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## Cuireadh - Invitation

On Saturday, 15 February 2003, the Society will launch a new joint publication with the Locus Placenames Project which is based in the Department of Early and Medieval Irish at University College, Cork. The publication is the first fascicle of a new Dictionary of Gaelic Placenames, the first since Fr Hogan's *Onomasticon Goedelicum* (1910), which until now has remained the standard reference work on the subject.

The launch will take place at the Irish Writers' Centre/Áras na Scríbhneoirí, 19 Parnell Square, Dublin 1, at 3.00 p.m.

All members of the Society who are able to do so, are cordially invited to attend this event.

E-mail addresses: You may communicate with the Honorary Treasurer (Michael J Burns) by e-mail on <burnsfam@iol.ie> and with the Honorary Secretary (Seán Hutton) on <SHuttonSEANFILE@aol.com>.

If you wish to send us your e-mail, it may expedite some ITS communications with you in the future.

## Membership matters - Cúrsaí ballraíochta

With this post you will receive your copy of the 2003 list of publications of the ITS.

Once again, we take the opportunity to remind members that:

- ITS is a membership organisation.
- The Annual Subscription is payable on 1 January.
- Payment by Standing Order is the preferred method of payment.

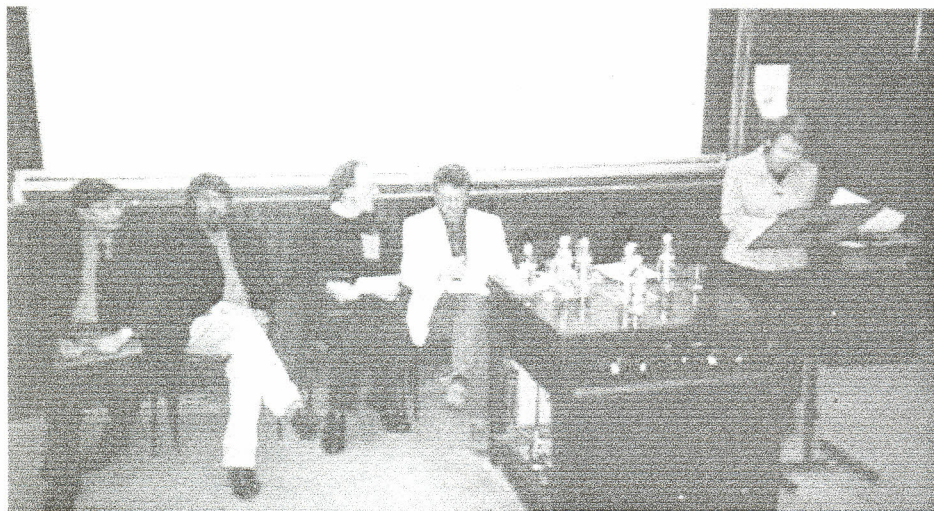
All details concerning membership and the purchase of volumes are contained in the List of Publications.

The Annual Membership Subscription is €23, £15 stg, US\$25 per year, but those paying by Standing Order will benefit from a discount and pay € 12, £9 stg, US\$15 in view of the lesser administration costs on subscriptions paid by Standing Orders. If, like many other members, you wish to take advantage of this discount, please let the Honorary Treasurer have early notice so that he can send you the necessary form in time for you to do this.

If you have not already paid your Annual Subscription this year, please do so now. Income from membership subscriptions covers the cost of the annual printing and despatch of the List of Publications to members and routine communications.

Membership of the Society entitles you to valuable discounts on new and back volumes. Through your membership of the Society you contribute also to the support of its objects: to promote the study of Irish literature, including the production of texts (accompanied by translations, glossaries etc.) in the Irish language.





### Photos from 3rd ITS/UCC

**Seminar:** (above) Seminar contributors (l to r) Mícheál Mac Craith, Hiram Morgan, Nollaig Ó Muraíle, Damian McManus, and Máire Herbert (chair of closing discussion); (below right): Presentation by Pádraig Ó Riain (ITS President) to Pádraigín Riggs, member of the organising committee of the ITS/UCC Seminar.

## New Publication - Foilseachán nua

The most recent publication in the ITS Subsidiary Publications Series, *'Beatha Aodha Ruaidh': The Life of Red Hugh O'Donnell, Historical & Literary Contexts* (SS 12), edited by Pádraig Ó Riain, was launched at the 4th ITS/UCC Seminar on 9 November 2002. The publication, which contains the proceedings of the 3rd ITS/UCC Seminar, focuses on the text which forms volumes 42 and 45 of the Society's Main Series.

*'Beatha Aodha Ruaidh': The Life of Red Hugh O'Donnell, Historical & Literary Contexts* consists of six chapters:

- 'The Real Red Hugh', by Hiram Morgan
- 'The *Beatha* in the Context of the Literature of the Renaissance', by Mícheál Mac Craith
- 'The Language of the *Beatha*', by Damian McManus

- 'Politics and Religion in the Poetry of Fearghal Óg Mac an Bhaird and Eoghan Ruadh Mac an Bhaird', by Marc Caball
- 'Paul Walsh as Editor and Explicator of *Beatha Aodha Ruaidh*', by Nollaig Ó Muraíle
- 'Irish Records of the Nine Years' War: A Brief Survey, with Particular Notice of the Relationship between *Beatha Aodha Ruaidh Uí Dhomhnaill* and the Annals of the Four Masters', by Pádraig A Breatnach

The publication also contains a foreword by Pádraig Ó Riain, a bibliography, and a general index.

This new volume joins eleven other publications in the Society's Subsidiary Series. The vast majority of these are related to a text in the Society's Main Series, noting the main developments in the field since the original publication, and

conveying an indication of the text's status and significance within its particular genre.

They will be valuable to Libraries and to individuals who possess the original volumes, as well as being separately available to students and the interested reader.

## Ábhar Bronntanais - Gift Sets

The Society has prepared a number of attractively bound and boxed sets of volumes which make excellent gifts/presentations. These too are available to members at a special price. The following volumes are available in this format:

Volumes 4, 8, 9, 15 *Foras Feasa ar Éirinn/The History of Ireland*

Volumes 7, 28, 43 *Duanaire Finn/The book of the Lays of Finn*

Volumes 30, 31, 32, 33 *Cinnlae Amhlaoibh Uí Shúileabháin/The Diary of Humphrey O'Sullivan*

Volumes 34, 35, 39, 41, 44 *Lebor Gabála Éirenn/The Book of the Taking of Ireland*

Volumes 42, 45 *Beatha Aodha Ruaidh Uí Dhomhnaill/The Life of Aodh Ruadh Ó Domhnaill*

For details of prices of these and all other publications, see the 2003 *List of Publications*, enclosed with this post.

For details of the ITS/UCC Seminar see: [www.ucc.ie/locus/ITS.html](http://www.ucc.ie/locus/ITS.html)

