

IASIL Japan Newsletter

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

April 2021

1. Election of New Executive Committee Members

The term of the present IASIL Japan Executive Committee Members is due to expire on 31 December, 2021 and we are now conducting an election for the new members. Beverly Curran and Haruko Takakuwa have agreed to serve as Election Officers.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the current Executive Committee has agreed to adopt e-voting for this election. Members in good standing (paid-up for 2020) receive a voting-code and a list of the candidates with this Newsletter. They will also receive an email from the IASIL Japan Office which includes the URL to a ballot sheet in Google Forms.

The voting method is indicated below the voting code. Please make sure to **vote by the end of 25 May**. The results of the election will be announced at the Annual General Meeting during the Annual Conference to be held in October.

2. Payment of Annual Fees & Introduction of PayPal

Please find enclosed the 2021 Membership Fee remittance sheet payable to Japan Post Bank. You may choose to pay to the IASIL Japan account at the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi below. If you have not paid the membership fee below for any of the past three years, a separate sheet indicating the unpaid year is enclosed, so we ask you to add that amount to the 2020 fee.

If you are applying for Student membership fee, please provide the office with a copy of valid student ID with your payment.

Membership with <i>JIS</i>	¥ 7,000	Couple membership with <i>JIS</i>	¥ 10,000
Membership with <i>JIS</i> & <i>IUR</i>	¥ 10,000	Couple membership with <i>JIS</i> & <i>IUR</i>	¥ 13,000
Student with <i>JIS</i> *	¥ 5,000		

*a copy of valid student ID should be provided annually

If you live abroad, you can use PayPal from April 2021. Please follow the instruction shown in the email you will receive shortly from Treasurer Hironao Kobayashi <treasurer@iasil.jp>. Or you can transfer your membership fee to the following account:

Bank Name: Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, LTD.

SWIFT CODE: BOTKJPJT

Branch Name: Kawagoe Branch (Branch No. 382)

Branch Address: 1-2-7 Shintomi-cho, Kawagoe City, Saitama Prefecture, 350-0043, Japan

Tel: +81 (0)49-222-2351

Account Name: IASIL Japan Treasurer Hironao Kobayashi

Account No: 0343056

The membership fee for overseas members does not include the transfer charge, so please make sure that the exact amount reaches us. Please add the overseas postal charge to mail you the copies of *Journal of Irish Studies* and *Irish University Review* for which you have paid, according to the table below.

International postal rates for <i>JIS</i> & <i>IUR</i>	Asia	Oceania, North America, Central America, Europe, Middle East	South America, Africa
<i>JIS</i>	¥ 750	¥ 1,000	¥ 1,300
<i>JIS</i> & <i>IUR</i>	¥ 1,500	¥ 2,000	¥ 2,600

3. Plans for the IASIL Japan 2021 Conference, “Revolutions/Resolutions”

Currently, the Office are planning to hold this year’s conference as below:

Date: 10-11 October, 2020.

Venue: Meiji University, Surugadai Campus

<https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/about/campus/index.html>

Guest Speakers 1) Matthew Campbell (University of York) and 2) Leontia Flynn

Symposium 1: “Illness in Irish Writing: mental, physical, social” (tentative title)

Chair: John Maher

Panellists: Naoko Toraiwa, Nao Igarashi, Beverley Curran

Symposium 2: “Revolutions/Resolutions: Conflict and Art” (tentative title)

Chair: Andrew Fitzsimons

Panellists: Akiko Manabe, Naomi Miki and David Taylor

Considering the ongoing situation of COVID-19 pandemic, however, the Executive Committee will make the final decision on how to run the conference by 21 May. Possible formats include:

- (a) holding the conference face-to-face, at Meiji University
- (b) holding the conference face-to-face, at another university in Tokyo
- (c) holding the conference face-to-face, at another university in another city
- (d) holding the conference online

Please be updated by checking the emails from the IASIL Japan Office.

Call for Papers!

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**.

4. IASIL Conference 2021 “Creative Borders”

IASIL Conference, hosted by our colleagues at the University of Łódź, is going to be run as a **fully online** event from 19 to 23 July, 2021. Accordingly, Students, early career scholars, and the unsalaried can participate free of charge (regular fee of 10 EURO for others). In order to accommodate those who have not submitted an abstract due to the ongoing uncertainty about travel, the deadline has been extended one more time, to **30 April**. For more details, please go to IASIL Website: <http://www.iasil.org/2021/03/message-from-iasil-chair-2021-conference/> and the Conference website: <http://iasil.uni.lodz.pl/>

5. Reports on IASIL Japan Scholarship

There was no application to IASIL Japan Scholarship. For 2021, no new scholarships will be awarded by IASIL Japan for the IASIL Conference, since PhD students will not need to pay a registration fee, and will not incur any travel or accommodation costs. We ardently encourage more postgraduate students to apply for the scholarship next year.

6. *Journal of Irish Studies*

The deadline for submission to *Journal of Irish Studies* Vol. XXXV is **25 April 2021**. Contributors should send articles for consideration together with a short biographical note to Jane O'Halloran at <editor@iasil.jp>. Please send articles and biographical information as MS Word files attached to the e-mail. The biographical information should include the author's affiliation, full postal and e-mail addresses, and telephone and fax numbers. More information can be found on the IASIL Japan website: <http://iasil.jp/journal.html>.

The editor suggests that those whose mother tongue is not English should have their articles checked by native speakers of English prior to submission.



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