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Membership matters - Cúrsaí ballraíochta

With this post you will receive your copy of the 2004 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 enclosed List of

Publications.

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Ábhar Bronntanais - Gift Sets

A number of attractively bound and boxed sets of volumes, which make excellent gifts/presentations, are available from the Society. They are, as usual, 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*

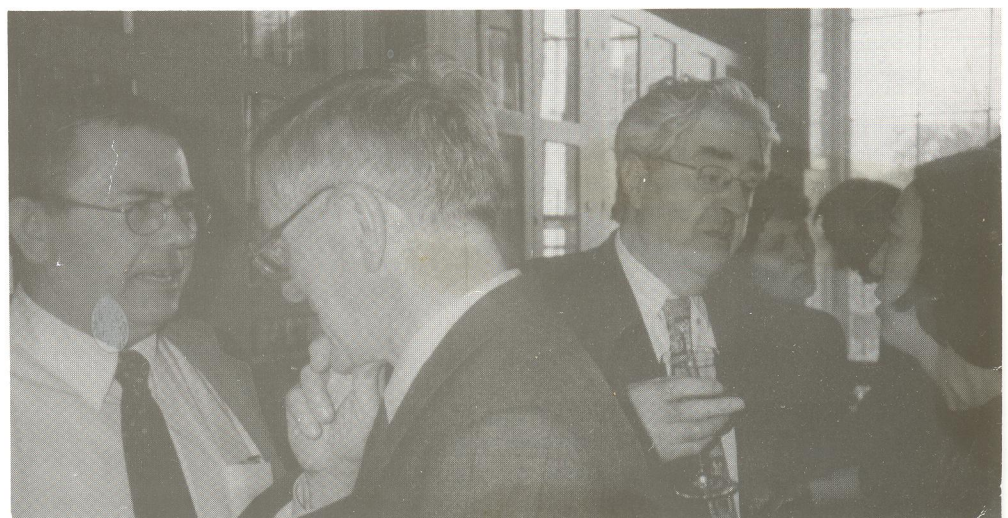
Volumes 30, 31, 32, 33 *Cinnlae Amhlaoibh Uí Shúileabháin/The Diary of Humphrey O'Sullivan*

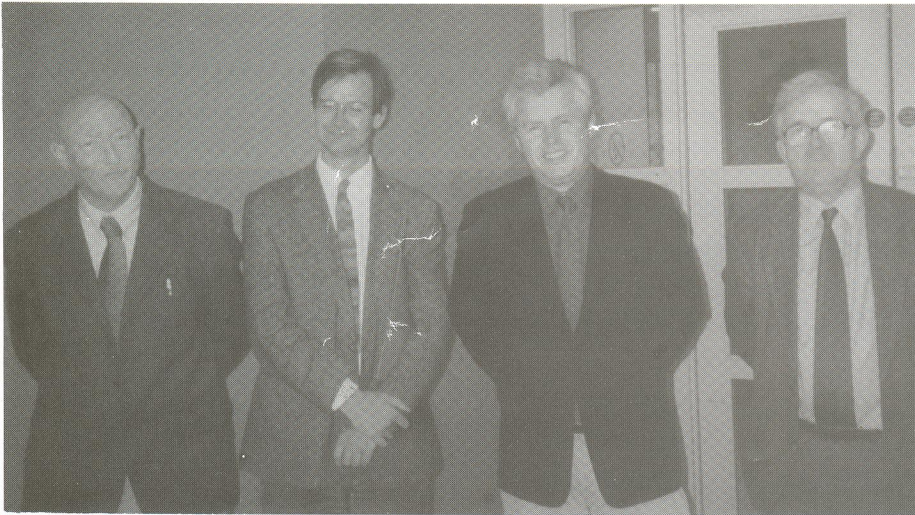
Volumes 34, 35, 39, 41, 44 *Lebor Gabála Éirenn/The Book of the Taking of Ireland*

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

Launch of New *Dictionary of Irish Placenames*:

(Below) Some of those attending the launch of a joint publication with the Locus Placenames Project, the first fascicle of the new Dictionary of Irish Placenames, at the Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Square, on 15 February 2003.





Photos from 4th ITS/UCC Seminar (November 2002) (above) Seminar contributors (l to r) Dr Mícheál Ó Briain, Dr John Carey, Professor Ruairí Ó hUiginn, Professor Donald Meek; (below right): ITS President Professor Pádraig Ó Riain, Seminar contributor Professor J F Nagy, ITS Council Member Dr Brendan Bradshaw, ITS Honorary Treasurer, Michael J Burns.

Flosc Oibre - A Flurry of Activity

If Main Series volumes are necessarily slow in arriving, nevertheless, there has been considerable publishing activity. Firstly, all the volumes in the Main Series have been maintained in print. Secondly, the firm establishment of the ITS/UCC seminar in the annual calendar has resulted in a new volume of proceedings appearing each year.

The annual seminar relates, each year, to a volume in the Main Series. Distinguished scholars are invited to examine aspects of the volume in question and to consider it afresh in the light of the most recent scholarship.

As scholarship has developed considerably since many of these volumes were first published, these proceedings represent a valuable addition to the bookshelves of university teachers and students, as well as to the general reader. The

views of up to half a dozen experts are represented in each volume of proceedings; and each volume contains an up-to-date bibliography and a general index.

The seminars themselves, which take place at University College, Cork, at the beginning of November, represent an additional activity on the part of the Society, enjoyed by the academics, students and members who attend.

So far four sets of proceedings have been published:

SS10 Fled Bricrenn: Reassessments, edited by Pádraig Ó Riain, with contributions from Bernhard Maier, John T Koch, Nicholas Jacobs, Petra S Hellmuth and Proinsias Mac Cana

SS11 Dáibhí Ó Bruadair: His Historical and Literary Context, edited by Pádraigín Riggs, with

contributions from Liam Irwin, Bernadette Cunningham and Raymond Gillespie, Breandan Ó Conchúir, Liam P Ó Murchú and Margo Griffin-Wilson.

SS12 Beatha Aodha Ruaidh: The Life of Red Hugh Ó Donnell Historical and Literary Contexts, edited by Pádraig Ó Riain, with contributions from Hiram Morgan, Mícheál Mac Craith, Damian Mac Manus, Marc Caball, Nollaig Ó Muraile and Pádraig A Breatnach

SS13 Duanaire Finn: Reassessments, edited by John Carey, with contributions from Pádraig Ó Riain, John Carey, Donald E Meek, Joseph Falaky Nagy, Máirtín Ó Briain, Ruairí Ó hUiginn

These are in addition to nine other titles in the Subsidiary Series, published from 1993 onwards, of which six form new introductions to volumes in the Main Series, and one of which is a companion volume to *Beatha Bharra* (volume 57).

In addition to these activities, the Society has also embarked on a joint publishing venture with the Locus Placenames Project. This is the publication in fascicle form of an *Historical Dictionary of Gaelic Placenames*, the first since Fr Hogan's *Onomasticon Goedelicum* (1910).

This is a project which will occupy the editors and the Society for a number of years to come. However, the first fascicle was launched in Dublin in February 2003.

