

IASIL Japan Newsletter

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The Japan Branch of the International Association for the Study of Irish Literatures

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1. Message from President: Postponement of IASIL Japan 2020 conference

At this time of year, we would now usually be preparing for our annual conference. The conference has been central to our organization since its foundation in 1984, and has given focus to, and has proved a galvanising force in, the study of Irish literature in Japan. Sadly, as with the postponement of the International Conference this summer, we will not have the opportunity to meet and share our work this October. I want to reassure everyone that IASIL Japan is as committed as ever to promoting and encouraging the research and scholarship of our membership, and that every effort will be made to enable the conference we had planned for this year to be held next year at Meiji University.

Our organization *will* continue, but we need the participation and support of all our members. I would encourage all of us to renew our memberships as soon as possible, in order to help our organization continue its work in the uncertain times we are facing. With this in mind, the Executive Committee has agreed that, despite the postponement of our conference, we should go ahead with our AGM, which is an opportunity for us all to meet and hear about our activities this past year and our plans for next year. The AGM will take place on Zoom (the details will follow; please check messages from the Secretariat). I look forward to seeing you all then, and in the meantime hope you and all your loved ones stay safe and healthy over the coming months.

Andrew Fitzsimons

President, IASIL Japan

We're STILL calling for papers! Because of the postponement of the IASIL Japan 2020 Conference until October 2021, **we are still accepting paper proposals.** Applicants for a 20-minute paper reading are requested to send a synopsis of 250–300 words as a Word attachment to the IASIL Japan office at secretary@iasil.jp. Besides the synopsis itself, please send details of affiliation, full postal and e-mail addresses, and telephone and fax numbers by **31st May, 2021.**

2. Message from Editor in Chief: Cancellation of publication of *JIS* Vol. XXXV

After much discussion, the decision was taken by the Editorial Board that in light of a small number of submissions having been received and the cancellation of this year's conference that the *Journal of Irish Studies* will not be published this year. We recognise that this will be a disappointment for our members but request your understanding in the exceptional circumstances that pertain in 2020. We look forward to a bumper issue next year.

Jane O'Halloran

Editor, *Journal of Irish Studies*

3. Payment of annual membership fees

If you have not already paid your membership fees for 2020, please do so by the end of September, as the journals will be sent to paid-up members by post. This of course applies to non-paid fees for past years, as well. If you are applying for a Student membership, please provide the office with a copy of a valid student ID with your payment.

Membership with <i>JIS</i>	¥7,000	Couple membership with <i>JIS</i>	¥10,000
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<i>JIS</i>	¥ 750	¥ 1,000	¥ 1,300
<i>JIS</i> & <i>IUR</i>	¥ 1,500	¥ 2,000	¥ 2,600

4. Join! IASIL Japan 2020 annual general meeting

Although the conference has been postponed, the office has decided to hold the annual general meeting on Zoom. The AGM starts at 3 p.m., on October 10. Detailed information, including the access code, will be given by email later. Please keep checking your email, and please join us!

5. Distribution of journals

Since this year's conference was postponed, the office cannot distribute JIS and/or IUR to paid-up attendees at the registration desk. Therefore, this year's instalment of IUR will be sent out by mail during the middle of October.



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