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1. Plan for IASIL JAPAN 2010 Conference

At the Committee Meeting held on March 13, plans for the 27th Conference of IASIL-JAPAN have been confirmed.

Dates: Oct. 9 (Sat.) & Oct 10(Sun)

Venue: The University of Tokyo, Komaba Campus

Theme: "Offshore Irelands: Irish Influence and Influences"

Guest Speakers: Two poets, Dennis O'Driscoll and Julie O'Callaghan

Symposium1: "Contemporary Irish Poetry: Influences and Influence"

Chair: Andrew Fitzsimons (Gakushuin University)

Panelists: Mitsuko Ohno (Aichi Shukutoku University)

Nobuaki Tochigi (Waseda University)

Martin Connolly (Tsurumi University)

Symposium2: "The Quest for Scottish and Irish Identities in Early and Mid-Nineteenth-Century Fiction"

Chair: Beverley Curran (Aichi Shukutoku University)

Panelists: Yuko Matsui (Surugadai University)

Haruko Takakuwa (Senshu University)

Tetsuko Nakamura (Nippon Medical School)

Mr. Dennis O'Driscoll was born in Thurles, County Tipperary, Ireland in 1954. He has written eight books of poetry, three chapbooks and a collection of essays and reviews. He has also edited and compiled contemporary quotations about poets and poetry, and has published a book of his dialogues with Seamus Heaney. His numerous awards include a Lannan Literary Award, the E. M. Forster Award, the O'Shaughnessy Award for Poetry, and the

Argosy Irish Non-Fiction Book of the Year Award. For more info, see: <http://dennisodriscoll.com/>

Ms. Julie O'Callaghan, born in Chicago in 1954, has lived in Ireland since 1974. Her collections of poetry include *Edible Anecdotes* (Dolmen, 1983), a Poetry Book Society Recommendation, *What's What* (Bloodaxe, 1991), a Poetry Book Society Choice, *No Can Do* (Bloodaxe, 2000), a Poetry Book Society Recommendation and *Tell Me This Is Normal: New and Selected Poems* (Bloodaxe, 2008), also a Poetry Book Society Recommendation. A chapbook, *Problems* (Pressed Wafer, Boston), appeared in 2005. For more info, see: <http://julieocallaghan.com/>

2. Call for Papers!

- 1) Applicants for the paper reading are requested to send the office below 250–300 Words synopsis as an MS Word attachment. Besides the synopsis itself, please send details of the author's affiliation, full postal and e-mail address, and telephone and fax numbers by **the end of May**.
- 2) The length of the paper to be read at the conference should be within 20 minutes.

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3. Travel Grant for Translators of Contemporary Irish Literature.

Ireland Literature Exchange/Idirmhalartan Litriocht Eireann (ILE) invites applications from literary translators from **China, Japan, Brazil and Argentina** who are working on the translation of a work of **contemporary Irish literature** and wish to spend a period of up to three consecutive weeks in Ireland during the period **1st May to 31st July 2010**.

The deadline for applications is **Friday, 9th April 2010**. More information can be found on our redesigned website <http://www.irelandliterature.com/residential-bursary-programme>