

Keeping it in the Family

Lily Farrell Wins 2020 National Dom Colbert Prize in Travel Medicine



Lily Farrell (left) with grandfather Dr Dom Colbert (right)

This is an annual essay competition in travel medicine sponsored by the Tropical Medical Society of Ireland (TSMI). Dr Colbert, a fellow of the faculty of travel medicine, is one of the most respected academics in the travel medicine community in Europe, having made significant contributions to education and practise in the field over a long and distinguished career. His record of humanitarian assistance to people living in the most impoverished regions of the world have been outstanding. His reputation as an innovative and gifted teacher is richly deserved. Dr Colbert co-founded the TSMI and the society flourished under his leadership as President during multiple terms. Dr Colbert remains active as an invited speaker and publisher of work in travel and tropical medicine.

He is pictured here presenting the gold medal to his granddaughter Lily Farrell, who won the 5th annual competition with her submission entitled “Climate change, implications for travel medicine.” Lily is an Ad Astra Scholar and is currently studying medicine in UCD. This is the first time this award has been won by a UCD student.

The annual Dom Colbert Prize in Travel Medicine is open to all undergraduates of any discipline in a Third Level College in the Republic of Ireland. This annual competition consists of writing a paper on travel related medicine, the title which is outlined by the TMSI - it is judged blindly and independently by experts in the field. Details can be found on the TMSI website (www.TMSI.ie)

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