

## **QWG Secretary's Report**

I will begin with our annual dinner, which we were able to hold this year for the first time since May 2019. This was held on 27 May 2022 in the Great Hall at Queen's. Our speaker was Naomi McGregor, founder and CEO of MoveTru, who delivered an inspiring talk. The food was delicious as usual, and it was wonderful to be able to come together and for those who hadn't met each other in person for some time to be able to reconnect. This was closely followed by the Triennial on 28 May which took place in Dublin.

After this, planning began in earnest for our turn to host the annual IRFUW conference, which was held on 15 October with a dinner the night before in the Great Hall at Queen's. The theme of the conference was 'Disruptors: Women who Change the World' and it was a most interesting and informative day. The speakers at the dinner and conference included an author, an historian and the owner of the Feminist Shop and their presentations were extremely well received.

The next event planned was an online talk by Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell, renowned astrophysicist from Northern Ireland. This unfortunately did not take place due to unforeseen circumstances, however the good news is that she has agreed to deliver a talk in person in February as part of NI Science Week. This will be a most interesting and eagerly anticipated event.

The year ended with our Christmas coffee and mince pie event on 3 December 2022, which was a great success and a very warm and festive way to end the year. Plans are now in full swing for our AGM on 28 January 2023 shortly followed by our public speaking competition in February. I have found 2022 to be a most enjoyable year for the QWG and it only remains for me to wish you all, on behalf of the QWG Committee, a very happy and prosperous 2023.

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