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ACIS Elections

At the Belfast ACIS meeting James MacKillop assumed the position of ACIS President and announced the following individuals as winners of the recent elections: Vice President, Lucy McDiarmid; History Representative, Nancy Curtin; Literature Representative, Maureen Waters; Social Science Representative, Liz Mitchell; Irish Language Representative, Coilin Owens; Celtic Studies Representative, Catherine McKenna; and Arts Representative, Brian McIlroy. MacKillop also announced the appointments of Anthony Bradley as Secretary and John Harrington as Treasurer. We offer our congratulations to the new officers, and thanks to the members of the previous executive committee for their efforts over the past two years.

Dues Reminder

ACIS Treasurer, John Harrington, will be sending out membership renewal notices during the month of September. Please fill out the form that you receive and return it with payment at once to insure continuing delivery of the ILS and the ACIS Newsletter and to maintain eligibility for participation in ACIS conferences. Some members who have already submitted their 1995-1996 dues may receive a renewal notice. Those falling into this category are asked to disregard it.

ACIS Book Awards

Preliminary planning has begun for the 1995 ACIS Book Award Competition. Categories include: the Donald Murphy Prize for First Book; the James S. Donnelly, Sr., Prize for History and Social Sciences; and the Prize for Literary Criticism and Related Fields. Nominations may be made by either the author or his or her publisher. For further information, contact James MacKillop, English Department, Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, NY 13215.

ACIS Annual

ACIS President James MacKillop appointed the following individuals to the Journal/Publications Committee for terms of two years: L. Perry Curtis, James Doan, Lucy McDiarmid, Shaun O'Connell, and Mary Helen Thunte (chair). The committee has already selected a proposal from Anthony Bradley and Maryann Valiulis to co-edit the first volume of the ACIS Annual on the topic of "Gender in Modern Ireland." Send proposals for essays by 31 October 1995 to Anthony Bradley, Department of English, University of Vermont, Burlington VT 05450. Proposals for future issues of the annual may also be sent to Professor Bradley and should include names of the two co-editors (from different disciplines) and the topic of the volume.

ACIS National Conferences

Plans are moving forward for the 1996 ACIS conference to be held from 17-20 April 1996 at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. The conference theme--Irish Cultures/(A)cross Cultures--is meant to attract proposals and to generate interdisciplinary discussion on (1) the many cultures that have comprised Ireland and the Irish diaspora, and (2) the interactions among these cultures and other cultures. The function of this theme is to provide the conference with an overall focus, not to exclude anyone. All proposals are welcome, and potential participants are asked to send one-page abstracts of papers or two- to three-page abstracts of full panels by 1 November 1995 to Charles Fanning, Department of English, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Carbondale, IL 62901-4503. FAX: (618) 453-3253. The conference will feature a poetry reading by Seamus Heaney, a fiction reading by Albany novelist William Kennedy, and a studio production of an Irish play by the SIUC Theatre Department.

Organizers of the 1995 ACIS/CAIS meeting in Belfast report that it was an unqualified success. The official attendance figure of 526 makes it the largest meeting yet held. 235 participated in panels or gave papers. The conference also featured stellar presentations by Seamus Heaney, Michael Longely, Jennifer Johnston, Medbh McGuuckian and others. Day trips to Armagh, Derry, and Donegal nicely complemented the academic program. All in attendance were deeply grateful to Brian Walker, Sophie King, and Jim MacKillop for the work that they put into making the gathering such a rewarding experience.

British Council Travel Awards

The British Council provided funding for the cost of five airline tickets for travel from the US to the conference in Belfast. In recognition of past service, the Executive Committee offered the tickets to James MacKillop, Emmet Larkin, Maureen Murphy, Thomas Hachey, Mary Helen Thuente, and Alan Ward. James Donnelly and Robert Rhodes gratefully declined these awards.

Regional Conference Announcements

The New England Region Conference meeting, entitled "Ireland and the Great Hunger," will be held 29-30 September 1995 at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH. For further information, contact Charles Curran, Department of Communication and Theatre Arts, Stonehill College, North Easton, MA 02357. e-mail: curran@lcc.stonehill.edu

The Mid-Atlantic Region Conference meeting, entitled "Images of Ireland: Myths and Reality," will be held 10-11

November 1995 at California University of Pennsylvania. For further information contact Fred Lapisardi, 312 Van Buren Ave., West Brownsville, PA 15417.

The Midwest Region Conference meeting, entitled "Remembering the Famine," will be held 6-7 October 1995 at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana. For further information, contact Professor Joseph O'Rourke, Department of Speech, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. (317) 364-4246.

The Seventh Annual Southern Regional ACIS Meeting, an Interdisciplinary Conference, will be held 15-17 February 1996 at the University of North Carolina. Send abstracts for paper or panel proposals or inquiries for further information to Weldon Thornton, English Department, Campus Box 3520, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599. Office phone: (919) 962-4042; Home phone (919) 967-6886. FAX: (919) 962-3520. The deadline for proposals is 17 November 1995.

The Western Region Conference meeting will be held at the University of Arizona in Tucson, 6-8 October 1995. For further information, contact Ann Weekes, Humanities Division, Harvill Building, University of Arizona, Tucson AZ 85721.

National and International Conferences

The Ulster-American Folk Park will sponsor a conference entitled "The Hungry Stream: Emigration from Ireland during the Great Famine." The conference will take place at the park from 7-9 September 1995. For further information contact John A. Walsh, Head of Museum Services, Ulster-American Folk Park, Mellon Road, Castletown, Omagh, County Tyrone, BT78 5QY, Northern Ireland.

The Northeast Conference on British Studies will hold its 1995 meeting on 29-30 September at Brown University. For further information contact Robert Tittler, History Department, Concordia University, 7141 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, Quebec H4B 1R6, Canada. e-mail: tittler@vax2.concordia.ca

A "Bicentennial Celebration of the O'Sullivan/Sullivans" will be held in October in Sullivan, Maine. For further information, contact Dr. Eileen A. Sullivan, The Irish Educational Association, 7900 A1A South #214A, St. Augustine, FL 32086.

ACIS will sponsor two panels at the 1995 MLA Convention in Chicago, 27-30 December. The first, "Recent Irish Fiction," will be held on Thursday, 28 December, 7:15-8:30 p.m., in the

(National and International Conferences, continued) Field Room, Hyatt Regency. The second, "Cultural Politics in Irish Literature," 29 December, 12:00-1:45 p.m., in the Addams room, Hyatt Regency. The ACIS cocktail party will be hosted on the 28th or the 29th by Mary Helen Thuente. Details of the party will appear in the Winter issue of the Newsletter.

Calls for Papers

ACIS will sponsor two panels at the MLA convention to be held in Chicago, 27-30 December 1996. Session one is entitled "The Autobiographical Voice" and session two is still an open topic. Literature Representative, Maureen Waters, has asked that anyone interested in participating in either panel send a one page proposal to her at the Department of English, Queens College, 6530 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, NY 11367-1597. The deadline for these submissions is 1 March 1996.

The Princess Grace Irish Library of the Principality of Monaco has announced that its next international conference, "That Other World: The Supernatural and the Fantastic in Irish and Other Literatures," will be held in Monte Carlo from 24 to 27 May 1996. All are invited to attend. There will be no registration fee and no parallel sessions. Proposals for papers can be sent to the Library's Director, Dr. C. George Sandulescu, The Princess Grace Irish Library, 9 rue Princesse Marie de Lorraine, MC 98000, MONACO. Phone: 33-93-50-12-25. FAX: 33-93-50-66-65.

The University Press of Kentucky wishes to announce a new series in Irish Studies, and invites the submission of book manuscripts and proposals in all branches of Irish literature, history, and cultural studies. Please send inquiries to Jonathan Allison, Irish Studies Series, Department of English, University of Kentucky, 1215 Patterson Tower, Lexington, KY 40506-0027.

Grants and Fellowships

The American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies is soliciting applications for its inaugural Irish-American research travel fellowship in the amount of \$1,000. All members of ASECS residing in America are eligible. Applications are available from Dr. A.C. Elias, Jr., 318 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118. The deadline for applications is 1 November 1995.

News of Members

The Irish American Cultural Institute has announced that Elizabeth Butler Cullingford will be the next holder of the annual IACI Visiting Fellowship in Irish Studies at University College Galway. She will be completing work for the study,

"Romans and Carthaginians: Anti-Colonial Metaphors in Ireland." The IACI has also announced that grants funded by the Irish Institute of New York and the O'Shaughnessy have been awarded to Mary P. Corcoran, Anne Butler, David Brundage, and Michael Montgomery.

Anne Colman has received a junior research fellowship at the Institute for Irish Studies, The Queen's University Belfast. The one year fellowship begins 1 October 1995.

The U.S. Department of Education, Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education, has awarded Southern Illinois University at Carbondale a grant of \$236,000 over three years to fund faculty workshops to design multi-disciplinary, team-taught Irish and Irish Immigration Studies courses. The grant was written and will be directed by Charles Fanning.

The Florida James Joyce Series of the University Press of Florida has recently published two books by ACIS members. Martha Fodaski Black's Shaw and Joyce: "The Last Word in Stolen Telling" and Roy Gottfried's Joyce's Iritis and the Irritated Text. Gottfried's book was the 1995 SAMLA Book Award Winner.

Edwin Mellen Press has published Robert E. Ward's An Encyclopedia of Irish Schools 1500-1800.

Susan Bazargan's essay "W.B. Yeats, Autobiography, and Colonialism" is forthcoming in Yeats: An Annual of Critical and Textual Studies.

Announcements

A new journal of poetry, fiction, and essays, Crab Orchard Review, is about to be launched by Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. It will be edited by ACIS member Richard F. Peterson and the first issue (Fall 1995) will include fiction by Rachel Hall, Ira Sadoff, and Maura Stanton, an essay by Hope Edelman, poetry by Edward Hirsch, Pattiann Rogers, Elizabeth Alexander, and Gilian Conoley, and an interview with Jane Smiley. The second issue (Spring 1996) will feature Irish and Irish Diaspora Writing and will appear in conjunction with the 1996 ACIS National Conference hosted by SIU. Manuscripts of poetry, fiction, and creative non-fiction for the Irish and Irish Diaspora issue are invited. For further information contact Richard F. Peterson, English Department, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Carbondale, IL 62901-4503.

Effective 1 September 1995, the new address for the Irish American Cultural Institute will be 19 Pine Street, Morristown, New Jersey 07960. Phone: (201) 605-1991. FAX: (201) 605-8875.

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(News of Members, continued)

Robert Lowery has ridden his Harley onto the information highway. Reviewers for ILS can send reviews to him via e-mail at the following address:
rlowery.76601.1570.compuserve.com

Irish Studies on the Internet

In the Fall 1993 issue of the newsletter Michael Durkan explained how internet users could subscribe to the Irish Studies bulletin board. A change in the list server has modified slightly those instructions.

To subscribe send the following message: subscribe irish-studies

Send the message to: majordomo@cc.swathmore.edu

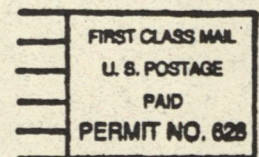
The list is unmoderated. Any messages sent to the list will be sent to all subscribers. Subscriptions are free.

A Collector's Item

Although the editors do feel prescient at times, our abilities do not extend to predicting future ACIS news. Thus, although the last issue of our newsletter was labelled Winter 1995 it should have properly read Spring 1995. We apologize for any confusion that this might have caused.

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