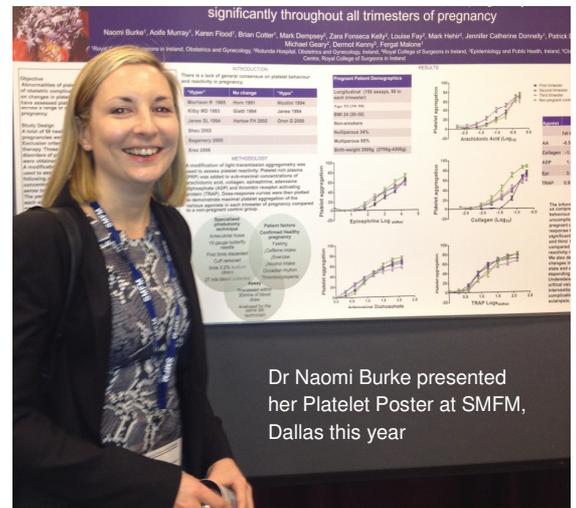


Friends of the Rotunda

Our Continued Commitment to Funding Research

Following on from the success of the RCSI/Rotunda study entitled *'Platelet Reactivity and Pregnancy Loss'*, the Friends of the Rotunda provided additional funding in July 2010 for further studies under the same general theme. This funding supported the establishment of an advanced platelet research laboratory at the RCSI Unit in the Rotunda Hospital in collaboration with Prof Dermot Kenny of RCSI. Currently there are five platelet-based projects ongoing, focused on a number of patient groups - *Normal Pregnancy, Patients with Pregnancy Induced Hypertension and Pre-Eclampsia, Recurrent Miscarriage, Unexplained Intra-Uterine Growth Restriction (IUGR) and Recurrent IVF Implantation Failure*. Significant strides have been made in recruiting for these projects and initial findings were presented at both national (RAMI) and international (SMFM & BMFMS) meetings, with the research well received in these arenas. Dr. Naomi Burke presented her research on *'Platelet Reactivity in Normal Pregnancy'* at both SMFM in Dallas and BMFMS in Glasgow earlier this year. Papers relating to each of the studies were recently submitted for publication to the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and a number of additional papers are in preparation. In February 2012, Dr. Aoife Murray was awarded a silver medal at the 'RAMI Obstetrics Section Registrars Prize' for her research *'Platelet Reactivity in Hypertensive Pregnancies'*.



Dr Naomi Burke presented her Platelet Poster at SMFM, Dallas this year

Fundraising



De Valley Honda 50 Club recently held a fundraising event and presented the Friends with a cheque for €1,500 in aid of the Rotunda's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Performance by Gerard Dickens welcomed 185 guests to the Pillar Room for a moving, funny and hugely entertaining fundraising evening in aid of DRCC and the Rotunda's SATU. Our grateful appreciation is extended to Dr. Fergal Malone and Dr. Edgar Mocanu for their sponsorship and to the tremendous efforts of Friends' Chairperson, Frances Gardiner. The event raised over €7,100 for the two Charities.

Donations to the Friends has funded six Medela Symphony Breastpumps, Mobile Stands and Preemie + Programme cards for NICU totalling €7,200.

Flora Women's Mini Marathon



Congratulations to all of our runners and walkers in this year's Flora Women's Mini Marathon fundraiser. Thousands of women (and others, in fancy dress, who decided to bring out their feminine side for the day), participated in one of the biggest events the organisers have so far ever held. Our Rotunda Team represented us well and with every step taken, has helped us raise vital funds, once again, for our Specialist Units. The Friends would like to sincerely thank everyone who participated, for their incredible effort!

Donations can still be made on www.friendsoftherotunda.ie or www.mycharity.ie

Golf Classic

The Rotunda Golf Classic, which was due to take place on the 7th of June, was unfortunately postponed until further notice due to adverse weather. Team entries will be notified directly with an alternative date.



If you want to help fundraise for the Rotunda - Contact the Friends on **01 872 2377** or by email friends@rotunda.ie, www.friendsoftherotunda.ie or setup a fundraising page on www.mycharity.ie