American Conference for Irish Studies

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 1990

Annual Conference

The annual meeting of The American Conference for Irish Studies will be held at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, April 26-28, 1990. More information will be mailed to all paid-up ACIS members shortly.

Conference Site Sought

ACIS is presently looking for a site for its 1991 conference. Write to James Donnelly, ACIS President, with suggestions (see address at left).

Correction

Last issue's reference to Dufour Editions in the U.S. in the last ACIS newsletter was misleading. Irish Book Sales has two distributors in the U.S.: Irish Books & Media and Dufour Editions. Dufour Editions concentrates on the library and trade market, and Irish Books & Media concentrates on the gift and craft outlets and also a large mailing operation. The editor apologizes.

Awards and Prizes

- The Irish American Cultural Institute, publishers of Eire-Ireland, has announced the establishment of a cash prize of $500, to be known as the "Four Masters Award," which will be given annually to honor the outstanding historical essay treating Irish or Irish-American themes to appear in Eire-Ireland in the preceding year. The first award, given for articles in Volume XXIV (1989), will be presented in March 1990.
- The winner of the second annual Irish language short story competition, sponsored by Irish Books & Graphics (90 West Broadway, NYC 10007), was Sean Gillen of the Bronx, N.Y. The prize was $100. For rules of entry, contact Irish Books & Graphics (212-962-4237).
- The New York History Roundtable has announced a John O'Connor Award for the best graduate work on any aspect of the experience of the Irish in New York City and vicinity. The work should be primarily historical, but work done in related disciplines will also be considered. The award is made possible by an endowment from the New York-based Irish Institute, one of whose founders was John O'Connor. For more information and requirements, write to the New York Irish History Roundtable, P.O. Box 2087, Church Mission Station, New York, N.Y. 10007.

Irish Studies Chair at BC

Boston College has announced the creation of a new position: the Burns Library Visiting Scholar in Irish Studies. This chair, endowed by the Burns Foundation of San Francisco, will provide the University with an opportunity to enrich its intellectual life by bringing a distinguished scholar, writer or artist to the John J. Burns Library of Rare Books and Special Collections. The chair will be offered yearly to a person who has made significant contributions to the Irish cultural and/or intellectual life, and who will use the Special Irish Collection at the Burns Library for her or his own research. The duties of the scholar will be to teach one Irish Studies course per semester and to deliver two public lectures per semester, or part thereof. Inquiries should be made to Dr. Robert O'Neill, Burns Librarian, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Mass. 02167.

Irish Maps at L of C

An exhibition of maps of Ireland will go on display at the Library of Congress beginning February 7, 1990, until approximately July 1. Entitled "Maps of the Emerald Isle," the exhibit will include 65 historical and modern maps and atlases of Ireland. The exhibit will be displayed in the corridor outside of the Geography and Map Division Reading Room located in Room B-01 of the James Madison Memorial Building, 1st and Independence Avenue S.E., Washington D.C. 20540 (tele. 202-707-8540)

Conferences and Summer Schools

- A seminar abroad at The Irish-American College, Galway. Write to Dr. Michael C. Connolly, Irish-American College, c/o St. Joseph's College, Windham, ME 04062.
- Semester in Irish Studies at University College Dublin. Sponsored by Irish Studies Program, Stonehill College, N. Easton, MA 02357.

In Memoriam

JAMES S. DONELLY, SR.,
father of James S. Donnelly, Jr.,
ACIS President
To Do
1. Call Bank
2. Dry Cleaner
3. Forge in the smithy
   of my soul the
   unrelieved conscience
   of my race.
4. Call mom

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