

NAACLT News

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North American Association for Celtic Language Teachers

From the Editor's Computer...

For the past several months, work has been going on behind the scenes to create an organization for Irish, Scottish Gaelic, and Welsh language teachers in North America. They have been joined by applied linguists with interests in Modern Celtic languages to form the North American Association for Celtic Language Teachers. In the beginning of April the following message [abbreviated] was sent out on a number of Internet lists that deal with these languages.

"I am interested in forming an association in North America for Celtic language teachers and applied linguistic researchers. It is my hope that such an organization would increase communication among Celtic language teachers in North America, increase the number of papers on Celtic language learning given at conferences of organizations such as ACIS, AAAL, and IRAAL, and increase the amount of articles in refereed journals and other publications on this topic...

At this point I would like to form a 'founding committee' of those who have taught a Celtic language and those who have carried out research in this area.... Nancy Stenson of the University of Minnesota and Dennis Doyle of Glendale Community College (California) have already volunteered. A few more volunteers are needed from both the United States and Canada. If interested, please write me at the address below. [...]

Soon after this initial announcement, it was possible to share via e-mail this message: "The following are individuals teaching Celtic languages or carrying out research on the teaching of them who replied to the initial message last week: Jim Clarke, Massasoit Community College; Ron Crow, Antioch College; Wayne Harbert, Cornell University; and John T. McCranie, San Francisco State University (grad.)."

We could still use some input from Canadian scholars and those who specialize in Scottish Gaelic. Volunteers are encouraged to make contact with me as soon as possible. We are off to a good start!

Thomas W. Ihde

Membership

Membership chair Michael Pearson has begun to receive many inquiries from prospective members of our new organization. Dues can be paid in August of each year and are \$15 (\$10 for graduate students). More information can be had by writing: [old info removed].

Celtic Language Learning Conference

Call For Papers: NAACLT'95

Abstracts are now being accepted for our first conference, to be held 25 March 1995 in Glendale, CA. Topics

will include learning materials, computer assisted instruction, language acquisition, teacher certification, and language testing, as they apply to the Celtic languages. Abstracts should be sent to:

John T. McCranie
 NAACLT'95
 Dept. of Computer Science
 San Francisco State University
 San Francisco, CA 94123

E-mail submissions should be sent to jtm@naaclt.org. The deadline for the receipt of abstracts is 1 November 1994. A more detailed explanation of the topics and requirements is also available from the above addresses.

John T. McCranie

[Journal of Celtic Language Learning](#)

Thomas W. Ihde of Bergen Community College and Nancy Stenson of University of Minnesota will be co-editing this annual collection of scholarly articles. Though many of the articles will come from our March conference in Glendale, the journal will also consider manuscripts from individuals not attending the conference. This will include instructors and researchers both in North America and other parts of the world.

A call for manuscripts can be expected in November. At that time exact information will be shared concerning the required format of submissions. It can be noted now that articles should be between 2,500 - 3,000 words. The deadline for all manuscripts will be 15 April 1995 with publication to be expected by September.

Other Conferences

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24-27 March. Long Beach, CA. 17th Annual Language Testing Research Colloquium. Deadline for proposals is 30 September 1994. For more information contact Lyle F. Bachman, Department of TESL and Applied Linguistics, UCLA, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1531 or e-mail IYG9LTR@MVS.OAC.UCLA.EDU.

25-28 March. Long Beach, CA. American Association for Applied Linguistics Annual Meeting. Proposal forms may be obtained from AAAL, 7630 West 145th Street, Suite 202, Apple Valley, MN 55124-7553. Deadline for all proposals is 16 September 1994.

25 June-1 July. Belfast. 1995 ACIS-CAIS Conference. American Conference of Irish Studies and Canadian Association for Irish Studies annual conference. Members only may present. Membership dues can be sent to Dr. Carol Berger, St. Louis Community College, 3400 Pershall Road, St. Louis, MO 63135 (\$14.00). Send one page proposal to: Prof. James MacKillop, English/Communications, Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, NY 13215. Deadline: 1 September 1994.

Publications and Papers

This place in the newsletter will be devoted to sharing news of members' research over the past twelve months. Please look back over the past year and send information of your publications and papers on Celtic language learning to the editor of NAACLT News.

Thomas W. Ihde

- Published *The Irish Language in the United States* Westport: CT, Bergin & Garvey (editor and contributor).
 - Presented papers entitled "Teacher/Student Profile: Irish in America" ACIS Mid-Atlantic Region Conference 1993, Siena College, New York and "Teaching Irish to Americans: Focus on Feedback" IRAAL'94 International Conference, Marino Institute, Dublin.
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Notes

Ron Crow

Activities: As president of Conradh na Gaeilge i Lár Ohio, I am happy to note its first, and successful, Irish language weekend, 13-15 May 1994. Thanks to Laurie Baker for organizing the events. Next year's weekend is being planned.

Along with teaching Irish at Antioch College last Fall, I also organized an adult class in Dayton, Ohio. Frank Carroll taught the class. A math professor at Ohio State University, Frank is a student of mine and often teaches beginning Irish classes.

I began teaching an evening class for adults at Antioch during the Winter session. They were quite enthusiastic. I must report that only the distance between Columbus and Dayton has prevented our maximizing the tremendous Irish teaching opportunities in southwestern Ohio.

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