



Stuart McLaughlin, Chairman; Chris Clarke; Fiona Kearney, Director of the Lewis Glucksman Gallery; Jimmy Deenihan, TD, Minister of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht Affairs, and Mr Michael Starrett, Heritage Council Chief Executive. Picture:

Glucksman gets top heritage honour

CONGRATULATIONS to the Lewis Glucksman Gallery, UCC, on its award of interim accreditation by the Heritage Council under the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland.

The Lewis Glucksman Gallery was awarded interim accreditation after flooding damage hampered their planned application to the Programme in 2009. Over the last year the Gallery has shared its flooding disaster and recovery experiences of 2009 with the Museum Sector, in particular

offering advice on developing effective Disaster Plans.

Presenting the awards Minister of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht Affairs Jimmy Deenihan, TD commented: "With a standards programme it is more manageable to plan around and accommodate economic and resource constraints to maintain access to and enhance our understanding of our shared cultural heritage. The long-term aim is always to hand over to new generations the rich heritage which is our shared birthright."

The Museum Standards Programme, the first of its kind in

Ireland is an important initiative which sets out to improve all aspects of Ireland's museum practice and in particular raise the standards of care for collections across Irish museums and galleries.

The Heritage Council's commitment to care of collections is demonstrated through its support of the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland. Speaking about the Programme, Michael Starrett, Heritage Council Chief Executive said, "Accreditation under this Programme offers quality assurance to visitors that the museums they are visiting are adhering to a high

set of standards in the management of the museum, care of collections and visitor services."

Dr Michael Murphy, President of UCC said: "UCC is committed to the care and management of its cultural assets and I share the congratulations and gratitude of the University to all members of the Glucksman team who have effected such terrific progress in achieving accreditation from the Museum Standards Programme of Ireland. It is wonderful to see the acknowledgement of all that has been achieved by the gallery in the assessors' report."



Academic lays out plan for disarmament

UCC academic, Dr Andrew Cottey, has laid out a road map for nuclear disarmament in a new report published by the British American Security Information Council (BASIC). The report comes as the world's officially recognised nuclear powers — the United States, Russia, China, France and Britain, or the P5 as they are known because they are also the permanent members of the UN Security Council — met recently in Paris to discuss nuclear arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation. The Paris P5 meeting follows an earlier one in London in September 2009 — the first of its kind — and represents the emergence of a new dimension in global nuclear politics. Cottey's report, titled *Multilateralizing*

Nuclear Arms Control: An Agenda for the P5, argues that the P5 should aim to move towards a world of much smaller numbers of nuclear weapons, with arsenals in the hundreds of nuclear warheads rather than the 20,000 in the world today. The report suggests that the P5 should establish a permanent dialogue on nuclear arms control and engage in a gradual process of transparency, confidence-building. "It's time the P5 began laying the foundations to climb down the nuclear ladder, in line with their commitments under the Non-Proliferation Treaty," said Andrew Cottey. Dr Andrew Cottey is Senior Lecturer and Jean Monnet Chair in European Political Integration.

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Projects show civic mindedness

FOUR pilot Science Shop projects in UCC have successfully shown how ongoing university activities can exemplify civic mindedness.

Science Shops provide independent research support in response to concerns expressed by civil society organisations (CSOs). The research is carried out across a wide range of disciplines — usually free of charge — on behalf of or with CSOs. The recent pilot by UCC Science Shop involved four Master of Social Work (MSW) students who undertook projects submitted to the UCC Science Shop as their Master's research.

The Science Shop received close to 30 project submissions in June and these were pared down to 10 time-bound proposals which were selected by students.

A total of three projects were carried out in the first-year pilot involving four student researchers.

Professor joins birds of a feather in trust

PROFESSOR John O'Halloran, right, Head of the School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences at UCC, has been honoured by being invited to become vice-president of the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), Norfolk, UK.

Professor Ian Newton, OBE, FRS, FRSE, in his invitation said: "The council and management of BTO would be delighted if John O'Halloran were prepared to accept this invitation in advising and assisting the Trust over the next eight years."

Professor O'Halloran said: "This is a great honour and I am delighted to accept this invitation, and see it as a great opportunity for research and to make further contributions to ornithology."

"I look forward to working with BTO and benefiting from networking with one of the largest centres for ornithology in the world."

Professor John O'Halloran was previously a member of the council of the BTO, editor of its international journal, *Bird Study*. He is also a member of the council of the European Ornithologists Union



and Board Member of BirdWatch Ireland.

The BTO is an independent charitable research institute, combining professional and citizen science aimed at using evidence of change in wildlife populations, particularly birds, to inform the public, opinion-formers and environmental policy and decision-makers. The BTO's impartiality enables data and information to be used both by Government and NGO campaigners. The Trust's long-term monitoring data on the status of UK birds sets the standard worldwide for understanding the effects of environmental change on wildlife.