

Susan's the winner!

Susan Smith, a mature student of 30, who returned to full-time education at the Robert Gordon University, while bringing up 2 children, has won first prize in the essay competition run by ASET. Susan was presented with a £500 prize and an engraved rose bowl at a presentation at Napier University on Friday 14 May. Students from UK universities, working on industrial placement as part of their sandwich course were invited to submit short and witty essays on their placement experience.

As part of her Business Studies course Susan spent her 3rd year with the Planning and Economic Analysis Group of Conoco in Aberdeen. Her essay 'of Dollars and Dreams', one of 83 entries, captured both the fun and hard work of the sandwich placement experience. "Looking back at a year which contained detailed economic analysis, raft-racing, strategic plans and assault courses by the River Dee - it all seems like a dream. But reality is stranger than that, and it was a year that allowed me to use my academic knowledge and a wealth of practical experience to the advantage of my employer and myself." That's exactly what sandwich education is all about.

Runners-up were: *Carena Graham* (Business Studies at Liverpool John Moores University; *Van den Bergh* Professional Foods) *Amanda Young* (Hotel and Catering Management at Oxford Brookes University; *Chateau de Kernuz*, Brittany) *Tania Ortu* (Dance at University of Surrey) *Carol Budge* (Commerce at Robert Gordon



Susan Smith after receiving her prize from Brian Hyde of ASET -centre. On the left of the picture is Ian Patterson, Industrial Tutor from Robert Gordon University and on the right is Malcolm Fawcett - Area Business Manager of Conoco UK Limited, and Susan's Placement Supervisor.

University; BP Oil). All the essays are being published in the 'Careers Guidance Today' journal from September 1993.

Information on the 1993 ASET Essay Competition is available from *Mary Harris* in the ASET office. Fliers have been produced to advertise the competition and completed entries must be received by ASET by 31 October 1993.

Dublin Welcomes 8th World Conference

Dublin City University is host to the 8th World Conference on Cooperative Education from 30 August - 3 September 1993 where some 350 delegates will gather representing over 20 countries around the world. Mark H. Kilian, President of the World Association for Cooperative Education sets the tone: "This year's conference theme, '**Co-operative Education in a Challenging Time**' will offer something for everyone. From the backdrop of change being felt in the European Community and Central Eastern Europe ... to the ever-changing needs of the workplace ... to new models, aims and processes being tried in education ... to innovate initiatives in both national and international work placements. The programme is an ambitious one, but one I hope which meets the interests of all".

A first in Dublin is that of a head of state opening a World Conference on Co-operative Education. The President of Ireland Mrs. Mary Robinson will officially open the Conference on Tuesday 31 August. The format of the Conference will include an address from Colm Larkin of the EC Commission; 4 Keynote Addresses; 4 Workshop Sessions and Concurrent Sessions. The Keynote Addresses are:

Employers requirements of the Education Process.

Dr. Peter Sutherland. Former EC Commissioner, current Chairman of Allied Irish Banks.



Adrienne Joly, World Conference Administrator

Performance and assessment of work in industry.

Dr. Nell Eurich, Author of 'Corporate Classrooms' and Trustee of the Carnegie Foundation.

Changing role of education in the Greater European context.

M. Pierre Tabatoni, Expert to the European Community (Human Resources, Task Force).

Work Based Learning, current developments.

Mr. Alan Roff, Deputy Rector, University of Central Lancashire.

The Workshop Sessions will develop and expand the themes of the Keynote Addresses.

The themes are as follows:

- Future Developments of Co-op Models - where we are going.
- Industrial/Educational interface requirements.
- Learning through Work.
- Transnational Work Placements.

So a full programme. All the delegates have to do is to get through '*The Irish Experience*' icebreaker on the first night!

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