

IASIL-JAPAN NEWSLETTER

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International Association for the Study of Irish Literatures

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1 Plans for IASIL-Japan 2001 Conference

At the committee meetings held on February 24, plans for the 18th IASIL-Japan Conference were discussed.

- a) Time: October 13 and 14, 2001
- b) Place: Shirayuri College (1-25 Midorigaoka, Chofu, Tokyo, 182-8525, tel: 03-3326-5050, fax: 03-3326-5467)
- c) Conference Theme: Migration Irish Literatures
- d) Guest Speakers
 - (i) Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill; a poet from Ireland, Pharaoh's Daughter(1990), The Astrakhan Cloak(1992), The Water Horse(1999).
 - (ii) Dr . Stanley Gontarski; Florida State University, Editor of Journal of Beckett Studies and of The Complete Short Prose 1929-89 (Grove Press)

In the last news letter Matthew Sweeney and Glenn Patterson were announced as our candidates. Unluckily neither of them were available, though both of them sincerely express their wish to join us.

From this conference on the office will make contact with guest speakers.

- e) Symposia
 - (i) "Fool & Frenzy in Irish Literary Tradition"
Chair & Organizer: Prof. Tetsuro Sano

Speakers: Prof. Chizuko Inoue, Prof. Ken'ichi Matsumura, Prof. Masazumi Toraiwa

The title is a tentative one and Prof. Sano will announce the final one by June.

(ii) On Beckett (Specific title will be announced.)

Chair & Organizer: Prof. Minako Okamuro

Speakers: Prof. Gontarski and others (to be announced.).

Abstract (250-300 words) should be sent to the office by July 10.

• Some changes in Symposia

Prof. Toraiwa has kindly and humbly suggested that since we will have a Beckett scholar, we should have a symposium on Beckett with Dr. Gontarski as one of the speakers, and that he will give up his symposium on Dracula. Prof. Toraiwa will be one of the speakers of the other symposium, "Fool and Frenzy in Irish Literature.."

f) Accommodation

Prof. Nobuaki Tochigi of Shirayuri College reports:

In order to go to Shirayuri College you should take the Keio Line at Shinjuku Station and in Shinjuku area the average rate of the hotel is more than 11000 yen per night, while places like Ochanomizu and Suidobashi which are located between Tokyo Station and Shinjuku Station there are hotels you can stay 8000 yen a night.

g) Call for Papers!

Applicants for the paper reading are requested to send the office a synopsis by the end of May. The following items must be either

1. saved in FD and sent with a hard copy typed on A4-sized sheets or
2. sent by e-mail as an attached file or as written in the message.

Name, University or other Affiliation, Address, Title of the Paper and about 250–300 Words Summary.

Papers read at the conference should be 3,000 words and given within 20 minutes.

3 The Harp

Editorial board members (Prof. Peter McMillan, Prof. Taketoshi Furomoto, Prof. Richard Kelly, Prof. Sano and Prof. Tochigi), President Matsumura and Secretary Akiko Manabe held a meeting on January 13, 2001.

(a) What was discussed.

(i) Contributors

Contributors will be basically members of IASIL-JAPAN and guest speakers (included those who were invited in the past). When there are enough space left and a good reason, we will include contributors other than stated above.

(ii) Referees

There will be referees for each paper. All the editorial members know who the referees are but kept their names anonymous for those who are not on the board.

(iii) Editorial Advice

If necessary and only if the writers express their needs, editorial advice will be given by some native speaker of English.

(iv) Book Review

More book reviews will be included, for this is one of the good ways to let the world know what kind of work on Irish Literature in Japanese is published. Prof. Tochigi will be in charge.

Please give information to Prof. Tochigi about the publication you find worth reviewed.

(v) Bibliography of Irish Studies

Since putting the bibliography of Irish Studies in Japan is extremely important to introduce Japanese current situation to the world, bibliography will be included. As Prof. Kazuhiro Doki will succeed the position of making the bibliography for the main office, he will be in charge of this section in the Harp.

(vi) Obituaries

Prof. Matsumura will be in charge.

(vii) Notes on the contributors should be listed.

(b) Editorial Principles

Prof. McMillan explained the editorial principles. You will find his letter enclosed here in which he expresses his opinion.

(c) International Distribution

Prof. Kelly talked about the international distribution. He has summarized what he has been and will be doing in a letter enclosed here.

It is agreed that we will not cite the price on the back-cover

3. Request for Information of Your Publication

Below is a message from Prof. Kazuhiro Doki who has succeeded the position in charge of making a list of publication reported to the main office. Here the office would like to express gratitude for Prof. Hiroyuki Yamasaki who has been doing the work for 10 years.

I would like to announce you that the bibliographer for the IASIL-Japan has been taken over from Professor Yamasaki to Kazuhiro Doki. Please fill in the enclosed form and mail it to the address below by May 14 :

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The list is for your books and articles published from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. For the sake of convenience, it is preferable if you would mail it to me by e-mail. Please be sure that your bibliography will be in Oxford Style Sheet.

4. Information Leaflets

Please find the following information leaflets enclosed

- a) W.B. Yeats: The 42nd Annual International Summer School (Sligo, Ireland, July 28–August 10, 2001)
- b) The James Joyce Annual Summer School (University College Dublin, July 8-20, 2001)
- c) The Island Has Many Voices: An International Summer School of Irish Cultural Heritages, (Magee College University of Ulster, L'Derry, July 22-August 12, 2001)

5 Other Societies

- a) James Joyce Society, Japan

Annual conference will be held at Hosei University on June 16. (Office: c/o Prof. Hiroaki Natsume, Aoyama Gakuin University)

- b) Yeats Society, Japan,

Annual Conference will be held at Jissen Women's University on September 23 and 24. (Office: c/o Prof. Fuyuji Tanigawa, Baika Women's Junior College.)

- c) Japan Ireland Society,

Annual Conference will be held at Rikkyo University on December 8 and 9. (Office: c/o Prof. Setsuko Mori, 6-13-15-A108 Minami Karasuyama, Setagaya, Tokyo, 157-0062).

6 The 2001 Membership Fee

The postal transfer sheet is enclosed. Please do not fail to send the 2000 membership fee !

Regular membership—8,000 yen

Married couples—12,000yen

Student membership—6,000 yen. (Students who would like to receive IUR have to pay 8,000 yen.)

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