



UCC academic applauded for work

An award-winning UCC academic has said that she hopes her work has enriched Ireland's understanding of Mexico. Department head of Hispanic Studies and director of the Centre for Mexican Studies, Professor Nuala Finnegan scooped the prestigious Ohtli award earlier this week for her commitment to the promotion of Mexican culture. The award was presented by the Mexican ambassador to Ireland, Carlos García de Alba on behalf of the Mexican Government.

The fourth European recipient of the award, Professor Finnegan said it was a privilege to be able to contribute towards cultural understanding of the richness and diversity of Mexican culture. "Through the many activities, art exhibitions, confer-



ences, readings, seminars as well as the books and articles published, we hope that we can participate in a small way to enriching understanding of Mexico in Ireland generally," she said.

UCC President, Dr Michael Murphy added that the award was "truly deserved", along with being an "important step in building a relationship that has much potential".