

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The study of biology for me has always been about the unfathomable complexity of life, from the intricate inner workings of a cell to the majesty of the plants and animals that roam our planet. Biological sciences at Trinity College Dublin came from humble beginnings in 1851 as a moderatorship in experimental science and has expanded to encompass the range of disciplines it does today, and the following articles from my fellow students in the biology section are reflective of the broad scope of study available to us now. Biology disciplines progress together hand in hand towards a better understanding of life, whether it be advances in biomedical research, a greater knowledge of conservation ecology and how to protect the natural world around us, or uncovering more secrets of the genetic code.

The response to the establishment of the TSSR from students of biological disciplines here in the University was overwhelmingly positive. We received articles from all undergraduate years, and almost all courses. It has been a privilege for me as Biology Editor to work on the inaugural year of the Trinity Student Scientific Review. From the academics, PhD candidates, students and the team, working with you all has been one of the most enjoyable experiences of my time here. I could not have completed my work without your help so I just have to say thank you to everyone for that.

I would also like to thank and congratulate every student who took the time to research and prepare a submission for publication. The huge response from students of biology is reflective of the sort of attitude and academic drive our University fosters. I will finish by offering my congratulations to all our successful writers, and I hope that you enjoy reading the following articles as much as I did.

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