



Dublin Branch Newsletter

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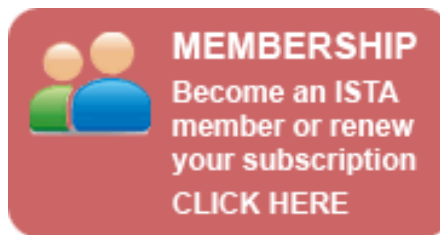
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Dear Colleague,

Welcome back to a new school year. The ISTA is the largest and most active subject association in Ireland. It affords you an opportunity for **Continuing Professional Development**, which is important in **Whole School Evaluations, Subject Inspections and Interviews**. Now more than ever it is important to be an active member of ISTA as there are less in-services provided by SLSS due to cutbacks so we would encourage you to come out and support your local branch. Being a member keeps you up to date with developments in science education. It is only possible to become a member by logging onto our website www.ista.ie. SCIENCE is the magazine that is circulated to all members and if you would like to contribute email RoryLGeoghegan@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you soon, Mary Mullaghy.

From the 1st of September all memberships were due. We would ask that you **renew your membership** by clicking on Membership on the top menu bar or the red icon on the homepage of the website. www.ista.ie



In order to view full details of future events it is necessary for you to have joined ISTA ONLINE. www.ista.ie

To continue getting future newsletters and copies of SCIENCE you must log on and renew your membership **NOW!**

All science teachers are welcome at the events listed in the calendar but will then be asked to join the ISTA if they are not already members.

Calendar of events:

• **September**

Exam Paper Review 2010 on Tues 21st Sept. in Blackrock College @ 7.30pm.

• **October**

ChemEd Conference in DIT on Saturday 9th Oct.

• **November**

Regional Finals of ISTA **Senior Science Quiz** will take place in Trinity College Thursday 11th November during Science Week. Final in TCD on Sat 27th Nov.

• **January**

BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition at RDS from 12th – 15th January

Annual ASE Conference - from 5th-8th January in University of Reading.

Junior Science Coursework B Dr Declan Kennedy in Loreto on the Green on Monday 17th January

• **February**

H-Dip night Sandford Park

• **March**

Dublin Branch AGM on Wednesday 30th March

ISTA Annual AGM on 8th - 10th April in Thurles

• **April**

Junior Science Quiz in Belvedere College

“Marking Review of 2010 Examination Papers.”

An exam meeting will take place on Tuesday the 21st of September in Blackrock College at 7.30pm.

Examiners for Junior Science, LC Biology and Chemistry will be providing this facilitation. Students mistakes and misconceptions will be highlighted. Bring exam papers and marking schemes with you - available to download on SEC website.

You can enter Blackrock college by the front avenue or the back gates on Cross Avenue beside Sion Hill School. Meeting will be held in new Senior Science Laboratories.

Dr Bridget Kelly from CLARITY outreach education at UCD will also give a short presentation.

Tea & coffee will be provided. This can be a very worthwhile evening. All members welcome. New members can join on the night - just bring your credit card!



ChemEd Ireland 2010

Motivating and Engaging Chemistry Students

Saturday 9th October

Dublin Institute of Technology

Kevin Street

10 a.m. – 4.30p.m.



Download Application Form available from ISTA website www.ista.ie

Please return completed booking form and payment by **Friday October 1st** to:

Dr. Claire Mc Donnell, Dublin Institute of Technology, Kevin St., Dublin 8.

IOP Institute of Physics

IoP is organising an evening for reviewing the Leaving Cert Physics exam papers and marking schemes. Mr John Murphy, an experienced marker of LC Physics papers will give a personal insight into the marking of this years papers. Common student mistakes and misconceptions will be made evident. Teachers are advised to bring their own papers and marking schemes.

Venue: **Blackrock Education Centre**

Date: **Tuesday 14th September**

Time: **7 - 9.30pm**

Places are limited so booking is essential so please contact BEC. Tel: 012365000 Email: info@blackrockec.ie or Network Coordinator Paul Nugent on 087-2719349 paulnugent@eircom.net

FRONTIERS of PHYSICS AGM

Saturday, 25th September 2010



Download Application Form available from ISTA website www.ista.ie

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Ollscoil na hÉireann Má Nuad



The **Regional Finals** of ISTA **Senior Science Quiz** will take place in Trinity College **Thursday 11th November** during Science Week.

The Final, which is again sponsored by PharmaChemical Ireland and has generous prize money, will take place in Trinity College on Saturday 27th November.

All Science Quiz teams must be accompanied by an ISTA registered teacher.

If you would like to submit questions for the quiz you can email me directly.

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Vice-chairperson: Seosamh O'Braonain
Secretary: Caroline Nolan
Treasurer: Brian Smyth

Science Week

7th - 14th November

