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\* A Happy New Year! This is a trial issue of digitized IASIL JAPAN newsletter. The May issue of the newsletter and a conference programme will be issued on paper basis, however.

#### 1. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Conference of IASIL JAPAN

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Conference of IASIL JAPAN was held at Aichi Shukutoku University on September 30 and October 1, 2006. The Conference theme was "Cross-currents of Irish Heritage."

At the conference, we had the honour of the presence of Ambassador of Ireland, HE Mr. Brendan Scannell, and the gracious presence of Mrs. Scannell also at the reception.

We had remarkable two days with multinational guest speakers, Prof. Michael Cronin from Dublin City University, Mr. Theo Dorgan and Ms. Paula Meehan from Ireland and Michael Crummey from the "Rock" ie Newfoundland, Canada. We would like to express our gratitude to Culture Ireland and Aichi Shukutoku University for the generous grants to support their trip to Japan.

Two symposia, "Still Under Construction: The Big House Novel from *Castle Rackrent* to *Birchwood*" and "Translating Ireland" and the eight papers were impressively presented at the conference. Emergence of these young and competent scholars seemed to promise a continuing success of IASIL JAPAN in the years to come.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the staff of Aichishukutoku University, especially Prof. Mitsuko Ohno, Prof. Beverly Curran, Prof. Kumiko Yamada and their splendid colleagues and students.

Items covered at AGM chaired by Prof. Ken'ichi Matsumura:

- 1) Financial Report of the Fiscal Year 2005 and Financial Plan of the Fiscal Year 2006 by Treasurer, Prof. Shiho Sakuma
- 2) *Journal of Irish Studies* by Editor of JIS, Prof. Seishi Matsuda (Details are shown below)
- 3) IASIL 2006 at the University of New South Wales, Sydney by Prof. Masaya Shimokusu
- 4) IASIL 2007 at University College Dublin by Prof. Ken'ichi Matsumura

5) IASIL JAPAN 2007 by Secretary, Prof. Masaya Shimokusu

Host University: Kobe Shinwa University.

Organizer: Prof. Seishi Matsuda

(Dates, guests and the conference theme are under consideration.)

2. *Journal of Irish Studies*

The Board of *Journal of Irish Studies* announces two important decisions about editorial procedures:

1. Qualifications for submitting papers to JIS: JIS invites all members of IASIL JAPAN to submit essays on any aspect of Irish studies, And in addition, works of fiction, poetry, artworks as well as interviews, or other writings deemed of particular relevance to Irish studies in Japan by either the members or non-members of IASIL JAPAN, may also be submitted for consideration.

2. The maximum length of papers: from next issue onwards the maximum length of papers or any other writings should be within 4,000 words, mainly because it will enable the journal to publish as many quality writings as possible by restricted expenditure.

The deadline for submissions to the *Journal of Irish Studies* Vol. XXII is 25 April 2007.

3. *Irish University Review*

The special issue on John Banville of *Irish University Review* (Spring/Summer 2006) was published, but its copies have not arrived at the office yet. We have kept contacting the person in charge of *IUR*, but the copies have not arrived yet, unfortunately as of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2007. The office really appreciates your patience and cooperation.

The office has one sample copy of the John Banville issue of *IUR*. If you need photocopies of its contents page or some article(s), please contact the office. You may be asked to pay the expenses.

4. Members' Directory

Thank you very much for answering the former questionnaire on members' directory. We received a few clear rejections of the directory. Considering the Law of the Prevention of Individual Information, the committee will continue discussing its publication.

5. IASIL 2007

The following is the extract from the first call for papers:

The 2007 IASIL conference takes place at University College Dublin  
Monday 16 July - Friday 20 July

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS - Deadline 20 January 2007

Varieties of Irishness

The International Association for the Study of Irish Literatures invites you to attend the 2007 conference at University College Dublin. The Conference theme is designed to highlight the diversity which has always been at the heart of Irish writing and to accommodate the widespread interests of IASIL delegates.

Proposals for papers of twenty minutes' duration (i.e. papers that, when completed, will be approx. 2,800 words in length) are welcome on any aspect of the literatures of Ireland, especially those on the conference theme.

Organising panel: Dr. John Brannigan; Professor Andrew Carpenter; Professor Anne Fogarty; Professor Gerardine Meaney.

IASIL 2007 is hosted by the School of English and Drama and the Global Irish Institute at University College Dublin.

More on <http://www.iasil.org/ucd/>

#### 6. The 2006 Membership Fee

If you have not received *JIS 2006*, you may not have paid this year's membership fee. Please check your status and do not fail to send the 2006 membership fee.

Regular membership—8,000 yen

Married couple—12,000 yen per couple

Student membership—5000 yen. (Students who would like to receive *IUR* and to participate in IASIL conference as well as IASIL JAPAN conference have to pay 8,000 yen.)

Those who wish to use the bank rather than the post office remittance, please use the following bank:

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#### 7. IASIL JAPAN Latest NEWS

In the March of 2006, thanks to our Treasurer, Prof. Shiho Sakuma, we launched a supplementary webpage of the latest information on Irish studies, especially for young and younger-at-heart scholars. Please visit the following page:

[http://iasiljapan.cocolog-nifty.com/iasil\\_japan\\_news/](http://iasiljapan.cocolog-nifty.com/iasil_japan_news/)

Or visit our website (<http://www.musashino-u.ac.jp/iasil-j/> ) and click "IASIL JAPAN Latest NEWS."

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