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NEWSLETTER

ACIS National Conference, University College Galway, 4-11 July 1992

A Call for Papers. The theme for the conference will be "An Island between Two Worlds: Ireland, Europe, and the Americas." This theme, however, is non-exclusionary. ACIS members are invited to submit proposals for individual papers or for sessions, particularly panels that approach a common topic from different disciplinary perspectives. We also invite inquiries from members interested in participating in a round table panel discussion on Irish Studies. The deadline for receipt of proposals is 1 October 1991. Send one-page proposals to Prof. Mary Helen Thuente/English Dept./Indiana U.-Purdue U./Fort Wayne, IN 45805 USA. E-mail: thuente@ipfvcvax.bitnet. Fax: (219) 481-6880. It is hoped that formal acceptances will be issued by 1 December 1991. Anyone wishing to be included on the program must be a current dues-paying member of ACIS.

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CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Local Arrangements for ACIS National Conference, Galway, 1992

This marks our first joint conference with the Canadian Association for Irish Studies. Local organizers--Nicholas Canny, Seamus O'Grady, and Gearoid O Tuathaigh--report that the cost of the conference for participants should approximate that of one at a North American venue. Hotel and B&B are available. ACIS has also reserved 392 beds at Baile Na Coiribe, UCG Student Residences. Michael Patrick Gillespie toured these accommodations in May, and found them both extremely comfortable and quite convenient for all conference activities. The residences are two story buildings with three or four rooms on each floor sharing bathroom and kitchen facilities. Most rooms are single, but there are some rooms with two single beds, and special provisions can be made for non-smokers and for the physically handicapped. Arrangements can be made for those wishing to share a room or to share a particular floor. Charges for all rooms will be £15/person/night and include continental breakfast. A special conference mailing will be sent to all members early in January of 1992 with full details. Reservations for Baile Na Coiribe accompanied by advance payments must be received by 17 March 1992. The formal conference opens with registration on July 5th and the option for a boat trip to the Aran Islands. Informal conference proceedings will continue throughout the week with receptions or cultural events on most evenings and bus tours of Connemara and of the Burren in County Clare on Tuesday and Thursday in the afternoon. Mary Robinson, President of Ireland, has accepted an invitation to address the conference.

Flight Information

Jim MacKillop reports that Ward Travel Agency of New York, an Irish travel specialist and Aer Lingus/Delta volume dealer, has agreed to give ACIS members the best possible fares. Prices have not yet been set, but MacKillop anticipates that they will range from \$500 to \$579 from Boston or New York to Shannon. Sale fares will be available until 29 February 1992. For information call Ward Travel (800) 251-6161 (outside New York) or (212) 262-5151 or (718) 651-6161.



Irish Literature Panels at the 1991 MLA in San Francisco

Contemporary Literature from the North of Ireland, Friday, 27 December, 5:15-6:30 p.m., Lassen, Hilton.

Presiding: Jacqueline McCurry, Univ. of Connecticut, Storrs.

"Terrible Mistakes": Brian Friel's Antihistories. Michael Mays, Univ. of Washington.

The Dismembering Muse in Carson, Muldoon, and Heaney. Rand Brandes, Lenoir-Rhyne Coll.

Dissent and Descent: The Family Romance of Northern Irish Poetry. Guinn Batten, Duke University.

The Conflict of Irelands in Four Modern Writers, Saturday, 28 December, 3:30-4:45 p.m., Tiburn B, Hilton.

Presiding: Alexander G. Gonzalez, S.U.N.Y.--Cortland.

Swans on the Cesspool: Yeats, "Leda," and the Catholic Press. Elizabeth Butler Cullingford, Univ. of Texas--Austin.

Pen and Post: Kinsella after Joyce. W. Dillon Johnston, Wake Forest Univ.

No Country for Young Women: Julia O'Faolain and Ironic Historical Revisionism. Mary Fitzgerald-Hoyt, Siena Coll.

The Censurous Voice: Viewing and Re-viewing Irish Poetry, Monday, 30 December, 12:00-1:15 p.m., Sonoma, Hilton.

Presiding: Michael Patrick Gillespie, Marquette Univ.

Yeats' A Vision: Voices of Commission and Omission. Meg Harper, Georgia State Univ.

Seamus Heaney's North: Oscillating Perspectives. Michael Molino, Iowa State Univ.

Seamus Heaney's Station Island: Questioning Orthodoxy and Commitment. Catharine Malloy, Mount Mary Coll.

Respondent: Sandra M. Pearce, Moorehead State Univ.

Irish History Panels at the 1991 AHA Convention in Chicago

Popular Religion in Modern Ireland, 1627-1950

Presiding: Kerby Miller, Univ. of Missouri

William Bedell and Protestant Gaelophilism in Ireland in the Reign of Charles I. Karl Bottigheimer, S.U.N.Y.-

Dear ACIS Colleague:

I am gathering material for the Fourth Edition of A Guide to Irish Studies in the United States and need your help. Please take a moment to answer the following questions and return the sheet to me.

Changes for the entry of a previously listed institution:

For a new entry, please answer the following questions on the reverse of this sheet:

1. Can a student pursue a degree in Irish Studies? a minor? a concentration?
2. What graduate and undergraduate courses of Irish interest are regularly offered? How often, every semester, every year, every other year?
3. Describe any special features of your Irish Studies program: Special library holdings, research opportunities, study tours, Irish language.
4. What are the admissions criteria for graduate program? Requirements for M.A./Ph.D. (Language, exam, thesis)? Current costs? Financial Aid? Admissions deadlines?
5. Does your institution offer any non-credit, continuing education courses in Irish for your non-student adult community?
6. Name the contact person at your institution for further information about Irish Studies.

I am also concerned with programs offered by Irish cultural, fraternal or community groups that focus on Irish culture. Would you include any details about such programs or any other special resources?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Stony Brook.

The Parish Mission in Ireland, 1840-1880. Emmet Larkin,
Univ. of Chicago.

The Lough Derg Pilgrimage and Popular Religion in Modern
Ireland. James S. Donnelly, Jr., Univ. of Wisconsin.

Regional Conferences

New England Region

"Revising Ireland." To be held 25-26 Oct. at Stonehill
College. For further information, write to Richard Finnegan,
Stonehill College, North Easton, MA 02357.

Mid-Atlantic Region

"From Parnell to 1916 and Beyond." To be held 1-2 Nov. at
Penn St. Univ.-Ogontz. For further information, write to
Tramble Turner, Penn St. Univ.-Ogontz, 1600 Woodland
Drive, Abington, PA 19001.

Southern Region

"Ireland: Text, Context, Subtext." To be held 13-14 March
1992 at Lenoir-Rhyne College. For further information,
write to Rand Brandes, English Dept., P.O. Box 7214, Lenoir-
Rhyne College, Hickory, NC 28603.

Midwest Region

To be held 18-19 Oct. at the Univ. of Notre Dame. (This
immediately follows a national conference on Jonathan Swift
to be held there on 16-17 Oct.) For further information,
write to Christopher Fox, English Dept., Univ. of Notre
Dame, Notre Dame IN 46556.

Western Region

To be held 11-13 Oct. at the Univ. of the Pacific. For further
information, write to Kara Brewer, Center for Integrated
Studies, University of the Pacific, Stockton CA 95211.

National and International Conferences

The 1992 James Joyce International Symposium will be held
in Dublin. 11-16 June [tentative dates] 1992. Paper proposals
and general inquiries should be sent to Karen R. Lawrence,
English Dept., Univ. of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT 84112.

The 1992 IASAIL conference "Creativity and Its Context" will
be held at Trinity College Dublin, 12-16 July 1992. For
information write Terence Brown, Trinity College, Dublin,
Ireland.

ACIS is still soliciting invitations from host institutions for

our 1993 conference.

Calls for papers

ACIS sessions at the MLA 27-30 December 1992 in New York Send abstracts or papers--no longer than 8 double-spaced pages--to Anthony Bradley, English Dept., Univ. of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05401. Deadline, 31 January 1992. Those interested in submitting proposals for a Celtic Studies session on "Celticity in 20th-Century Literature" should send 1-page abstracts or 8-11 page papers to Dr. James Doan, Dept. of Liberal Arts, Nova Univ., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314. Deadline, 15 March 1992.

ACIS sessions at the AHA 1992 27-30 December Send proposals to Ruth-Ann Harris, History Dept., Northeastern Univ., Boston, MA 02115.

Working Papers in Irish Studies solicits mss. dealing with any aspect of Irish or Irish-American Studies. Graduate students and junior scholars are particularly encouraged to submit work, of any length, to The Editor, Working Papers in Irish Studies, 236 Huntington Ave., Northeastern Univ., Boston, MA 02115.

New Rivers Press seeks poetry, short fiction, essays, or memoirs for a new anthology of Irish-American writing edited by Ethna McKiernan. Send submissions to Irish Anthology, c/o New Rivers Press, 420 N. 5th, Suite 910, Minneapolis, MN 55401.

Announcements

Former ACIS president, Maureen Murphy, has been elected chair of IASAIL. Other officers include Martin Croghan (Sec.) Eamonn Hughes (Tres.), Werner Huber (Election Off.)

Dee Gee Lester has graciously agreed to become the new Editor of the annual ACIS Research Report. Riana O'Dwyer of UC-Galway has agreed to become European Sub-Treasurer. ACIS election results were announced in April at the National Conference. The letterhead of this newsletter reflects those results. Also at the National Conference, the members present at the Annual Business Meeting approved an ACIS contribution of \$2000 to the National Library of Ireland and \$500 to the Linen Hall Library Belfast.

The Second Annual Mr. Dooley School will be held 11-13 October at the Chicago Irish-American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox, Chicago ILL. 60630. For further information and for advance registration contact Mary O'Reilly at the Irish-American Heritage Center.

"The Irish Emigrant," a weekly distillation of Irish news may

be obtained by sending a request with an e-mail address to: irish-net-REQUEST@cs.cornell.edu. The service is free, though a small donation is requested around Christmas time.

The Irish American Cultural Institute has announced an annual Visiting Fellowship in Irish Studies at UC-Galway. The fellowship is open to scholars who normally reside in the US and whose academic work concerns any aspect of Irish Studies and who wish to spend a semester in study and residence at UCG. The fellowship provides a stipend of \$13,000 plus transatlantic transportation. For applications or further information write James Rogers, Director of Operations, Irish American Cultural Institute, 2115 Summit Ave., University of St. Thomas (5026), St. Paul MN 55105.

John Campbell, one of Ireland's finest and best-known storytellers, will tour the US next spring with Len Graham a traditional Irish vocalist. The tour schedule for May/June 1992 is currently being put together. For further information contact Carmel McGill at (202) 898-4277.

With the Franciscan Community of the Boston Archdiocese Timothy S. Lemire is compiling a collection of humorous religious short stories of the Irish, tentatively entitled Sure, Jesus Laughed. Lemire is asking ACIS members to suggest titles of Irish short stories that would fit the requirements of such a collection. His address is 11 Putnam St. #1R, Somerville, MA 02143.

Prof. Alexander V. Miroshnikov, has become the first Soviet member of ACIS. Members interested in corresponding with Prof. Miroshnikov can write to him at Lenin Square, 15, Fl. 1, 394000, Boronezh, USSR.

From the Editors. If you move, to insure uninterrupted receipt of your Newsletter and of the ILS, send change of address to the editors of the Newsletter and to Robert Lowery, Editor, ILS, 114 Paula Blvd., Selden, NY 11784.

IN MEMORIAM

Irish writer Sean O'Faolain died in Dublin on April 20th. O'Faolain, born in County Cork on 22 February 1900, was highly respected both as a novelist and as an author of short stories. His works include A Nest of Simple Folk, Midsummer Night Madness, An Irish Journey, Newman's Way, The Talking Trees, and numerous collections of short stories.

Noted scholar Brendan O Hehir died in Berkeley on March 31st. Prof. O Hehir was born in Manhattan and raised in Ireland. He gained distinction as an expert in both Celtic and Anglo-Irish studies. Among his books are A Gaelic Lexicon for Finnegans Wake, and A Classical Lexicon of Finnegans Wake.

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