and standard I.U.A.A procedures were used for the event.

Venue:

The I.U.A.A Cross country championships took place in the New W.I.T Sports campus in Carriganore, Co Waterford. There was 5 changing rooms and toilets used in total and the upstairs area for catering and also for registrations, meal tickets collection and also for the captains meeting. The goodie bags were distributed on the course at the finishing area to all finishers. The course was fantastic and credit must go to the estates office, Carriganore staff and the organising committee for maintaining, cutting and marking out the course. The venue was provisionally booked in September and finalised on the 15th of December 2012.

Equipment:

The equipment for the event was organised by Andrew Connick, Tom O'Brien, Paul Butler and Peter Connick. The pins for the course were provided by Waterford Athletic Club organised by Tom O'Brien and the rest of the pins were borrowed and returned to C.I.T.

Other Equipment Used:

- **P.A System:** The P.A System was arranged by Tom O'Brien. At a cost of €50.00. This was booked and confirmed on 20th of February 2012
- **Course materials:** Course materials were ordered through Peter Connick by Andrew Connick at a total cost of €172.00. These Materials included wooden stakes, rope, Orange safety fencing etc...
- **Goodie bags:** The goodies bags were ordered and printed by Excel Promotions and came to a total cost of €667.28.
- **Course Tape:** The red/white tape of which 2500metres was ordered by Andrew Connick from CPC building Providers online and came to a total cost of €50.00.
- **Stationary and Pins:** The Pins and stationary for the registrations and results were organised by Andrew Connick and Paul Butler. At a cost of €83.00.

First Aid

First Aid for the event was provided by Order of Malta. The cost of this was €250.00 for the day. This was booked and confirmed by Tom O'Brien on the 26th of January 2012.

Sponsorship

The official event sponsor *Patrick Danagher (Derries Pedigree Charolais Herd)*. Patrick provided a significant amount of the funding necessary to host the event. We truly appreciate his contributions in what are very difficult times to acquire financial support for such events.

Goodie Bags

As part of the Cross country championships we distributed 250 goodie bags to all finishers and the remaining extras to the officials. Within the collection of content we received great support from various different sources. These contents included, Water, Condoms, Chocolate, Nutritional Bars, Wrist bands, Key rings, tooth paste, tooth brushes, Nutritional gels etc... These were sponsored by the following companies

Beat 102-103, Mulligan's Pharmacy, Elvery Sports, Chia Bia, W.I.T. Student Union & Waterford A.C. We thank all sponsors for their kind support.

Funding

The club applied for a hosting grant from Waterford Institute of Technology Clubs and societies finance committee. The organising committee were successful on application and received €2000 euro to assist in the hosting of the event.

The organising committee also applied for €500 hosting grant from the I.U.A.A.

The remainder of the finances required for the event were obtained through fundraising and sponsorship.

Catering

The catering for the event was provided by Campus services in the College. They provided a tent and catering at the main entrance into the event. Also Tea, Coffee and sandwiches were provided at a cost of €371.25 by campus services in the college upstairs after the event for all officials.

Programmes

The programmes were designed and printed by Andrew Connick & Charlotte O'Farrell. There was 300 programmes printed in W.I.T Clubs and societies office free of charge and were distributed at the entrance free of charge.

Captains meeting

The captains meeting took place after the event and raised a number of positive comments and issues. These included that W.I.T were commended on hosting a great event. The course organisation, access and facilities were complimented. Furthermore Waterford I.T Members discussed that there could have been issues with the Numbers attending the banquet and it was discussed that going forward there must be more communication between colleges in relation to any college who may for whatever reason not be attending the event. This is an area that merits more consideration.

Officials

All officials were organised through Waterford Institute of Technology Athletic Club these are listed previously in this report with names and positions. Andrew Connick arranged the timetabling and jobs allocation for the officials for the event.

Website

The website was designed by Gavin Downey at a cost of €100.00 and this was a fantastic site with all the information and relevant content displayed very well and clearly. Gavin designed the site and updated it with Andrew Connick regularly. Gavin must be congratulated on a great job.

Photography

The photography was carried out on the day by Leo Coy and Ross Alexander this was a great success as all photos were displayed on the big screen at the Banquet. Gavin Downey carried out all the work in relation to uploading and displaying the photos throughout the night.

Intersarsity Banquet

Venue:	The Tower Hotel, The Mall, Waterford City
Time:	Pre Drinks at 7.00pm and Meal was served at 7.30pm
Accommodation:	The Accommodation rates were obtained by Damien Walsh of the W.I.T organising committee. Damien attended and received rates from numerous hotels around Waterford and these were all displayed on the website 5 weeks prior to the event.
Dress Code:	Semi-Formal
Meal Tickets:	€35.00 per ticket for the banquet. The tickets were designed by Andrew Connick and Gavin Downey and Printed by Gavin Downey at a cost of €40.00. The tickets displayed all relevant information and also indicated all sponsors also.

Tickets Included:

- Bar extension until 1.45
- 5 Course Meal
- DJ (Liam Tutty Beat 102-103)
- Spot Prizes
- Promotions

Damage to Tower Hotel

During the night of the banquet there were a number of attendees who were behaving in a disrespectful manner. This included the attempted theft of artwork from the hotel. The students who were involved were reprimanded by security and their names were taken. Waterford I.T Athletic club despite knowing the individuals involved do not wish to pursue the issue.

Also there was significant damage to the men's toilets next to the banquet room in which a picture was ripped off the wall and the frame was broken up and glass smashed all over the floor. Also the hand-dryers and the toilet roll holders were ripped off the wall. This resulted in Waterford Institute of Technology Athletic Club having to cover the cost of €381.00 euro for to cover the cost of repair and replacement.

Throughout the night all the issues that occurred were reported to management in the hotel by Andrew Connick and Paul Butler.

The management of the tower hotel were less than pleased with this and the fact that the host college had to cover the costs of this is a disgrace and should not occur again.

Accounts Summary

IUAA Cross Country 10th March 2012 Carriganore			
Income		Expenditure	
Details	Amount	Details	Amount
Opening Bal	0	First Aid	250
Clubs& Soc's Hosting Grant	2000	Goodie Bags pr -	667.28
I.U.A.A Hosting Grant	500	Programs	0
Water	0	Stationary & Pins	83
		Venue	200
		P.A System	50
		Website	100
		Catering (60x4.50)	371.25
		Tickets	40
		Orange Fencing (4x30)	90
		Stakes & Rope	82
		Tape (5 rolls 2500m)	50
		Wrist Bands	215
	2500		2198.53
		Balance	301.47

Banquet

IUAA Cross Country 10th March 2012 Tower Hotel			
Income		Expenditure	
Details	Amount	Details	Amount
Opening Bal	0	Meals	5850
Meal Tickets (200 @35)	7000	Bar Extension	450
Sponsorship	1000	Wine (€17x20 bottles)	340
Balance Carried over	301.47	Promotions	150
		Break Dancing	150
		Beat 102-103 DJ	738
		Decorations	108
		Guest Tickets (12)	420
		Damage to Tower Hotel****	381
Total	8301.47	Total	8587
		Closing Balance	-285.53



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Welcome,

On behalf of Waterford Institute of Technology Athletic Club I would like to welcome all athletes, supporters and officials to the Irish Universities Cross Country Championships 2012.

W.I.T.A.C are very proud to host the event and wish everyone the best of luck in the competition.

The hosting of any major event sponsorship and financial support is a fundamental element associated with the successful running of any championships. On behalf of the organising committee I would like to thank all the sponsors who contributed. Most importantly, I would like to thank ***Patrick Danagher (Derries Pedigree Charolais Herd)*** who was the main sponsor of these championships. Furthermore I would like to thank all of the companies who contributed various products to the goodie bags that all competitors will receive after each race. These include Chia Bia, Beat 102-103, W.I.T.S.U, Elvery's and Mulligan's Pharmacy Waterford. W.I.T.A.C truly appreciates your support.

Throughout organising the event there have been a number of people who have had an extremely dedicated role to play. I personally would like to thank Paul Butler the I.U.A.A President for his Invaluable support and advice over the year. I would also like to thank the Organising committee for their individual contributions and all officials on the day. I would like to extend my thanks to Campus Services, Carriganore Sports Facility Staff and particularly Robin Croke and Michael Evans who's assistance during the course of this year has been outstanding. Finally I extend my thanks to Tom O'Brien and Waterford A.C for his massive contribution in providing invaluable time and effort during the preparation of these championships.

I wish all competitors the best of luck in the championships on which will be testing course. I have no doubt that you will enjoy the overall event and thank you for your support.

Andrew Connick

Athletic Development Officer

Waterford Institute of Technology

I.U.A.A President - Paul Butler



Message from Chair of Universities Committee (IUAA)

Hello, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to the 2012 IUAA Cross Country championship.

This year the event is being hosted by Waterford IT Athletic Club in the fantastic Carriganore campus facility. This is the first time that WIT has hosted an IUAA event and thanks must go to the organizing committee for the massive effort that has gone into ensuring that this event is as memorable an experience as possible. Thanks must also go to all the sponsors who have contributed, and to all the staff of WIT and Carriganore in particular who have ensured that today happens.

As a past student and athlete in WIT it is of a great personal significance to see this event today, to see how far the club has come in a relatively short space in time - it shows how a club can develop from ambition to reality. It takes much more than one person, one athlete or one season for a club to evolve to what WIT AC is today, and along the way the journey can be hard, but it is also fulfilling for those who join in and participate. A special thank you must go to all who have worked with, competed for and contributed to this club throughout its short history.

For the past no of years this event has been held in conjunction with the Schools (ISAA) equivalent. This was an arrangement that has suited both parties, however this year an agreement could not be reached on the venue and as a result the Universities Committee did not feel that a joint venture would be in the best interests of the IUAA or its athlete members. The success of this year's event, held separately, will underline that this arrangement is through convenience rather than necessity from an IUAA viewpoint. That is not to say that the link-up will not happen again in the future, but the committee will have to take each year individually.

I would like to wish every athlete and team the best in today's events, and regardless of the results I hope you enjoy the day.

Yours in Sport,

Paul Butler

Chair of the Universities Committee (IUAA) 2010-2012