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Forthcoming Meetings

CSANA 1995: Call for Papers

The annual meeting of CSANA will be held in conjunction with the annual Harvard Celtic Colloquium at Harvard University, April 27-30, 1995. CSANA members should send titles and 200-word abstracts of proposed papers to:

Dept. of Celtic Langs. & Lits. /CSANA
Harvard University
61 Kirkland Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

not later than February 15, 1995. Members are reminded that their dues must be current to be eligible to present papers at CSANA meetings. Proposals will be reviewed in consultation with CSANA officers.

Those who prefer to submit paper proposals to the Harvard Celtic Colloquium should send their proposals, also consisting of title and 200-word abstract, to Dept. of Celtic Langs. & Lits./HCC, at the same address. These will be reviewed by the local HCC committee.

All those submitting proposals are asked to advise the organizers at the time of submission whether they will need audio-visual equipment or other technological support.

The conference is expected to be very full, and participants with unusual scheduling requirements are asked to advise the organizers of these at the time that they submit their proposals, so that their special needs may be accommodated.

Papers will be strictly limited to 20 minutes; for most of us, this means 8 to 10 pages of double-spaced 12-point typing with normal margins. A maximum of 10 minutes of questions and discussion is allowed for each presentation, provided the program is on schedule.

No distinction will be made between CSANA and HCC in the scheduling of papers. Separate CSANA sessions will be the annual CSANA business meeting and the CSANA seminar only. All conferees are invited to both of these sessions, although of course only CSANA members can vote in elections and on motions raised at the business meeting.

The seminar topic for 1995 is the poetry of Saunders Lewis. Recommended texts are *Cerddi Saunders Lewis*, ed. R. Geraint Gruffydd, rev. ed. Cardiff, 1992, and Saunders Lewis, *Selected Poems*, trans. Joseph P. Clancy (Cardiff, 1993).

The annual Vernam Hull Lecture will be delivered by Professor William Gillies, chair of the Department of Celtic at Edinburgh University, on Thursday afternoon, April 27.

Details concerning hotels, receptions, the banquet, and other matters will be sent early in 1995 to all those who respond to this call, either by submitting a proposal or by notifying the Department of Celtic Languages and Literatures at Harvard of their intention to attend without presenting a paper.

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officers: Catherine A. McKenna, President
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Incorporated as a non-profit organization, the Celtic Studies Association has members in the United States, Canada, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Europe, Australia, and Japan. CSANA produces a semi-annual newsletter and bibliographies of Celtic studies. The published bibliographies (1983-85 and 1985-87) may be ordered from the Secretary-Treasurer, Robin Chapman Stacey, Department of History, DP-20, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195). A new electronic CSANA bibliography, which will be made available in printed form to members who request it, is currently in development.

The privileges of membership in CSANA include the newsletter twice a year, the bibliography (when published), invitations to the annual meeting, for which registration fees are nil or very low, the right to purchase the mailing list for \$1.00, and an invaluable sense of fellowship with celticists throughout North America and around the world.

Membership in CSANA is open to anyone with a serious interest in Celtic studies. Dues are payable at Bealtaine (May 1). For current members, a Y on the mailing label indicates that 1994-95 dues have been paid, an N that they have not. New and renewing members should send checks, payable to CSANA, to Robin Chapman Stacey, Secretary-Treasurer, Department of History, DP-20, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195. Members outside the US. should send a check or international money order for the equivalent of the dues as stated in US. dollars.

Associate Member	\$15.00	Patron	\$100.00
Sustaining Member	\$25.00	Benefactor	\$250.00
Contributor	\$50.00		

Sustaining Members, Contributors, Patrons, and Benefactors support the creation of the CSANA Bibliography, help to defray expenses of the annual meeting, and allow CSANA to develop new projects. Please join at the highest level you can.

California Celtic Colloquium

The 1995 California Celtic Colloquium will be held at the University of California at Berkeley, March 3-5, in conjunction with the Medieval Association of the Pacific.

NAACLCT

CSANA member Thomas W. Ihde has established the North American Association for Celtic Language Teachers, which will have its first conference on March 25 at Glendale Community College, 1500 N. Verdugo Road, Glendale, CA. 91208. The conference co-chairs are Dennis Doyle, who can be reached at the above address or at carolan@aol.com, and John T. McCranie (jtm@futon.sfsu.edu).

NAACLCT is inaugurating the *Journal of Celtic Language Learning*, which invites submission of research articles of 2,500-3,000 words and of descriptive accounts of teaching techniques (200-500 words) by April 15, 1995. Further details are available from the editors, Thomas W. Ihde, American Language Program, Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus NJ 07652-1595 (ihde@pilot.njin.net) and Nancy Stenson, Department of Linguistics, ILASLL, University of Minnesota, 192 Klaeber Court, 320-16th Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455 (stenson@maroon.tc.umn.edu)

Those who would like to join NAACLCT can send \$15 to Michael Pearson at Austin Community College, 1212 Rio Grande Avenue, Austin, TX 78701-1785. You can also e-mail the Executive Committee at naaclt@austin.cc.tx.us. Also, try pointing your World Wide Web browser to <http://futon.sfsu.edu/~jtm/NAACLCT/> to see the new NAACLCT homepage.

Kalamazoo 1995

CSANA will sponsor three sessions at the International Congress of Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University, May 4-7, 1995. When the Kalamazoo program appears, Celticists can look for:

1. The Common Heritage of Ireland and Wales
Presiding: Frederick Suppe, Ball State University
Jeffrey Huntsman, "Irish and Welsh Words for *Man, Woman, and Person*."
Andrea Budgy, "Social Status of Musicians in Medieval Ireland and Wales."



2. Medieval Welsh Literature

- Presiding: Jerry Hunter, Harvard University
G. Aled Williams, "Tudor Ancestors and Welsh Poetry."
Laura Radiker, "The Politics of King Arthur in Welsh Hagiography"
Dara Hellman, "Advice and Counsel in *Erec et Enide* and *Gereint vab Erbin*."

3. Manuscript Culture in Medieval Wales

- Presiding: Jeffrey Huntsman
Patrick K. Ford, "Gwilym Tew and the Meaning of the *Gododdin* Manuscript"
Jerry Hunter, "Writing Orality: Manuscript Culture and the Performance of Poetry in Medieval Wales"
James G. Farrow, "Ercwiff in the Book of Taliesin."

Fred Suppe, who organized these sessions for CSANA, has volunteered to represent us to the organizers of the Kalamazoo conference for 1996. People with ideas for sessions or papers should contact him via e-mail (00FCSUPPE@BSUVC.BSU.EDU), or snail-mail at Department of History, Ball State University, Muncie, IN 47306.

First Annual Conference on Welsh Studies

A Welsh Studies conference will convene on June 1-2, 1995 at University of Rio Grande in Rio Grande, Ohio. The keynote speaker will be Gwyn Williams, author of *When Was Wales?*, *The Dragon Has Two Tongues*, *The Welsh in Their History*, *The Search for Beulah Land*, *Madoc: The Making of a Myth*, and *The Merthyr Rising*.

The conference will conclude with an organizational meeting to consider the founding of a North American Welsh Studies organization. A local Celtic festival follows the conference over the weekend of June 2-4, 1995.

The conference is intended to provide a forum for scholarly presentations and the exchange of ideas in all areas of Welsh history, literature, language, and culture--including the Welsh and their descendants in North America. Proposals from established disciplines as well as from those which are inherently interdisciplinary are welcome.

Those wishing to present papers may submit either the completed paper or an abstract of two to three pages in length. The abstract must clearly indicate the thesis, sources, and methodology of the paper; and provide a rationale on how the topic expands knowledge; and describe the manner of the actual

presentation. A brief *curriculum vitae* of the presenter must be included.

Proposals may be for an individual paper or a panel presentation, and the planning committee is open to other, less traditional formats as well. The program committee will organize accepted proposals into concurrent sessions organized around common themes. Individual papers should have a presentation time of no more than 45 minutes. The program committee also invites those who wish to serve as chairs of individual sessions or as respondents to submit their names and credentials.

Proposals should be sent to Dr. Roderic Owen, Philosophy/Religion Department, Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, VA 24401. Telephone (703) 887-7003. FAX (703) 887-7265. Deadline: December 16, 1994.

For conference and registration information, please contact the Adult and Continuing Education Office, University of Rio Grande, Rio Grande, OH 45674. Tel. (614) 245-7325.

Tenth International Congress of Celtic Studies

The 10th International Congress of Celtic Studies will take place at the University of Edinburgh, July 23-29, 1995, with registration on Sunday evening July 23 (the 250th anniversary of the landing of Prince Charles Edward Stuart on Eriskay), and departure on Saturday July 29 after breakfast. The theme of the Congress is "Celtic Connections". There will be papers and plenary lectures on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, with Wednesday set aside for excursions.

While the program of the Congress has been set, inquiries about registration and attendance may be directed to

10-ICCS, Department of Celtic
University of Edinburgh
Edinburgh EH8 9JX, Scotland

CELTIC STUDIES AT AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

UCLA

Dr. David Dumville of Girton College, Cambridge, a noted scholar of early medieval British and Irish history and cultures, will be Visiting Professor at the

UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies during Spring 1995. The prolific Dr. Dumville, who recently published a collection of studies of St. Patrick and the Patrician tradition, will be teaching both graduate and undergraduate courses.

Last May 20-22, the UCLA Celtic Colloquium hosted the Sixteenth Annual University of California Celtic Studies Conference. The three day international event, which was co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Comparative Folklore and Mythology and the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, drew an audience of over two hundred and featured distinguished scholars such as Joseph Eska (Virginia Polytechnic Institute), Patrick Ford (Harvard), Geraint Jenkins (Director, Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies), John MacInnes (University of Edinburgh), Tomás Ó Cathasaigh (University College Dublin), and Hildegard Tristram (University of Freiburg). The over-two-dozen presentations addressed a range of diverse topics, including themes in medieval Irish and Welsh literature, Celtic linguistics, Scottish Gaelic folksong, Irish folk art, Celtic mythology, and modern constructions of Celtic cultural identity. In fine Celtic fashion, plenty of feasting and revelry punctuated the event. After the naquet at the Korean Buffet Palace on Saturday night, master singers MacInnes and Ó Cathasaigh regaled the conferees as well as the restaurant staff with their artistry in *impromptu* fashion. (Welshman Jenkins insisted afterwards that he would have been happy to do the same, if he had only been asked!) Streams of thanks continue to flow out to Karen Burgess, Paula Powers Coe, Larry Eson, Michelle Goldwasser, Angelique Gulermovich, and all the other students who worked so hard to make this conference happen.

-- Joseph Falaky Nagy

CSANA apologizes for the fact that, due to circumstances beyond our control, the newsletter has failed to appear since Bealtaine 1993. With this brief issue, we resume regular publication at Bealtaine and Samhain, and members may expect to receive a full issue this year at Imbolc as well.

Please submit news items of interest to the membership, reviews of recent books, brief queries, accounts of Celtic studies at North American colleges and universities, and books for review, to the editor, Edgar Slotkin, Department of English, ML 69, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati OH 45221-0069 (SLOTKIE@UCENGLISH.MCM.UC.EDU), or to the president, Catherine McKenna, Medieval Studies Certificate Program, Graduate School and University Center, City University of New York, 33 West 42nd St., New York NY 10036-8099 (CMK@CUNYVMS1.GC.CUNY.EDU).