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Happy New Year!

Welcome to a new year and to a new look *eGraduate*! The staff of the Development and Alumni Relations Office at Queen's wish all our graduates and supporters a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2018.

In the year ahead, as Queen's continues to deliver a world-class experience for all our students and an environment of excellence for our research and teaching staff, the *eGraduate* will keep you up-to-date with the latest from your alma mater.

Do please let us know what you think of the new look ezine via the link below.

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New Year Honours 2018

Over 100 people from Northern Ireland, including several graduates and a number of individuals with connections to Queen's University, were honoured in the Queen's New Year Honours list for 2018.

Among those recognised were a Pro-Vice-Chancellor and a Pro-Chancellor of the University, two honorary graduates and several alumni.

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Medical graduate is 'unexpected star'

Ciara Mackey, MB BCh BAO (2013), got more than she bargained for when she checked into a London hotel and ended up singing on national television to 6m viewers!

Appearing on *Michael McIntyre's Big Show* in what has been described as the most ambitious 'Unexpected Star of the Show' surprise ever, Ciara wowed the audience with her rendition of *On My Own*, from *Les Misérables*.

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New book from former Graduate of the Year

Honey and Toto: The Story of a Cheetah Family, the latest publication from 1972 BSc Zoology graduate Jonathan Scott – the 2008 First Trust Bank Queen’s Graduate of the Year – has been published.

Co-written with his wife Angie, and published by Cambridge University Press, the book is aimed at younger readers and tells the tale of a mother cheetah (Honey) and her family, including cub Toto.

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Interstellar object identified

Seven Queen's scientists from the School of Mathematics and Physics have been part of a team involved in worldwide investigations into a mysterious object that passed close to Earth in December. Oumuamua – the first alien object to visit our solar system from deep interstellar space. Wrapped in a strange half-metre thick organic coat, the Queen's team has revealed the object was just a 'crusty block of ice'.

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Mark Doty - Visiting Poetry Fellow

New York poet Mark Doty has been appointed the first Seamus Heaney International Visiting Poetry Fellow at Queen's, a role created by the University and the Arts Council Northern Ireland. He will take up his post in the Autumn, when he will spend four weeks at the Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry at Queen's. He will also offer workshops for visiting groups at the new Seamus Heaney Homeplace in Bellaghy.

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RESEARCH NEWS



Skin patch solution to health threat

A new type of skin technology, which could offer a solution to the worldwide antibiotic resistance crisis, is currently being developed by researchers in Queen's School of Pharmacy.

Led by Professor Ryan Donnelly, the team hopes that the microarray patch – which delivers drugs directly into the bloodstream



IGFS promotes NI on global stage

£2m funding secured by the Institute for Global Food Security (IGFS) at Queen's, brings together the local agri-food industry and scientists in an unprecedented partnership to promote NI on the world stage.

Funding for the flagship research projects, which underpins the quality of local agri-food produce and drive the international reputation

through 'microneedles' – may provide a solution to the biggest threat to global health.

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of Northern Ireland, represents a major breakthrough for the IGFS and suppliers.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!

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QUAS Annual Lecture

The 2018 Queen's University Association, Scotland (QUAS) Annual Lecture will take place at 11am on Monday 22 January in the Consulate General of Ireland in Edinburgh.

The Lecture, commemorating the arrival of Columba in Scotland in the 6th century, will be delivered by Queen's graduate John Connolly (RN retired).

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Bowel Cancer fundraising evening

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A musical evening in support of Bowel Cancer Research at Queen's and featuring the Counterpoint Choir & Accordion Sounds will take place on Friday 26 January at 8pm in Lurgan Town Hall.

Tickets are £10 each and can be purchased directly from Lurgan Town Hall. General information on supporting medical research at Queen's is available from [Rachel Ketola](#), tel: 028 9097 5073.

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CCRCB Open Day 2018

Celebrating a decade of advances in cancer research in Belfast, the CCRCB Open Day on Saturday 17 February (10am–2.30pm) will include talks from researchers who are translating science into clinical practice.

To meet leading researchers or to book your place on a tour of the CCRCB labs contact the Centre for Cancer Research & Cell Biology (CCRCB), tel: 028 9097 2760 or email ccrcb@qub.ac.uk.

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QUAS Annual Dinner

Bookings are still being taken for the annual Queen's University Association, Scotland (QUAS) Dinner on Friday 02 March 2018 in the Apex Hotel in Edinburgh.

The Guest Speaker will be Eamon Mallie, the eminent award-winning Northern Ireland journalist and political commentator.

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Class of 1988 Medical Reunion

A reunion for those who graduated in Medicine from Queen's in 1988 (and a few from the following year) will take place at the Slieve Donard Hotel in Newcastle, Co Down from Nov 9-11, 2018.

Over 90 people have already pledged to be there for the Friday night festivities, with 150+ signed up for the events on Saturday! Those who may not be aware of the Reunion should get in touch with the Development and Alumni Relations Office ([DARO](#)) to update their contact details or with one of the event organisers – [Mary Kiely](#), [Sharon Gracey](#) or [Simon Watson](#) – for further information.

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If you would like to volunteer your time, skills or knowledge, then we'd love to hear from you!

There are numerous ways you can support Queen's as a volunteer, irrespective of where you live.

Volunteering can be very rewarding and is an excellent way to re-engage with Queen's.

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