

### **Dr. Caroline Hussey**

Caroline Hussey graduated in Biochemistry from UCD in 1962. She became a research student in Trinity College and was awarded her PhD in 1966. A Shell Postdoctoral Fellowship enabled her to continue research in TCD and she was subsequently awarded a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard University. She was appointed as a lecturer in the Department of Industrial Microbiology in UCD in 1973. She was a former President of the Irish Federation of University Teachers and a former member of the Women's Committee of the ICTU. She was a member of the Governing Body of UCD from 1978, and of the Senate of the NUI from 1982. She was appointed as Registrar of UCD in 1994, a post she held until she retired in 2004.

From an Occupational Safety and Health perspective, Caroline chaired the Dangerous Substance Advisory Council and the Interim Board for Occupational Safety and Health, which advised the Minister for Labour on the introduction of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act, 1989. This led to the development of a professional interest in Safety and Health and she set up and was joint Academic Director of the UCD Centre for Safety and Health at Work (along with Dr Peter Start) from its inception in 1989 until 2000. She and Peter were on the national committee that planned and developed the multidisciplinary *Diploma in Safety, Health and Welfare at Work* in the late 1980s, which was then offered in a number of Irish Universities, and which became the bedrock of all subsequent third level programmes in the discipline. 'Multidisciplinary' and 'outreach' were not as common as teaching approaches then as they are now and Caroline successfully navigated approval of this safety and health course through multiple hurdles. Health and Safety in Ireland owes her a great debt.

Following her retirement the UCD Centre benefited from her wise counsel and she never missed any of the Safety and Health annual Breakfast Seminars. Likewise, she continued to be a regular at UCD soccer matches and other events, including the recent Strictly UCD dancing event.

Her friends and colleagues knew Caroline as a great leader and educational advocate, who was straight talking with a good sense of humour, and she will be sadly missed and long remembered by colleagues, friends, former students, and mentees, through the strong legacy that she leaves behind her.