

ISTA Annual Senior Science Quiz 2012

The 21st Annual Irish Science Teachers' Association National Senior Science Quiz took place in **Trinity College** over the weekend. There were 38 teams in attendance - 114 of the top Leaving Certificate science students from 16 different counties along with their teachers who are members of ISTA, the Subject Association for teachers of Science in the Republic of Ireland.

Close to 800 students took part in the Regionals Finals in 12 different venues nationwide during Science Week. Thanks to all the students who participated, their teachers who attended and the ISTA members who volunteered to organise the event.

Our guest quizmaster at the final was the Dublin Rose of Tralee with a PhD in Nanoscience, Arlene O'Neill. Special guest speakers included Charlie Dolan of Eli Lilly who is the Honorary President of ISTA, and Philip Watt CEO of Cystic Fibrosis Ireland. The spot prizes were copies of the science 140 book "A Neutron Walks into a Bar", where all the royalties go to Cystic Fibrosis Association of Ireland. The quiz is generously sponsored by **PharmaChemical Ireland**.

The winners of the **ISTA Senior Science Quiz National Final** were:

- 1. St Joseph's CBS, Nenagh, Co Tipperary.**
- 2. Scoil Mhuire, Cork.**
- 3. Abbey Vocational School, Donegal.**
- 4. St Louis Secondary School, Monaghan.**
- 5. Glanmire Community School, Cork.**



1st place: **St Joseph's CBS, Nenagh, Co Tipperary.**

Photo: *Arlene O'Neill (Dublin Rose of Tralee with PhD in Nanoscience), Martin O'Neill, Alan Fitzhenry, Charlie Dolan (ISTA Honorary President) Patrick Timmons, Paul Dolan (ISTA Teacher) & Mary Mullaghy (ISTA National Chairperson)*



2nd place: Scoil Mhuire, Cork.

Photo: Arlene O'Neill (Dublin Rose of Tralee with PhD in Nanoscience), Orla Casey (ISTA Teacher), Áine Hurley, Anson Li, Niamh McCarthy & Charlie Dolan (ISTA Honorary President)



3rd place: Abbey Vocational School, Donegal.

Photo: Christopher Hegarty (ISTA Teacher), Arlene O'Neill (Dublin Rose of Tralee with PhD in Nanoscience), Gemma Regan, Mac Iwasaki, Jessica Weitbreicht & Charlie Dolan (ISTA Honorary President)



4th place: St Louis Secondary School, Monaghan.

Photo: Arlene O'Neill (Dublin Rose of Tralee with PhD in Nanoscience), Caroline Finnerty (ISTA Teacher), Ellen Kavanagh, Aoife Mc Phillips, Zoe Vance & Charlie Dolan (ISTA Honorary President)



5th place: Glanmire Community School, Cork.

Photo: Arlene O'Neill (Dublin Rose of Tralee with PhD in Nanoscience), Emily O'Dowd, Brian O'Flynn, Peter Twomey, Dominic Foster (ISTA Teacher) & Charlie Dolan (ISTA Honorary President)