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- A Main Series of 63 volumes
- A Subsidiary Series of 21 publications
- Annual Seminar in partnership with the Combined Departments of Irish UCC
- Publication of the Locus Project's Historical Dictionary of Gaelic Placenames
- Discounts on ITS and RIA publications for ITS members
- The Noel O'Connell and Breandán Ó Buachalla Memorial Lectures (London and Dublin)

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MEMBERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS AND BENEFITS - SOCRAITHE AGUS BUNTÁISTÍ BALLRAÍOCHTA

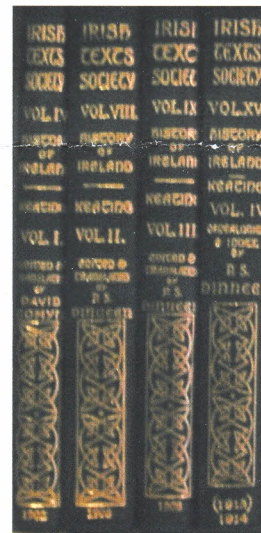
Membership subscriptions, which are now due for renewal, are as follows: £15 stg.; €23; \$25 US. The rates for subscriptions which are paid by Banker's Order are: £9; €12; \$15 US. It is worth noting that the cost of membership which is paid for by Banker's Order has not changed since 1987.

We wish to remind members, and other readers of the Newsletter, of the arrangements concerning purchase of ITS publications and benefits of membership - which were introduced some years ago:

- a) The two back volume restriction which previously applied has been removed and the discount for members on purchases of all books of the society is now 33% (1/3rd).
- b) The special prices (normally 50%) for new main series publications will be announced each year and will be available to members for a limited period following publication.
- c) Arrangements are in place with the Royal Irish Academy (website www.ria.ie) whereby all of their publications will be available to members

of the Irish Texts Society at the same preferential prices which are available to their own members i.e. 33% (1/3rd) discount on the retail price.

- d) In addition, the Royal Irish Academy's online



book shop is now facilitating our society for online purchasing. Purchases henceforward may be made online by members and non-members of the society. As a member you are authorised to purchase at the discounted price. However, it is necessary for your membership to be up to date and you will be required to use a password "Texts" before you make purchases online. This

password (Texts) will identify you as a member of the Irish Texts Society and your name will then be verified against the list of members for the year on which the transaction takes place.

- e) Members who do not use the internet or credit cards or who for any other reason wish to purchase books by applying directly to the Honorary Treasurer as heretofore may continue to do so.
- f) These arrangements are also available for Library Members; however, some adjustments will be agreed with Subscription Agents, and Library Circulation Members.

We welcome any comments, suggestions or observations you wish to make in regard to these arrangements by emailing our Honorary Treasurer.

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DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL - FORBAIRT 7 ATHNUACHAINT



Sa ghrianghraif thuas: Comhairle an Chumainn (Mí na Samhna 2010)/ITS Council Meeting (November 2010): (In a seasamh, ó chlár/Standing, from left) An tOllamh Gregory Toner, G A O'Mahony, An Dr Pádraigín Riggs, Frank Allan, Geoffrey Keating, An Dr Bernard O'Donoghue, An tOllamh Máire Herbert, An Dr Marc Caball, Michael J Burns, Seán Hutton. (In a suí chun tosaigh/seated, in foreground) An Dr Brendan Bradshaw, An tOllamh Pádraig Ó Riain.

The November meeting of the ITS Council saw significant changes in the composition of the ITS Council. Three members of Council, with 100 years of service to the ITS between them, retired; and tributes were paid to them at the Council meeting and at the pre-Seminar dinner which followed, at which presentations were made

to each of the retiring members. The three were: Professor Pádraig Ó Riain, who became a member of Council in 1976 and who served as President of the Society between 1992 and 2010; Dr Brendan

by the present Honorary Treasurer, Michael J Burns. Each of the retiring members has played a significant role in the development of the Society. Features of this development include: the strengthening of the finances and procedures of the ITS; a publications strategy aiming to produce at least one Main Series volume a year; a commitment to keeping all ITS publications in print; and the adoption of a finely calibrated pricing strategy. The Subsidiary Series of publications (the brainchild of Dr Bradshaw, introduced in 1993) followed on his advocacy of new introductions to Main Series reprints,

Society has been progressed by a series of partnerships: with ÁIS on the storage and distribution of books; with UCC around the annual Seminar; with the Irish Literary Society around the annual London Noel O'Connell Memorial Lecture; with the Royal Irish Academy around the sale of ITS publications.

Council has been concerned with developing activities in the Dublin region and with extending the geographical/institutional representation of Council. The Dublin initiative has been led by Dr Marc Caball, and first results include the events which took place in partnership with the National Library of Ireland in March.

This synopsis gives some indication of a dynamic phase of renewal to which the retiring members have contributed and over which Professor Ó Riain has presided so ably since 1992.

At the November meeting of Council Professor Máire Herbert took over the Presidency

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Tábla 1 ITS Publications 1900-2009 MS = Main Series D Dic = Dinneen's Dictionary Oth. = Other publications SS = Subsidiary Series Place = Fascicles of the Historical Dictionary of Gaelic Placenames.

Bradshaw, who became a member of Council in 1979 and who filled the office of Honorary General Editor between 1984 and 1999; and G A O'Mahony, who became a member of Council in 1975 and who was Honorary Treasurer between 1977 and 1981, being succeeded in that year

and it was a small step from this to the annual Seminar, focusing on a specific Main Series publication, or set of publications, which has to date (2011) given us eleven SS publications of Seminar proceedings.

In this period the work of the

of the Society - the first woman to hold that office. Two new elected members were present, Frank Allan and Professor Gregory Toner; and three new members were co-opted to Council to fill vacancies: Professors Mícheál Mac Craith and Ruairí Ó hUiginn, and Dr Kevin Murray.

12th ITS/UCC SEMINAR, BOOKLAUNCH, BOOKSTALL, PARTNERSHIPS/SEIMINEÁR 2010, LAINSEÁIL LEABHAR, STALLA LEABHAR, COMHPHÁIRTÍOCHT



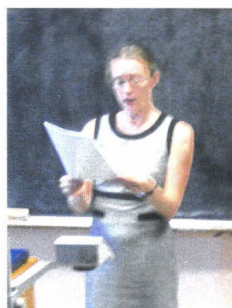
Grianghraif ó Sheimineár 2010/
Photos from the 2010 Seminar:

1. Díreach thuas/Immediately above: An Dr Pádraigín Riggs, eagarthóir SS21, foilseachán nua de chuid an Chumainn/Dr Pádraigín Riggs, editor of SS21, the new ITS publication launched at the Seminar reception.
2. Ar aghaidh amach/Opposite—Cainteoirí/Speakers: Emma Nic Cárthaigh, Tomás G Ó Canann, Dónall Mac Giolla Easpaig.
3. Thuas ar dheis/Above right: Kay Muhr, an Dr John Carey agus an tOllamh Pádraig Ó Riain ag fáiltiú an tseimineáir/at the seminar reception.
4. Thíos /Below: Stalla leabhar an Chumainn agus Cisteoir Oinigh an Chumainn i mbun díolaíochta/The ITS bookstall - the Honorary Treasurer, Michael J Burns in charge.

The subject of the 12th annual ITS/UCC seminar, which took place at UCC on 6 November 2010, was 'Edmund Hogan's *Onomasticon Goedelicum*'. Again, this seminar drew an excellent attendance, leading to a change of venue at the last moment, to accom-

modate the audience. The seminar marked a deviation from past practice in two ways. Firstly, the subject was not an ITS Main Series volume; and secondly the Third International Conference on the Early Medieval Toponymy of Ireland and Scotland was merged with the Seminar, to commemorate the centenary of the publication of Fr Hogan's pioneering work and to consider aspects of contemporary work on placename studies.

However, the subject is one in which the Society has an interest, as the publisher of the fascicles of the *Historical Dictionary of Gaelic Placenames* produced by the Locus Project at UCC, and, of course, Hogan's



Onomasticon was one of the considerable achievements - alongside Dinneen's Dictionary in the early years of the twentieth century.

Seven speakers addressed related aspects of the subject:

- Emma Nic Cárthaigh (of the Locus project) spoke about the challenges of updating the *Onomasticon*
- Tomás G Ó Canann travelled from Wisconsin, USA to speak on 'Hogan: editor and scholar'
- A number of regional pres-



entations followed: Kay Muhr on 'Northern Ireland's Place-name project', Simon Taylor on 'Placename Studies in Scotland'

- Fiachra MacGabhann spoke on 'Mayo place-names in early sources'
- Dónall Mac Giolla Easpaig spoke on 'The *Onomasticon* and the Placenames Branch'

It is hoped that the proceedings will, as usual, be launched at the 13th seminar in UCC this November.



The proceedings of the 2009 Seminar were launched by the publication's editor, Dr Pádraigín Riggs (see p. 4) at a lunchtime reception, and the Honorary Treasurer, Michael J Burns, ran the customary ITS bookstall.



BUNÚ LÉACHTA I gCUIMHNE AR BHREANDÁN Ó BUACHALLA

The death of Professor Breandán Ó Buachalla in May 2010 deprived ITS of a distinguished academic who had been a member of Council since 1988. With his support, Council had already decided to establish a Dublin lecture. In November 2010 ITS Council decided to honour his memory

by naming this lecture The Breandán Ó Buachalla Memorial Lecture. The first annual lecture was given on 16 March 2011 in the National Library of Ireland by Dr John Carey, to a large audience and in the presence of members of the Ó Buachalla family

ITS Elections & AGM

This is to give notice that the AGM of the Society will take place in UCC, Cork on Friday, 4 November 2011, at 5.00 p.m.

Elections of Officers and Council Members will take place under the new procedures in advance of the AGM, and further details will be published on the ITS Website at the beginning of September.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - DON DIALANN

The Inaugural ITS Breandán Ó Buachalla Memorial Lecture (Dublin)

This annual lecture has been instituted by the Society to commemorate the contribution of the late Professor Ó Buachalla to the ITS during his membership of Council between 1988 and 2010. The lecture will be delivered by Dr John Carey, Department of Early and Medieval Irish, UCC, on the subject of 'The Wanderings of the Battle of Moytirra'. This event will take place in the National Library of Ireland, Kildare Street, Dublin 2, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 16 March 2011.

The above event coincides with an exhibition, 'The Irish Texts Society', curated by Dr Marc Caball, UCD and ITS Council. This forms part of the NLI's Discovery programme and can be viewed throughout 2011 at 2-3 Kildare Street.

ITS Noel O'Connell Memorial Lecture (London)

The 2011 Noel O'Connell Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Professor John Tuomey, M Arch, FRIAI, RIBA, of UCD and O'Donnell and Tuomey Architects. The subject of his lecture will be "Irish Architecture". This lecture is being organised in conjunction with the Irish Literary Society & will be hosted by the ILS. It will take place at the Hotel Hesperia, 2 Bridge Place, Victoria, London SW1V 1QA www.hesperia.com/hotels/Hesperia-London-Victoria/# on Thursday, 28 April 2011, at 7.30 p.m.

International Congress of Celtic Studies

The XIV Congress will take place at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth, on the 1-5 August 2011. For further details see: <http://www.celticstudiescongress.org/>

ITS/UCC Annual Seminar (Cork)

The 13th Annual Seminar will focus on ITS Main Series volumes 26, 27 *Caithréim Thoirdealbhaigh / The Triumphs of Turlough*. It will take place on Saturday 5 November 2011 at University College, Cork. Full details of the programme plus a downloadable application form will be posted on the ITS website, and that of the Locus Project at University College, Cork, later in the year. The proceedings of previous seminars form volumes 10-14, 16-21 of the Society's Subsidiary Series.

NEW PUBLICATIONS / LEABHAIR NUA

Volume 64 *Cath Cluana Tarbh/The Battle of Clontarf*, edited by Meidhbhín Ní Úrdail, 2011 (ISBN 1 870 16664 7). FORTHCOMING An edition of a Romantic prose tale, one of the most popular of those to have been transmitted in Irish eighteenth and nineteenth century manuscripts. **Price: £38 stg., €42, US \$56.50 (Members: £25 stg., €28, US\$38)**

Subsidiary Series 21 *Tadhg Dall Ó hUiginn: His Historical and Literary Context*, edited by Pádraigín Riggs, 2010 (ISBN 1 87016680 9). The twenty-first volume of the Subsidiary Series contains the proceedings of the 11th Annual ITS/UCC Seminar which focused on volumes 22 and 23 of the Society's Main Series, *The Bardic Poems of Tadhg Dall Ó hUiginn/A bhFuil Aguinn dár chum Tadhg Dall Ó hUiginn*, edited by Eleanor Knott. The broad range of issues addressed by the contributors to this seminar - Marc Caball, Eoin Mac Cárthaigh, Wilson McLeod, Pádraig Ó Macháin, Michelle O Riordan and Katherine Simms - include: Tadhg Dall's political ideology; his creative personae; the status, role and milieu of the professional poet; Tadhg Dall as a transitional figure; influences on Eleanor Knott as editor. Additional material catalogued by Pádraig A Breatnach in his *New Introduction* to Knott's highly praised edition (ITS 1996) was considered in this reassessment. In addition to the texts of the lectures, the volume contains a foreword, bibliography and general index. **Price: £19 stg., €21, US \$28.50 (Members £13 stg., €14, US \$19)**

Subsidiary Series 22 *A Guide to Publications on Irish Placenames*, prepared by Donna Thornton (assisted by Kevin Murray) FORTHCOMING This publication, a further product of the *Locus* project, contains some 3,000 entries concerning Irish placenames and has a full and detailed index. It should be an invaluable tool for all those who work, or have an interest, in the areas of local history and onomastics, and will complement the ongoing *Historical Dictionary of Gaelic Placenames*. **Price: £19 stg., €21, US \$28.50 (Members £13 stg., €14, US \$19)**

Historical Dictionary of Gaelic Placenames / Foclóir Stairiúil Áitainmneacha na Gaeilge, Fascicle 4 (Names in C: Ceall Ghabhann to Cláiríne) / Fascúl 4 (Ainmneacha i C: Ceall Ghabhann go Cláiríne), Editors / Eagarthóirí: Pádraig Ó Riain, Diarmuid Ó Murchadha, Kevin Murray. The fourth fascicle of the Historical Dictionary of Gaelic Placenames, produced by the Locus Project in the Department of Early and Medieval Irish, UCC, will be available shortly. As in previous fascicles, this fascicle contains a reverse index of anglicised forms of names, designed for easy consultation of the Dictionary. **Price: £22 stg., €24, US \$31.50 (Members £14 stg., €16, US \$21)**