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## INTRODUCING NEW STAFF MEMBERS: Prof. Warren Thomas

Name /RCSI appointment	We are pleased to welcome Prof Warren Thomas to RCSI Bahrain as Associate Professor in Human Biology.
Educational background	Prof Thomas graduated from the University of Aberystwyth with a joint honors degree in Zoology and Microbiology (1989). He was awarded a PhD by the University of Reading (1993) for his work on Spirochete membrane proteins, and was awarded a postgraduate certificate in Health Professions Education by RCSI (2015).
Summary of Career to date.	Prof Thomas worked on Avipox viruses and Birnaviruses at the Institute for Animal, UK from 1993 to 1998. He undertook a further postdoctoral position in the Division of Oral Medicine, Kings College London, investigating the effects of bacterial toxins on small GTPase-coupled signaling. He joined the Molecular Medicine Laboratories at RCSI in 2002 working on steroid-induced signaling and was awarded a Research Lectureship in 2008. He became Lead in Physiology at Perdana University-RCSI School of Medicine, Kuala Lumpur in 2014, and was appointed Junior Cycle Director there in 2017. He returned to Dublin in 2021 with roles including USMLE Preparation Program Director.
Research interests and specialty	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Oestrogen-induced signaling in malignancy</li><li>2. Aldosterone regulation of renal sodium conservation</li><li>3. Cancer biomarkers</li><li>4. Mesothelioma epidemiology</li><li>5. Antiseptic properties of plant extracts</li></ol>
Major accomplishments	Prof Thomas has worked at RCSI for 20 years in Dublin and in Kuala Lumpur, over this time he has supervised five PhD students to successful completion and secured 850k Euro in research funding. He has published 60 peer-reviewed papers and three book chapters. This includes several papers with undergraduate co-authors and co-authors in nine different countries. He was awarded the Zachary Johnson Prize Medal by the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland in 2013 for work on mesothelioma epidemiology in Ireland.