

IASIL Japan Newsletter

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**International Association for the Study of Irish Literatures
July 2003**

1. Plan for the IASIL Japan Conference 2003

Please find the programme and other leaflets of the 2003 IASIL JAPAN Conference. The 20th **IASIL Japan** Conference will be held at Toyama Campus (School of Literature), Waseda University, Sunday 12 October and Monday 13 October 2003.

- The Conference will be held at

Toyama Campus (School of Literature), Waseda University

1-24-1 Toyama, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 169-8644

<http://organization.web.waseda.ac.jp/eng/campus/toyama.html>

- The Reception will be held at

Okuma Garden House, Nishiwaseda Campus, Waseda

1-6-1 Nishi-waseda, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 169-8050

<http://organization.web.waseda.ac.jp/eng/campus/nishiw.html>

Map: <http://organization.web.waseda.ac.jp/eng/campus/index.html>

Guest speakers: We are honoured to have two guest speakers: Cathal Ó Searcaigh, an Irish Poet from Donegal, and Professor Frances Devlin-Glass from Australia, Visiting Megumikai Professor of English Literature, Kobe College. Mr. Ó Searcaigh will give a poetry reading and a special lecture and Prof. Devlin-Glass will give a special lecture in which she will talk about the implication of the Irish Literary Revival for an endangered Aboriginal culture and language (Yanyuwa) in contemporary Australia.

Since this is the 20th Anniversary Year of IASIL JAPAN, our ex-President, Professor Tetsuro Sano, Professor Emeritus of Kyoto University, will give the keynote lecture, 'Twenty Years A-Growing: from **IASAIL-Japan** to **IASIL Japan**.'

During the Conference ten papers will be presented and two symposia will be organized. One of the symposia will be on Frank O'Connor's short stories to commemorate his Centennial. The other will be on the short poem in Ireland.

To confirm your attendance, please send the enclosed postcard to the **IASIL Japan Office** **by September 25**..

• **Important Notice** •

On October 12 and 13 Waseda University will be officially closed,

- 1. Please show your conference programme to the security guard at the gate whenever you go into and out of the campus.**
- 2. Those who will give papers in paper reading sessions or symposia, please prepare the necessary number of handouts and other material beforehand yourself and bring them with you, because there will be no Xerox machine available on campus during the Conference. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.**

The Office would like to express sincere gratitude to Professor Nobuaki Tochigi for his cooperation in planning our conference at Waseda University.

2. Journal of Irish Studies

Please find Letter from the Editor enclosed here.

We are happy to announce that we have received a grant of 800,000 yen for publishing this year's *JIS* by Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (日本学術振興会、科学研究費補助金—研究成果公開促進費) .

3. The 2003 Membership Fee

A postal transfer sheet is enclosed. Please do not fail to send your 2003 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.)

Institutional membership: 2,000 yen

To cover international postage expenses, annual subscriptions for members and institutions based overseas is 500 yen higher than for those living in Japan; 8,500 yen for individuals, 12,500 for married couples and 5,500 for students, and 2,500 for institutions.

For those who use the bank rather than the post office, please use the following bank.
Bank Account has been changed since of April, 2003.

Name of the Bank: UFJ Bank

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♣Please forgive us if our communication crossed on the way.♣

4. Election of our International Representatives

This is the year for the election of the international representatives. We received a nomination form as usual and returned the form with our nominee's name on it. But since then we did not heard anything. It turned out the nomination sheets the Election

Officer sent the office did not reach Japan. Therefore, we missed the opportunity to vote. Here is a note from the Election Officer, Professor Jacqueline Hurlley:

I am writing to inform you that the AGM, held in Debrecen last Friday, 11th July, did not oppose the solution which, I understand, was agreed between Professors Murray and Toraiwa, i.e. that the nominations for Japan should be recognised as Japan's Vice-Chair and representatives for 2003-2006. They were, of course, voted for by members in other parts of the world. I deeply regret that Japanese members did not have the opportunity to vote on this occasion.

In another e-mail she has said, "Please apologise on my behalf to all members in Japan." The Office would like to apologize here too. We should have noticed and written to her earlier.

Our representatives during the period from 2003 to 06 will be:

Vice Chairperson: Masazumi Toraiwa

Representatives: Reiji Fujimoto, Mitsuko Ohno and Seishi Matsuda.

5. From IASIL-Japan to IASIL Japan

At the Committee Meeting it has been decided we will use a new way of presenting our name **IASIL Japan**. The hyphen (-) between **IASIL** and **Japan** will be deleted. We will continue to use 'small caps' font style for our name: **IASIL Japan**.

6. Change of Constitution

At the committee we have been discussion the change of Constitution. The new one will be presented at the AGM in October and need the approval by the members.

7. Website

Please go into our Website. Ms Miyuki Kyotani and Professor Peter O'Connor have been working wonderfully for our site. <http://www.musashino-wu.ac.jp/iasil-j/>

Looking forward to seeing you at the Conference at WASEDA.
Have a Great Summer!

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The Office will be closed between August 2 and 14. Sorry for the inconvenience.