



Anthony Dinan, Group Managing Director of Thomas Crosbie Holdings Ltd (TCH), presenting the award for Scientific Development to Derek O'Keeffe, from Limerick, who is also the Junior Chamber Ireland (JCI) World Winner, at the TCH-JCI Outstanding Young Person of the Year Awards in the Sheraton Fota Island. Included are Darragh McCann, awards manager, JCI Ireland, and Karen Sweeney, National President, JCI Ireland. Picture: Richard Mills

# Cork shines at JCI conference

**HUNDREDS** of entrepreneurs gathered in Cork at the weekend to attend the national conference of Junior Chamber International (JCI).

The event, which was held at the Sheraton Fota Island Golf Resort and Spa at the weekend, kicked off with training sessions

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packed with all aspects of managing a small business.

A questions and answers session was chaired by former JCI world president Kevin Cullinane.

To coincide with the convention, JCI Ireland celebrated its 50th anniversary with a

black-tie golden jubilee gala banquet and JCI Awards ceremony on Saturday night.

Guests of honour included Minister Micheál Martin and JCI world president, Scott Greenlee from the USA.

Sunday saw the JCI Outstanding Young Person of the Year awards and luncheon, sponsored by Thomas Crosbie Holdings

Ltd (TCH), with an address by TCH Group Managing Director Anthony Dinan.

Deirdre Pearson, JCI Cobh's national convention director, said that east Cork benefited greatly from hosting such an event.

At least, €250,000 was spent by the JCI delegates during their stay.