

Press Release

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JCI Fingal Members Shine in Japan

Past National President of JCI Ireland, Jeremy Doyle, crowned a busy year by being part of the three person Irish team who became World Debating Champions at the recent Junior Chamber International World Congress in Fukuoka, Japan. With Mr. Doyle on the Irish team were MacDara Hosty (JCI Galway) and Darragh McGann (JCI Cobh).

The Irish team came through a tough semi-final against JCI-UK in carrying the motion that "A woman's first love is her man's credit card". In the final against Australia, the Irish trio were equally successful in winning through by successfully defeating the motion that "Love letters are a thing of the past". The victory continues a long line of successes by JCI Ireland members in both Public Speaking and Debating over the last few years. As well the debating victory, Ireland had a runner-up in the Public Speaking Competition with Darragh McGann from JCI Cobh.

The debating victory rounded off a particularly satisfying week for Mr. Doyle whose other role in Japan was that of campaign manager for JCI Ireland's candidate for World President, Kevin Cullinane from JCI Cobh. Mr. Doyle has spent the past year travelling with Mr. Cullinane to the various JCI conferences around the world as part of Mr. Cullinane's campaign. Mr. Cullinane was formally elected and inaugurated as the 60th World President of Junior Chamber International during the conference. As a reward, Mr. Doyle has been appointed Chef D'Equipe to Mr. Cullinane's team for 2005.

The conference also saw another JCI Fingal member, 2002 National President Graham Hanlon, honoured as the Outstanding JCI International Vice President for 2004 – a significant honour following his year of service working in the Nordic region. Mr. Hanlon was also appointed to the 2005 JCI Board as Business Commissioner for Europe.

Junior Chamber International Ireland is part of the largest personal and leadership development organisation for young people in the age group of 18-40 in the world - Junior Chamber International. It is a voluntary, non-political organisation that fosters a spirit of entrepreneurship and social responsibility through its range of activities and projects throughout the country. Further information is available at www.jci-ireland.org.



The Irish team that won the World Debating Championships at the JCI World Congress in Fukuoka, Japan featuring Jeremy Doyle (Fingal, centre), Darragh McGann (Cobh, left) and MacDara Hosty (Galway, centre).



JCI International Vice-President and member of JCI Fingal, Graham Hanlon, pictured receiving his award from current JCI World President, Fernando Sanchez Arias (Venezuela, left), JCI World President-Elect, Kevin Cullinane (Ireland, centre) and JCI Immediate Past President, Bruce Rector (USA, right).