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1984 ANNUAL MEETING--CALL FOR PAPERS

The Annual Meeting of CSANA will be held in New York under the auspices of Queens College, CUNY on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 22, 23 and 24, 1984. Papers should be no more than 20 minutes in length and may be on any aspect of Celtic studies. Proposals for papers, with a one page synopsis, should be sent by 1 February to the local arrangements and program chair:

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Professor McKenna should also be contacted for information about hotels and other local arrangements.

SEMINAR

The text for the text seminar at the Annual Meeting will be Culhwch and Olwen. No edition is available, but a diplomatic text can be found in J. Gwenogvryn Evans' transcription of Llyfr Gwyn Rhydderch (1907; repr. Caerdydd: Gwasg Prifysgol Cymru, 1973). Translations: Patrick K. Ford, The Mabinogi and Other Medieval Welsh Tales (Los Angeles, Univ. of California Press, 1977); G. and T. Jones, The Mabinogion (NY: Dutton/Everyman, 1949). Discussions: K.H. Jackson, The International Popular Tale and Early Welsh Tradition (Univ. of Wales Press, 1961); Gwyn Jones, Kings, Beasts and Heroes (Oxford UP, 1972); Proinsias MacCana, The Mabinogi (U. of Wales Press, 1977); Alwyn and Brinley Rees, Celtic Heritage (London: Thames & Hudson, 1978, repr.). Any aspect of the text, literary, mythical, linguistic, anthropological, may be discussed. Those wishing to make short written contributions should contact the seminar coordinator:

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CALIFORNIA CELTIC COLLOQUIUM

The Sixth Annual Celtic Studies Conference of the California Celtic Colloquium will be held at the University of California at Los Angeles April 27-29, 1984. For information contact:

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF CSANA

The idea that there should be an association of teachers and students (in the broad sense of both words) of Celtic languages, literatures, philology, history, archaeology and culture was first discussed concretely at a seminar organized by Prof. Edgar Slotkin at the 1975 MLA meeting in San Francisco. The participants in that seminar agreed that we all wanted to know what other people working and studying in the field were doing--to help us to advise students who wished to include Celtic studies in their plans, and to foster useful and supportive contacts among individual scholars.

CSANA itself was formed at the annual meeting of the Celtic Discussion Group at the 1976 MLA meeting in New York. The name was chosen to provide as broad a designation as possible, both disciplinarily and geographically. The only officer designated at that time was the Secretary-Treasurer, a post to which I was elected, possibly as a punishment for my absence.

From 1977 to 1981 CSANA met annually in April at the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, and in May 1982 met in conjunction with the California Celtic Colloquium at UCLA. The first meeting of CSANA on its own was in May 1983 at the Univ. of Chicago where the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws were approved and a full slate of officers elected. CSANA is now a Washington, D.C. registered non-profit corporation. We are now applying to the IRS for tax-exempt status.

In 1977 and 1978, two issues of the CSA Newsletter were published, but the informality of the organization's structure made it difficult to continue publication on a regular basis. Under the new By-Laws the Vice President will serve for two years as editor of the Newsletter before succeeding to the presidency. Our mailing list (if not our paid-up membership) now numbers 125.

-- D.F. Melia

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Celtic Studies Association of North America is open to anyone with a serious scholarly interest in Celtic studies. Dues are \$5.00 per year, payable as of 1 May. The letter "N" on your mailing label indicates that the treasurer has not received your dues for 1983-84. Dues should be sent to:

Professor Edgar M. Slotkin
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CANADIAN NEWS

Dr. Joseph Watson of the Dep't. of Modern Irish, University College, Dublin spent the summer in field research in Scottish Gaelic linguistics in Cape Breton, N.S. and in Glengarry Co., Ont. Dr. Watson hopes that his results will be of use to the Univ. of Edinburgh's Gaelic Linguistic Survey of Scotland and to the Univ. of Glasgow's Gaelic Dictionary project. Dr. Gordon W. MacLennan, Professor of Celtic Studies helped Dr. Watson organize his visit which was made possible by a Commonwealth Visiting Fellowship award sponsored by the Celtic Chair Campaign Committee of the Univ. of Ottawa.

The Dep't. of Celtic at St. Francis Xavier Univ., Antigonish, N.S. has established a Chair of Gaelic Studies with the help of a \$300,000 matching grant from the Multicultural Directorate of the Federal Government. The Chair requires knowledge of both Scottish and Irish Gaelic. No deadline for receipt of applications has been published.

The Canadian Celtic Arts Association, based in Toronto, has published vol.2, no.2 of its Bulletin, containing news items and creative material in addition to academic articles. (e.g. "Celtic Heroic Narrative in its Indo-European Setting") For information and membership contact:

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Prince Edward Island. A three-day conference on the theme "To Be A Gael" was held from August 16-18 in Fairfield. Sponsored by the Iona Foundation of Philadelphia and Fairfield, the meeting brought approximately 20 speakers from the U.S. and Canada to explore Scottish Highland culture in the Maritimes, Ontario and the American South.

Through its Ottawa Embassy, the French Government has presented Dr. Gordon MacLennan with a substantial gift of books on Celtic and Breton culture for use by Celtic students at the Univ. of Ottawa. Negotiations between Dr. MacLennan and the Celtic Dep't. of the Univ. of Rennes are expected to produce a Visiting Professor of Breton in Ottawa in 1984.

Dr. Sean O Tuama, University College, Cork and Dr. Eoghan O hAnluain, University College, Dublin are teaching during the Fall Semester 1983 in the Celtic Studies Programme of St. Michael's College, Univ. of Toronto. They will be followed in January by Prof. J. Beckett, Queen's Univ., Belfast. Dr. Gordon W. MacLennan, Prof. of Celtic Studies in the Dep't. of Modern Languages and Literatures, Univ. of Ottawa, will lecture on the Gaelic communities of Canada in Queen's Univ., Belfast and the New University of Ulster, Coleraine, in December under the Distinguished Scholars Scheme of the Queen's University.

NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is published semi-annually, Spring and Fall. Exact dates of publication are determined by the editor. Some of those on the mailing list will find that their names, titles, affiliations, addresses, etc. are curiously truncated owing to the limitations of my mailing label program. (For the computer-minded amongst you, I am limited to five fields per label and 34 characters per field.) If a truncation actually interferes with delivery of your Newsletter, please inform the editor. Information, announcements, ideas etc. should be sent to:

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