

# Synoptic Week @ UCD

*A one-week course in weather forecasting took place at UCD in early March. Part of the M.Sc. programme in meteorology, this gave students an opportunity to apply mathematical and physical theory to practical synoptic situations. The atmosphere did not let us down: there were two major storms during the week. By Friday, the students were ready to prepare and present their own forecasts for St. Patrick's weekend. Patricia Hamilton and Aidan Kelly joined the students on the course, which was delivered by Gerry Fleming, Dave Rogers and Peter Lynch. Feedback from the students was very positive, and we look forward to more participation from Met Éireann next year.*

**Peter Lynch, UCD**

## Synoptic Meteorology course in UCD

Patricia Hamilton and Aidan Kelly attended the Synoptic Meteorology module of the M.Sc. course in UCD, Belfield through March 10-14 under the tutelage of Prof. Peter Lynch. The stormy conditions that prevailed during the week provided some excellent material for discussion.

Sections of the module were delivered by forecasters Dave Rogers and Gerry Fleming. The module also included a visit to HQ where the group toured the Laboratory with Margaret Ryan, had a presentation from Seamus Walsh on the work of the Climatology & Observations Division and spent some time getting an understanding of operational forecasting with Gerry Fleming.

**Aidan Kelly, GFD**



△ Students and instructors on the weather forecasting course. Left to right: Celine Nyhan, Patricia Hamilton, Rodrigo Caballero, Kevin Lim, Dave Rogers, Jonathan McGovern, Peter Lynch, Andy Ryan, Allison Barlow, Aidan Kelly, Sinead Duffy, Gerry Fleming, Sandra Spillane



◁ Back (L - R) Sandra Spillane, Andy Ryan, Jonathan McGovern, Kevin Lim, Aidan Nulty (back to camera)  
Front (L - R) Celine Nyhan, Allison Barlow & Patricia Hamilton.