

IASIL-JAPAN NEWSLETTER

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International Association for the Study of Irish Literatures

July 2001

1 The 18th Conference of IASIL-JAPAN

Please find the programme and other leaflets of the 2001 IASIL-JAPAN Conference. The 18th IASIL-Japan Conference will be held at Shirayuri College on Saturday, 13 and 14 Sunday, October 2001.

We are honoured to have two guest speakers: Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill (poet, chair of Poetry of Ireland) and Dr. Stanley E. Gontarski (Florida State University, Editor of the Journal of Beckett Studies). During the Conference nine papers will be presented, two symposia will be organized and there will be a lecture by

The nearest station for Shirayuri College is "Station" of . From the station it takes minutes on foot and 3 minutes by bus. Address: 1-25 Midorigaoka, Chofu, Tokyo 182-8525 東京都調布市緑ヶ丘1-25, Tel: 13-3326-5050, Fax: 03-3326-5467.)

To conform your attendance, please send the enclosed postcard to the IASIL-JAPAN Office by 30 September, 2001.

2 *The Harp*

A letter from Editor, Peter McMillan and one from President Ken'ichi Matsumura are enclosed here, in which you will find the issues we discussed.

Our Editor would like to set the dead line of the submission of the paper for the next year's bulletin at the end of December 2001

3 Other Societies

a) Japan–Ireland Society

Annual Conference will be held at Rikkyo University, on 8 and 9 December. Information: Prof. Setsuko Mori, 6-13-15 A108 Minami Karasuyama Setagaya-ku, Tokyo, 157-0062, e-mail: mori-mcelwain@mtg.biglobe.ne.jp

b) The Yeats Society of Japan,

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

4 The 2001 Membership Fee

The postal transfer sheet is enclosed here. Please do not fail to send the 2001 membership fee!

Regular membership—8,000 yen

Married couples—12,000 yen

Student membership—5,000 yen. (Students who would like to receive IUR have to pay 8,000 yen.)

Please forgive us if our communication crossed on the way.

You can also deposit your membership to our bank account. Please use whichever is convenient for you.

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5. Auditor

One of our Auditors, Prof. Totaro Shimamura quit the society and Prof. Akiko Suzue has replaced his position.

6. Personal Names

Let the office know if you have any opinion about how your names is transcribed in Roman Letters. Which would you prefer, your last name first or your first name first? (ex. Yamada Taro vs Taro Yamada.) Do you think it would be better for us to follow the recent trend?

7. Obituary

James Simmons who was our guest speaker in 1993 died on 20 June.

From The Irish Times (Saturday, 30 June, 2001)

The death on June 20th of poet, singer and songwriter James Simmons brought to an end one of the most successful literary careers to arise out of Northern Ireland in the last 40 years. Born in Derry in 1933 and educated at Campbell College, Belfast and the University of Leeds, where he took a BA in English in 1958, James Simmons became the voice of popular culture in the poetry boom in Northern Ireland during the 1960s and 70s. He brought an anarchic humour and sexual frankness to the often austere moods of Ulster verse. In 1969, he founded the magazine *The Honest Ulsterman*, a publication which was a vehicle for his literary, cultural and political enthusiasms but also provided a valuable platform for new writing at a time when there was plenty to be had. In 1990, he and his third wife, US poet Janice Fitzpatrick, established a teaching college for creative writing in Islandmagee, Co Antrim. He was still active up to the time of his death on the new Poets House. He received, among many prizes, both the Gregory and Cholmondely awards for poetry and a Northern Ireland Arts Council bursary. *Poems 1956-1986* was a Poetry Ireland choice and a Poetry Society (London) recommendation and won the Irish Publishers' Award in 1986.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN TOKYO!

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