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Dublin 1987 — Update

September 30, 1986, is the closing date for ACIS members to submit proposals for papers and panels for the 25th anniversary conference in Dublin. Those who wish to give papers or form panels should send their proposals immediately to Gus Martin or Sean White, School of Irish Studies, Thomas Prior House, Merriam Road, Dublin 4, and please copy to Robert Rhodes, English Dept., SUNY at Cortland, Cortland NY 13045. The advisory committee will meet in late October, and the panels will be announced in November.

The social program being arranged includes a state reception, a theatre evening at the Abbey, and receptions by University College Dublin, School of Irish Studies, and Bord Fáilte. The 25th anniversary banquet will be held at Trinity College, Dublin, in the newly refurbished dining hall, preceded by a reception hosted by Provost William Watts of TCD.

A formal invitation to attend the 25th anniversary conference will be issued to all ACIS members in September. It will be accompanied by registration and accommodation details.

Work is in progress on a postconference tour in Ireland which will include visits to University College, Galway, at the invitation of President Colm O hEocha, and to Belfast. ACIS Vice-President Maureen Murphy is coordinating arrangements.

MLA-AHA

■ ACIS has organized two sessions at this year's MLA Conference in New York. Robert Becker will chair a session on "Catholicism and the Anglo-Irish" with papers by Robert Welch, Michael Gillespie, and Paul Stanfield. William Wilson will chair a panel on "New Approaches and Recent Irish Literature" with papers by G.J. Watson, Elizabeth Grubgeld, Randy Brandes, and Stephen Putzel.

Proposals for the 1987 MLA conference in San Francisco should be sent before October 15 to Lucy McDiarmid, English Department, Villanova Univ., Villanova, Penn. 19085. Proposals have already been submitted on Irish verse drama and the peasant in modern Irish fiction.

■ There will be three papers at the AHA/ACIS meeting in Chicago on December 29, 1986 between 2:30 and 4:30. The overall theme is "Anglo-Irish Relations in the Inter-War Years, 1921-1941," with Thomas Hachey as chairperson and Alan J. Ward as commentator. Papers are by Paul Conning, "Ireland, The Restless Dominion, 1921-41"; Maryann M. Valuilis, "The Irish Dimension to Anglo-Irish Relations"; and F.M. Carroll, "Irish American Relations, 1922-1935." Blanche Touhill will hold a reception in her hotel room from 4:30 to 7:00 immediately after the panel presentation.

Proposals for papers for the 1987 AHA/ACIS panel in Washington D.C. (Dec. 27-30) should be sent to Blanche Touhill as soon as possible.

Other Conferences of Interest

■ There will be a symposium on the modern Irish short story at the University of Angers, France, in November 1986 (no date available). Featured speakers include Ben Kiely, Mary Lavin, and V.S. Pritchett, who will give the keynote address. Write to Ben Forkner, Université D'Angers, 2 Rue Lakanal, 49045 Angers, France.

■ The Cushwa Center at the University of Notre Dame is hosting a conference on "Ireland and the United States: The Transatlantic Connection, 1700-1980," on April 10-11, 1987. Featured speakers include Gearoid O Tuathaigh, David Doyle, Kerby Miller, Mary E. Daly, and John A. Murphy. For program and registration information, write Dr. Peter Lombardo, Center for Continuing Education, Univ. of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind. 46556.

■ The departments of English of Marquette Univ. and Univ. of Milwaukee-Wis. are cosponsoring a national James Joyce conference to be held in Milwaukee, 11-16 June 1987. Details from Michael P. Gillespie, English Department, Marquette Univ., Milwaukee, Wis. 53233.

Regional Conferences

MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

— October 11, 1986. "The Dimensions of Irish Nationalism." Loyola University of Chicago. Details from Lawrence McCaffrey, History, 60626.

WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

— October 10-12, 1986. University of California Santa Barbara. Details from Donald Jordan, History, Menlo College, Atherton Calif. 94025.

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL

CONFERENCE — October 24-25, 1986. Elms College. "Constitutional and Revolutionary Nationalism." Details from Tom Moriarty and Catherine Shannon.

ATLANTIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE

— October 31-November 1, 1986. Howard Community College, Columbia Md. "Ireland and the World." Details from Jerrold Casway, History, 21045.

Other Conferences (cont.)

■ The Canadian Association for Irish Studies will be convening its 20th Annual Conference at the University of Saskatchewan, February 18-21, 1987. The theme will be "Irish Poetry: Regional and International Contexts." Details from Ronald Marken, Dept. of English, Univ. of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada S7N 0W0. Incidentally, the weather can be cold in February in sunny Saskatoon.

■ On October 16-18, 1986, Syracuse University and the American Historical Association will cosponsor an international conference, "Leopold von Ranke and the Shaping of the Historical Discipline," on the centennial of Ranke's death. The program is published in *Perspectives*. For more information, contact Prof. James M. Powell, History, Maxwell School, Syracuse Univ., Syracuse NY 13244.

■ "Victorian Scandals: Decorum and its Enemies" will be the topic of the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Midwest Victorian Studies Association in Chicago, April 24-25, 1987. For more information, contact Kristine Ottesen Garrigan, English, DePaul Univ., Chicago, Ill. 60614-3298.

Transitions

■ Bernard and Shari Benstock and Zach and Lindsay Bowen are now teaching at the University of Miami, Coral Gables. John Kelleher has retired from Harvard University after long years of distinguished service. (See a summer *Esquire* article on this.) Tony Cahill has moved to the University of Pennsylvania after spending the summer with Dot Finnegan in Borneo. The two are unconnected, Borneo and Pennsylvania, that is. Dot and Tony are, connected that is.

■ We sadly announce the deaths of Yvonne Durkan, wife of Michael Durkan, ACIS Other Disciplines Representative, and Raymond Porter, professor of English at Iona College, long a stalwart of Irish Studies.

Corrections and Amends

■ The editor of the ACIS Newsletter inadvertently neglected to include details of the 1985 Atlantic Regional Conference (his own conference!). The conference was organized by Lucy McDiarmid and Jim Murphy at Villanova University. Henry Glassie delivered the opening address, "Collaboration: Irish Writers and Tellers of Tales." There was a panel on history, with papers by James Myers, Gettysburg College, Renaissance Ireland; Raymond Hylton, University College Dublin, Irish Huguenots; and Thomas Greene, Villanova, English Catholic historical writings on Ireland in the early 19th century. The literary panel focused on myth and folklore, with papers by Maria Tymoczko, Univ. of Mass., Amherst, "Unity and Duality: A Theoretical Perspective on Irish Goddesses"; James Doan, Chamberlayne Jr. College, Boston, on

Cearbhall O Dalaigh; and Catherine McKenna, Queens College, "The Middle Welsh Dream Vision: Aspects of *Breuddyd Rhonabwy*." The final panel, on recent work on rural Irish anthropology, featured papers by Neasa Hegarty, Univ. of Wisconsin; Michael Simonton, Ohio State; and Ken Nilsen, St. Francis Xavier Univ. The closing address was given by Seán Ó Tuama of Univ. College Cork, who spoke on "Poetry in Modern Irish: The Changing Scene."

Call for ACIS Conference Site

■ President Robert Rhodes asks that anyone interested in hosting the 1987 conference to contact him at English Dept., SUNY at Cortland, Cortland NY 13045.

**Excerpts from Business Meeting Minutes
Boston, May 10, 1986**

■ Mary Helen Thuente reported that ACIS membership had doubled in the last year. As of May 10, there were 1236 members. (See updates elsewhere.)

■ Treasurer James Donnelly reported \$33,560.09 for income and \$15,659.89 for expenses, with a balance of \$17,900.20.

■ Donnelly reported that the Executive Committee unanimously recommended that the name of the organization be changed to the American Conference for Irish Studies. A mail ballot will be sent to members for their approval.

■ Bob Rhodes thanked Bill Feeney who is retiring as editor of the Research-in-Progress editor and asked for a volunteer to replace him.

■ A motion by Judy Walsh was passed which asked ACIS to endorse a full restoration of the Library of Congress funding which had been reduced by the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Bill.

■ Maureen Murphy reported that a third edition of the *Guide to Irish Studies in the U.S.* was in preparation and urged all members to respond to the questionnaire they received.

Updates

■ As of August 11, 1986, the count on the name change was 397 in favor and 42 against.

■ As of August 1, 1986, the total ACIS membership was 1300, with 1083 in the U.S. (New England—226; Atlantic—390; South—73; Midwest—223; and West—161), and 217 outside the U.S. (Canada—56; Ireland—79; Northern Ireland—20; England and Scotland—27; Continental Europe—20; Australia—13; and Japan—2).



INCOME	
Balance 4/22/85	\$10,528.71
Funds transferred by Catherine Shannon	
Deposit 5/29/85	10,700.00
Deposit 3/21/86	300.00
Dues as of 4/30/86	21,618.08
Sale of labels and lists	450.00
Interest	492.01
Total Receipts	\$33,560.09

EXPENSES	
A. ILS and ACIS Newsletter to members;	
Recruitment printing	\$8,626.60
B. Conference subsidies:	
Tacoma Conference	1,750.00
Western Regional	350.00
Atlantic Regional	100.00
MLA Hospitality	171.89
AHA Hospitality	70.92
Total	\$2,442.81
C. Donations:	
T.W. Moody Memorial Fund	100.00
Irish Georgian Society	100.00
Cahill Scholarship Fund	100.00
Donald Murphy Scholarship Fund	100.00
Flowers for Donald Murphy	50.00
Total	\$450.00
D. Mailing labels and advertisements	
Irish Echo ad	168.00
JJQ labels	60.00
R.R. Bowker labels	181.54
MLA labels	109.27
Total	\$518.81
E. Duplication Services, Letters and Science Copy Centers, U.W.-Madison	\$1,026.33
F. Postage, supplies and telephone, History Dept., U.W.-Madison	\$2,172.44
G. Treasurer's other expenses	\$152.26
H. Miscellaneous:	
Refunds of dues overpayment	59.75
Bad checks, exchange debits, etc.	161.89
Incorporation fee	25.00
Research report envelopes	24.00
Total	\$270.64

Total Expenses	\$15,659.89
BALANCE, APRIL 30, 1986	\$17,900.02

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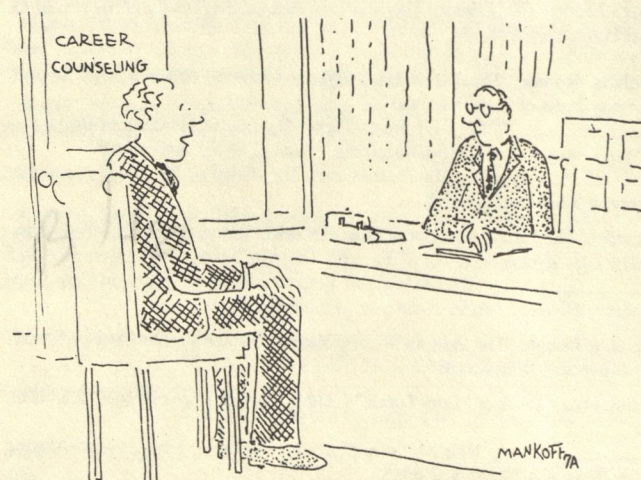
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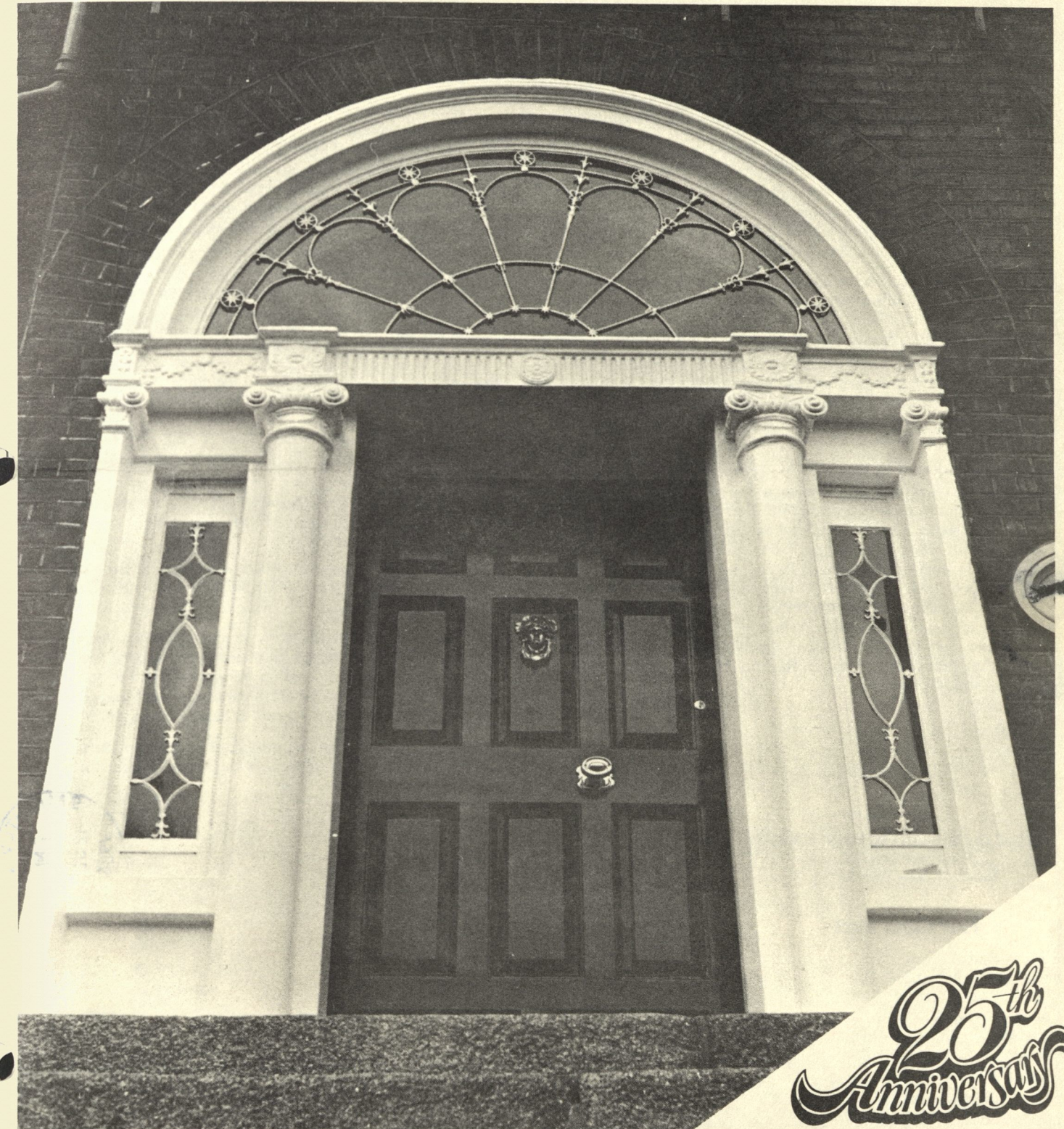
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The following members were appointed to the nominations committee for the 1987 elections at the May 7, 1986, Executive Committee meeting at Boston College: Maureen Murphy, Chair; Francis M. Carroll and Dorothy Finnegan. The nominations committee wishes to advise the membership of the procedures for 1987 election of officers and members of the Executive Committee.

- I. The following positions are elected by the entire membership:
 - A. Vice-President, who automatically becomes President after the 1987 national meeting.
 - B. Three discipline representatives, one each from History, Literature, and Other Disciplines.
- II. Except for the Secretary and the Treasurer, who are appointed by the entire Executive Committee, the other members of the Executive Committee are:
 - A. The Immediate Past President;
 - B. One representative from each of the four regions: New England, Mid-Atlantic, Mid-West, and Western, for a total of four regional representatives, with regional organizations conducting their own elections on a timetable appropriate to completing them before the next annual conference.
- III. The current Executive Committee is composed of President Robert E. Rhodes who remains on the new Executive Committee as immediate Past President; Vice-President: Maureen Murphy who succeeds to the Presidency in July 1987; Secretary: Mary Helen Thuente; Treasurer: James S. Donnelly, Jr.; History Representative: Blanche M. Touhill; Literature Representative: Dillon Johnston; Other Disciplines Representative: Michael Durkan; New England Representative: Adele Dalsimer; Atlantic Representative: Maryann Valiulis; Mid-West Representative: Lawrence McCaffrey; Western Representative: James P. Walsh; Past President: Thomas E. Hachey; ACIS Newsletter Editor: Robert G. Lowery.

- IV. Those eligible to vote must be dues-paying members as of December 1, 1986.
- V. Any member eligible to vote is eligible to nominate any other eligible member, including members of the Executive Committee, to the position of Vice-President, Literature Representative, History Representative, and Other Disciplines Representative. Regional elections will be held as stipulated by their own By-Laws.
- VI. The nominations committee urges eligible members to nominate members for offices and, of course, to vote. While all dues-paying members are eligible to serve as officers, the nominations committee recommends members to consider those individuals who have demonstrated their service to ACIS by the quality and length of their service and by their scholarship. Members making nominations are asked to observe the following procedures:
 - A. Nominations may be made to any member of the nominations committee.
 - B. A letter is not necessary; however, some brief statement will help the committee to make decisions.
 - C. Please secure the permission of the nominee before making a nomination.
- VII. Nomination should be made to the nominations committee by December 15, 1986. Write or call any of the members of the committee:

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- VIII. Following its deliberations, the nominating committee will post, early in 1987, to all eligible members, a letter carrying brief *vitae* of nominees and other election information, and a ballot on a stamped postcard addressed to the chair of the nominating committee. The deadline for receipt of ballots will be April 1, 1987.
- IX. Questions about eligibility, procedures and other matters relevant to the nominations and elections should be directed to the chair of the nominations committee.

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