NEWSLETTER

ACIS National Meeting
at University College Galway
5-10 July 1992

Members will receive the program and registration materials in early January. Thus far the planning has proceeded as follows. The program committee received over 300 proposals from ACIS and CAIS members, and the resulting program is rich and varied. One special session on The Field Day Anthology will feature Edna Longley, Colm Toibin, and several Field Day editors. Local organizers Nicholas Canny, Gearoid O Tuathaigh, and Seamus O’Grady have put together a stimulating week-long program of cultural and social events. Plenary addresses will be given by Irish President Mary Robinson, former Prime Minister Garrett Fitzgerald, and Terry Eagleton. John McGahern will read from his works. Several other distinguished writers, including Jennifer Johnston and Michael Davitt, have also been invited. There will be a pre-conference tour to the Aran Islands on 5 July, a tour through the Burren and Clare on 7 July, and a tour of Connemara on 9 July. Evening events will include receptions and musical and theatrical programs. Reasonable accommodations will be available to conference participants at Corrib Village on the UCG campus.

Flight Information. Jim MacKillop reports that Ward Travel Agency of New York, in conjunction with Aer Lingus (which serves New York, Boston, and Chicago), has agreed to offer ACIS and CAIS members special fares to attend the Galway conference. The fare will be lower than the "non-refundable" and lower than the generally-available sale fare to be announced some time in late November. Unfortunately, neither the sale fare nor the ACIS & CAIS fares were available when the Newsletter went to press. For information call Ward Travel (800) 251-6161 (outside New York) or (212) 262-5151 or (718) 651-6161.
American Conference for Irish Studies Newsletter

Conference Announcements

Irish Literature Panels at the 1991 MLA Convention in San Francisco

Contemporary Literature from the North of Ireland Friday, 27 December, 5:15-6:30 p.m., Lassen, Hilton. Jacqueline McCurry (Chair), Michael Mays, Rand Brandes, Guinn Batten.

The Conflict of Ireland in Four Modern Writers Saturday, 28 December, 3:30-4:45 p.m., Tiburon B, Hilton. Alexander G. Gonzalez (chair), Elizabeth Butler Cullingford, Dillon Johnstone, Mary Fitzgerald-Hoyt.


The Censurable Voice: Viewing and Reviewing Irish Poetry Monday, 30 December, 12:00-1:15 p.m., Sonoma, Hilton. Michael Patrick Gillespie (chair), Meg Harper, Michael Molino, Catharine Malloy, Sandra M. Pearce.

ACIS James Joyce Foundation Party at the MLA

ACIS and the Joyce Foundation will host a joint party at the MLA Convention in San Francisco on 28 December from 6:30 p.m. in Tony Bradley's suite at the Fairmont Hotel.

Irish History Panel at the 1991 AHA Convention in Chicago

Popular Religion in Modern Ireland, 1627-1950

Kirkby Miller (Chair), Karl Bottigheimer, Emmet Larkin, James S. Donnelly, Jr.

ACIS Party at the AHA

Jim Donnelly will host an ACIS party at the AHA Convention in Chicago on 29 December from 5-7 in his suite at the Congress Hotel, 520 S. Michigan.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES:

The 1992 James Joyce International Symposium will be held in Dublin, 14-20 June, 1992. Paper proposals and general inquiries should be sent to Morris Beja, English, Ohio State University, Columbus OH 43210.

1992 IASAIL Conference

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.

ACIS Book Prize Awards

President Mary Helen Thesen has announced the following winners of this year's ACIS book prize:

1. The Prize for Literary Criticism: Charles Fanning's The Irish Voice in American Fiction (Univ. of Kentucky Press).


1992 ACIS Book Prizes

Three books, each prize of $500 each will be awarded in 1991 in the following categories:

Literary Criticism and Related Fields: Works in literary criticism, literary history, folklore, Irish-language studies, the history of art and architecture, the history of music, the history of ideas, and intellectual history.

History and Social Sciences: All other history and social sciences.

First Book: The first books of junior scholars.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

ACIS sessions at the MLA 27-30 December 1992 in New York.


The New England American Studies Association (NEASA) will meet on 25 April 1992 at Assumption College in Worcester, MA. Papers may be proposed on any topic in any historical field or period. For information contact

Peter Holloran, Pine Manor College, 400 Heath St., Chestnut Hill, MA 02167. (617) 731-7066.

A conference entitled "Victorian Ireland Revisited" will be held at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, 17-18 July 1992. It will feature keynote addresses by Prof. R.V. Comerford and Prof. Terrence Brown. Other papers, of twenty minutes duration, dealing with the changing nature of the study of nineteenth-century Ireland are welcomed. To propose a paper or to obtain further information write to Dr. Chris Morash, English Dept., St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland.

The Northeast Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies has issued a call for papers for its 15-18 October 1992 conference at SUNY-Stony Brook. The conference's theme will be "The World(s) of the Eighteenth Century." Proposals should be sent to Prof. Rose Zimbaro, English Dept., SUNY-Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794-5350. The deadline for submissions is 10 January 1992.

Announcements:

Current ACIS vice-president, Blanche M. Toulhill, was inaugurated as sixth Chancellor of the University of Missouri-St. Louis on 12 September 1991.

Carmel McGill, Northern Ireland Cultural Exchange Officer for the British Council, has sent the following announcements: A post-conference tour to Northern Ireland for members of ACIS and IASAIL resident in the United States is being planned for immediately following the IASAIL conference in July. The tour will last four days and will explore the cultural riches of the North of Ireland. British Council Fellowships are available for research and post-graduate study at museums and universities in Northern Ireland. Applications for 1992/93 are currently being accepted. For further information write Carmel McGill, NICE Officer, The British Council, 3100 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008.

The 1992 John Hewitt Summer School will be held at St. MacNamara College, Carrick, Co. Antrim, 27 July-1 August. This year's theme will be "The Importance of Being Elsewhere." Paul Muldoon will be one of the featured speakers. Scholarships for post-graduate students are available. For further information, contact Edna Longley, English Dept., Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland B77 1NN.

Jim McLlkip will lead his fifth annual tour of Irish theaters in Galway and Dublin, 23-31 May 1992. For information write or call Jim at 108 Limestone Lane, Syracuse, NY 13219, (315) 468-0150.

ACIS member Elizabeth A. Sheehan has been awarded a 1991-92 National Academy of Education Spencer
Fellowship to support a study called "Higher Education and the European Community: A Case Study of the Irish University."

Anne Marie Countie, completing a Master's Degree at Harvard Univ., writes to solicit information related to the Celtic festival of BEALTAINE (1 May). Of particular interest would be folklore examples of traditions and celebrations associated with this festival, especially from Ireland but also from other Celtic traditions. Also very helpful would be information on resources or contacts located in Ireland. Countie can be reached at 1 Oxford St. #123, Cambridge, MA 02138.

The Canadian Journal of Irish Studies has devoted its July 1991 issue to John McGahern with essays by McGahern, Denis Sampson, and others.

The Zurich James Joyce Foundation announces continuation of its Charles Peake workshop series, featuring an informal one week gathering in August for close scrutiny of aspects of Joyce's canon. A Foundation scholarship is also available to help support longer periods of study. For further information write Fritz Senn, Zurich James Joyce Foundation, AugustinerGasse 9, CH-8001 Zurich, Switzerland.

From the Editors

If you move, to insure uninterrupted receipt of your Newsletter and ILS, send change of address to the ACIS Treasurer, Jim MacKillop. We are also grateful to Sid Poger for pointing out that the upcoming Galway conference is not the first joint ACIS/CAIS effort but rather occurs a decade after a Vermont meeting co-sponsored by the two organizations.

IN MEMORIAM

Noted scholar Barbara Hayley died in an automobile accident in Ireland in May. Hayley's several books on William Carleton made her a major figure in Anglo-Irish Studies. She was Chair of the English Department at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, and had served as secretary and vice-president of the International Association for the Study of Anglo-Irish Literature.