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International Association for the Study of Irish Literatures

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1. The 26th International Conference at Shiga University

Dates: October 10 (Sat.) & October 11 (Sun.)

Venue: Shiga University, Hikone Campus

Conference Theme: Echo Chambers: Reverberations in Irish Writing

Guest Speakers:

Prof. Riana O'Dwyer, Prof. Ellen Carol Jones, and Prof. Morris Beja

*Please find the tentative program under No.3 below.

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Old Membership Fees (2008, 2007, 2006)

Annual Membership -----¥8,000
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3. Tentative Program of the Conference

SATURDAY 10 October

9:30-10:30 Registration

10:30-11:00: Opening Addresses

11:10-12:10: Guest Lecture by Professor Riana O'Dwyer

Insiders and Outsiders: A Study of the Plays of J. M. Synge and Tom Murphy

(Introduction: Masami Nakao)

12:10-13:00: Lunch

13:00-14:30: Papers

1. Andrew Fitzsimons: 'Ego Dominus Tuus': Yeats and 'the unpersuadable justice'
2. Duncan Chesney: Joyce between Dante and Beckett: Italian Susurrations and Reverberations'

(Chair: Joseph O'Leary)

3. Takashi Ishikawa: The Poetics of the Wind: Transient Harmony of the Harp

(Chair: Ken'ichi Matsumura)

14:50-17:00: Symposium: Contemporary Irish Theatre in Context

Mika Funahashi: Patricia Burke Brogan's *Eclipsed* (1988/1992) in Contexts Domestic and Overseas

Naoko Yagi: Frank McGuinness's *Innocence* (1986) in a Meta-Theatrical Context

Hiroko Mikami: Frank McGuinness's *Speaking Like Magpies* (2005) in an Anglo-Irish Context

Prof. Riana O'Dwyer (Commentator)

(Chair: Hiroko Mikami)

18:00- : Reception: Opening Address by Akiko Manabe

SUNDAY 11 October

9:30-10:00: Registration

10:00-11:00: Papers

Room 1

1. Naoko Toraiwa: Interweaving with History: Sebastian Barry's Recent Novels
2. Wei H. Kao: Exploring Black-Irish Relations in the New World:
Ned Harrigan's "The Mulligan Guard Ball" and Sebastian Barry's
"White Woman Street"

(Chair: Beverley Curran)

Room 2

1. Yu-chun Huang: An Epic of Ethics: Joyce's Ethical Movements in *Ulysses*
2. Rie Shimokawa (The title to be decided soon)

(Chair: Masaya Shimokusu)

11:10-12:10: Special Lecture: Prof. Morris Beja

(Introduction: Kazuhiro Doki)

12:10-13:00: Lunch and Annual General Meeting (Chair: Ken'ichi Matsumura)

13:10-15:20: Symposium: Text and History: Joyce Revisited

Prof. Ellen Carol Jones: Ghosts through Absence

Kumiko Yamada: The Fukien Mission: Irish Missionaries and Nationalism

Wataru Takahashi: Text of *Ulysses*: Joyce's (Re)writing of His(s)tory

Prof. Morris Beja (Commentator)

(Chair: Shigeo Shimizu)

15:20: Closing Address by Kazuhiro Doki

4. Location and Hotels

Please find the enclosed map for details.

*Concerning the list of hotels, Hikone Prince Hotel is now called Hikone View Hotel

(<http://hikone.in/>) and the prices have been much lowered now.

*Other recommendable hotels are: Comfort Hotel (<http://www.choice-hotels.jp/cfhikone/index.php>),

and Route Inn Hotel (http://www.route-inn.co.jp/search/hotel/index.php?hotel_id=570)

*For the general information, please check the Hikone City website: <http://www.hikoneshi.com>



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