

IUAA CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2002

REVIEW

Hosted by University of Ulster on Sat 9th March 2002 at Coleraine

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Event Directors: Daragh McDaid
Mary Devlin

Sponsorship and PR: Conall McAleenan
Chris Speers

Entertainment: Deaglan O'Hagan
Sinead Peoples
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Registration/Entries: Louise Haugh

Event support: Ian O'Neill

Course set-up: Anne Paul

Officials: NIAF, IUAA

RESULTS

Women 4000m

1.	Suzanne McCormick	QUB	15.22
2.	Fiona Mahon	DCU	15.34
3.	Katie Duggan	DCU	15.39

Womens Team

1.	TCD	4, 9, 10, 13	36
2.	UL	5, 6, 16, 17	44
3.	DCU	2, 3, 30, 34	69

Men 10000m

1.	Bryan Conway	QUB	32.19
2.	Gary Murray	UU	32.36
3.	David Kelly	NUIG	32.41

Mens Team

1.	QUB	1, 6, 13, 18, 21, 31	90
2.	UU	2, 7, 14, 26, 27, 29	105
3.	NUIC	8, 12, 15, 23, 25, 30	113

Overall Team Results

1. TCD
2. UL
3. NUIC

PLANNING

- Planning for the event began in December 2001. An organising committee was set-up and met on a regular basis for update meetings.
- The event date and venue was decided by the organising committee in consultation with the IUAA and the university authorities in January 2002.

INFORMATION PACKS

- An information pack for the event was sent out on 8 February 2002, 4 weeks in advance of the competition.
- Included in this pack were details of the course, a timetable of events, entry information and closing dates, details of the presentation and after party, an accommodation list for the area, and information on the IUAA selection criteria for the World Student Games Cross-Country.

WEBSITE

- A website was set-up for the event with the kind assistance of Dave Maley from the IUAA in February 2002.
- The website contained the essential information related to the event. However, some difficulties were encountered in updating the website.

COURSE AND FACILITIES

- The course was decided in January 2002, and was set-up at the University of Ulster Playing Fields in Coleraine with the helpful assistance of Anne Paul, UU Recreation Officer. Changing facilities and indoor registration area were beside the start and finish areas to the delight of the competitors and officials.
- The course was well praised by all athletes due to its diverse nature and being a “true cross-country” course, with hills, flat areas, and forest stretches.
- The captains meeting had to be held on the other side of the campus to cater for the large numbers.
- Refreshments and sandwiches were provided for all officials and there were plenty left over for the athletes as well.
- A race clock was positioned at the finish area.

FIRST AID

- First Aid was provided at the course by St. John’s Ambulance. However, thankfully there was no injury to any competitor.

PUBLICITY

- The event was previewed in the Belfast Telegraph, Irish News, and Coleraine Chronicle newspapers, with the results appearing in the Sunday Life newspaper. The event also received coverage on local radio stations Q97.2FM and Highland Radio.

PROGRAMME

- An event programme was produced with welcome addresses, details about the event, previous results, a full list of participants, selection criteria for the World Student Games, and a map of the course.
- The programme was produced by the organizing committee, and printed by the University of Ulster Students Union. Programmes were sold on the day for £1.

ENTRIES & RESULTS

- Entries and meal tickets were received via the IUAA online registration process. University captains had to be contacted on the day before the closing dates to be reminded of the entry deadlines.
- Results were recorded with the assistance of the NIAF and IUAA officials. The results were compiled using a programme devised specifically for the event by Mary Devlin.
- Provisional results were available at the end of the captains meeting and full results were provided at the presentation function later that evening.
- A small amendment had to be made in the overall team result due to a misinterpretation of the formula for calculating points.
- Full results were posted on the IUAA website on the Monday morning following the event.

PRESENTATION FUNCTION

- The presentation dinner function was held in the Magherabuoy House Hotel in Portrush, which was 5 miles from the race course. Numbers for the meal were 179, and payment was received from all universities in advance of the meal. All meal tickets ordered via the online system had to be, and were paid in advance. The cost for the meal was £16.00 per person, which included a three course meal and disco.
- The presentation function was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Coleraine, who presented the prizes. Other guests included the IUAA executive, NIAF officials, University of Ulster representatives, and representatives from River Rock.
- A raffle was held at the meal to raise money.
- According to the feedback from universities, the meal and disco proved to be a very enjoyable night and a fitting finale to the event.

COSTING

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>£STG</u>
Meal Income (163 meals)	2608.00
IUAA Grant (EUR317.50)	191.27
UU Students Union Grant	200.00
Sale of programmes & raffle tickets & Guest entries	82.00

Total 3081.27

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>£STG</u>
Meal & Disco tickets	2714.60
Hire of clock	60.00
Printing of meal tickets & programmes & information	45.00
Numbers and pins	30.00
Printer cartridge	20.00
First Aid	60.00
Refreshments & Raffle prizes	30.00
Stationary and postage	15.00
Accommodation of organisers (night prior to comp)	40.00

Total 3014.60

GOOD LUCK TO NEXT YEARS HOSTS!!

Yours in Sport
Daragh McDaid & Mary Devlin
UU Athletics Club