At the AGM in June 2016, in Albany, NY it was decided that we would not run a conference this year (2017). We decided instead to adopt, on a trial basis, a policy of bi-annual conferences. That policy will be pursued for two years and will be revisited in 2018, at the conference in Newfoundland.

While the “Montréal Meeting” is not being advertised as a conference, it will have many of the trapping of a conference.

Everything will be extremely informal and low overhead. The reception will be simply a matter of getting together in a local pub. The “Banquet” will be “à la carte” at a local restaurant. People will be left at liberty to arrange their own accommodations.

The panel on Brexit should be particularly interesting. The implications of Brexit for the Celtic languages is enormous. The Irish language was a central issue precipitating the recent election in the north of Ireland, and it appears that no power-sharing administration will be re-established until agreement is reached about an Irish Language Act. Brexit has brought the cause of Scottish independence closer to fruition than any time in the past 250 years. This carries huge implications for Scottish identity and language. Wales, faced with leaving the EU, stands to lose substantial language funding and research support. The Cornish language is under attack by British nationalists as an example of the extravagances of EU language policies. Manx also depends upon EU protections, and the status of Manx in the EU is contingent upon the UK’s membership.

Meeting venue: School of Irish Studies – Concordia University (https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/irish-studies.html)
Henry F. Hall Building
Room H 1001
Sir George William Campus
1455 De Maisonneuve Blvd. W.
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
H3G 1M8

Campus map: https://www.concordia.ca/maps/sgw-campus.html
H = Henry F Hall Building

Building Map
https://www.concordia.ca/maps/sgw-campus.html?building=H

COST:
Can$100 for the entire conference
or
Can$40/session
Reception Friday, 2 June 2017

7:00 – 9:00 PM
Mckibbin's Bishop Irish Pub
1426 Bishop St,
Montreal, QC H3G 2E6

Saturday, 3 June 2017

AM: Panel – Implications of Brexit for the Celtic Languages
PM: Panel – Promotion of the Celtic Languages in North America

NAACLT Annual General Meeting
Late Afternoon/ Evening – Field Trip (details below)

7:00 PM Banquet (details below)

Sunday 4 June 2017

AM: Invited Papers on Sundry Topics

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Banquet (evening, 7:00PM on Saturday 3 June, after the field trip)

The NAACLTL banquet will be at:
Irish Embassy Pub & Grill
1234 Bishop St, Montreal, QC H3G 2E3
Map: https://goo.gl/maps/GrkQvae1EMD2

FIELD TRIP (Later afternoon on Saturday 3 June)

Montreal Irish Memorial Park
Griffintown. Black Rock Monument
Bridge St, Montreal, QC H3K 1X8
Details on the [Montreal Irish Memorial Park](http://www.lastwordonnothing.com/2015/12/25/the-monument-that-montreal-swallowed/)

The Irish Commemorative Stone (also known as the Black Rock) is a monument in Montreal, Quebec commemorating the deaths of 6,000 Irish immigrants to Canada during the famine immigration.

Officially named the Irish Commemorative Stone, it is more commonly known as the Black Rock and also has been referred to as the Ship Fever Monument or the Boulder Stone.

During the mid-19th century, workers constructing the Victoria Bridge across the St. Lawrence River discovered a mass grave in Windmill Point where victims of typhus epidemic of 1847 had been quarantined in fever sheds. The workers, many of whom were of Irish descent, were unsettled by the discovery and wanted to create a memorial to ensure the grave, which held the coffins of 6,000 Irish immigrants, would not be forgotten.

Erected on December 1, 1859, the stone was the first Canadian monument to represent the famine. The inscription on the stone reads:

"To Preserve from Desecration the Remains of 6000 Immigrants Who died of Ship Fever A.D. 1847-48. This Stone is erected by the Workmen of Messrs. Peto, Brassey and Betts Employed in the Construction of the Victoria Bridge A.D. 1859."

You may find this blog post quite interesting:

How to get to Concordia University (via airport, car, train, etc):

Accomodations:

Grey Nuns Residence has blocked a selection of rooms for NAACLTLT attendees for 2-3 June 2017. The residence offers free high-speed Wi-Fi in every room, 24-hour security and use of the common rooms with kitchenette. NAACLTLT attendees will be allocated rooms close to each other.

The room rates are as follows:

- **1 single bed** with sink, fridge and shared washrooms **$49 per night**.
- **1 double bed** with sink, fridge and shared washrooms **$69 per night**.
- **2 single beds** with sink, fridge and shared washrooms **$74 per night**.
• **1 single bed** with private washrooms **$79 per night.**

All rates are subject to tax of approximately 19%.

**IMPORTANT:** These rates are available on reservations made by 2 May 2017. After this date any un-reserved rooms will be released from the block and returned to general sale.

**NOTE:** To reserve individual rooms, at the reduced rates, **please** use the [online booking platform](http://www.concordia.ca/students/housing/summer.html). When asked “Do you have a group code?” type **IRISHSTUDIES17** then complete the reservation process.

Any inquiries regarding the Grey Nuns Residence should be made to:
Sarah Caille
Residence Life Manager Summer Accommodation
Tel: 514 848 2424 x8000

Office location: GN D-103, Grey Nuns Residence 1190 rue Guy, Montreal H3H 2L4

Mailing address:
1455 Blvd De Maisonneuve Ouest
GN D-103, Montreal Quebec H3G 1M8

If you prefer to arrange your own accommodation, there are some of the hotels nearby, with approximate room rates – Canadian currency – for the first week in June:

**Hôtel Le Crystal Montréal** [http://www.hotellecrystal.com](http://www.hotellecrystal.com)
Room rates: minimum $400+tx (single occupancy)
1100 rue de la Montagne, Montréal, Quebec H3G 0A1
Phone: 1 (877) 861 5550
Proximity to venue: [https://goo.gl/maps/grt7SsKgTeu](https://goo.gl/maps/grt7SsKgTeu)

**Hotel Y Montreal** [http://hotelymontreal.com](http://hotelymontreal.com)
Room rates: minimum $150+tx (single occupancy)
1355 René-Lévesque Blvd W, Montreal, QC H3G 1T3
Phone: (514) 866-9942
Proximity to venue: [https://goo.gl/maps/73BQqkcD6UB2](https://goo.gl/maps/73BQqkcD6UB2)

**Novotel Montreal Centre** [http://www.novotelmontreal.com](http://www.novotelmontreal.com)
Room rates: minimum $700+tx (double occupancy)
1180 rue de la Montagne, H3G 1Z1 Montréal, Quebec
Phone: (514) 861-6000
Proximity to venue: [https://goo.gl/maps/3J9hKKvzPk12](https://goo.gl/maps/3J9hKKvzPk12)

**Le Centre Sheraton Montreal** [www.sheratoncentremontreal.com](http://www.sheratoncentremontreal.com)
Room rates: minimum $270+tx (single occupancy)
1201 Boulevard Rene-Levesque West, Montreal, Quebec H3B 2L7
Proximity to venue: [https://goo.gl/maps/fyMJ5v2W8pH2](https://goo.gl/maps/fyMJ5v2W8pH2)

Room rates: minimum: $170+ tx (single occupancy)
1240 Drummond Street, Montreal, Quebec H3G 1V7
Phone: 1(800) 780-7234
Proximity to venue: [https://goo.gl/maps/9f5ncrhkVyN2](https://goo.gl/maps/9f5ncrhkVyN2)

Room rates: minimum $780+tx (single occupancy)
1228 Sherbrooke St.West, Montreal, H3G 1H6 Quebec
Phone:(514) 842-4212
Proximity to venue: https://goo.gl/maps/uC6gGNvTcD82

Le Meridien Versaille  http://www.lemeridienversailleshotel.com
Room rates: minimum $220+tx (single occupancy)
1808 rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Montreal, QC, H3H 1E5
Phone: (514) 933 8111
Proximity to venue: https://goo.gl/maps/EnHhbaR1eoH2

Room rates: minimum: $400+tx (single occupancy)
1425 Mountain St, Montreal, QC H3G 1Z3
Phone: (514) 285-5555
Proximity to venue: https://goo.gl/maps/FFidknJjp82

Hôtel Le St James  http://www.hotellestjames.com
Room rates: minimum $750+tx (single occupancy)
355 Rue Saint-Jacques, Montreal, QC, H2Y-1N9
Phone: (514) 841-3111
Proximity to venue: https://goo.gl/maps/U9yBpPPBTHB2

Le St-Martin Hôtel Particulier Montréal  http://lestmartinmontreal.com
Room rates: minimum $310+tx (single occupancy)
980 Boulevard de Maisonneuve Ouest, Montréal, QC H3A 1N4
Phone: (514) 843-3000
Proximity to venue: https://goo.gl/maps/sHCL1mHeK7G2

Room rates: minimum $800+tx (single occupancy)
1155 Sherbrooke St W, Montreal, QC H3A 2N3
Phone: (514) 285-9000
Proximity to venue: https://goo.gl/maps/RoXS6ns8r2w

Hotel Omni Mont-Royal  https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/montreal-mont-royal
Room rates: minimum $240+tx (single occupancy)
1050 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, QC H3A 2R6
Phone: 514-284-1110
Proximity to venue: https://goo.gl/maps/yFTXdlKcWRs

L’hôtel Le Germain Montréal  http://www.legermainhotels.com/fr/montreal/
Room rates: minimum $260+tx (single occupancy)
2050 Mansfield St, Montreal, QC H3A 1Y9
Phone: +1 (877) 333-2050
Proximity to venue: https://goo.gl/maps/XhFMiz6w44H2

We hope that you enjoy both the conference and the Field Trip