

Newsletter

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March

Goût de France

TU Dublin-Tallaght Campus hosted its third Franco-Irish gastronomic event. This time, Tallaght Campus organised a unique gastronomic experience which showcased the many links that exist between Ireland and France across a great many areas, including Erasmus exchanges, research collaborations through the NCFIS, and European Projects.

The event was organised by students and lecturers from the BA in International Hospitality and Tourism Management and the BA in Culinary Arts. Renowned wine expert **Julie Dupouy** was invited to speak about her strong Franco-Irish gastronomic heritage. The event was co-hosted by the French Embassy and the Ambassador's representative on the day was **M. Lionel Paradisi-Coulouma** (Deputy Head of Mission), who is pictured below along with various local politicians, academics and students.



Also in March

Derek Hand and Eamon Maher visited Áras an Uachtaráin to present their essay collection, *John McGahern: Assessing a Literary Legacy* (Cork University Press), to His Excellency President Michael D. Higgins.



Presentation of *McGahern essays* to HE Michael D. Higgins



President Higgins had many interesting things to say about McGahern and even went so far as to comment on some of the essays. There are several AFIS members published in the book, which emerged out of a seminar that was co-organised by the School of English in DCU and the NCFIS.

April

Launch of *McGahern essays*

Playwright Marina Carr (pictured with the editors) launched the book in the Royal Irish Academy.





May

May - AFIS conference in Lille

The 13th conference was held in the Université de Lille on the 24-25 May. The theme was **Margins and Marginalities in France and/or Ireland**. At the end of day 1, Professor Michael Cronin launched *Patrimoine/Cultural Heritage in France and Ireland*, the fruit of the 12th conference held in Limerick. The book was co-edited by Eamon Maher and Eugene O'Brien. Some photos of the conference and delegates are included below.



October

Launch of *Recalling the Celtic Tiger*

On Saturday 19 October, journalist Fintan O'Toole launched the kaleidoscopic view of one of the most seismic events ever to take place in Ireland, the Celtic Tiger. The short vignettes that trace the multifaceted aspects of this period attempt to provide an A-Z of these years. Subsequently, in his Irish Times review of the book (4 January, 2020), Fintan O'Toole described the book as 'a terrific piece of publishing' that treated the Celtic Tiger, 'not as a mere episode in the history of the economy, but as a phenomenon that encompasses fiction, cinema, poetry, plays, coffee shops, the arrival of mobile phones, Riverdance, advertising, buy-to-lets, bondholders, political culture and Ross O'Carroll Kelly. It is a model of how to bring different perspectives and academic disciplines together to serve the non-academic public.' High praise indeed! The book is edited by Brian Lucey, Eugene O'Brien and Eamon Maher and once more features contributions by a large number of AFIS members.



Also in October

The 10th George Moore conference was held in the University of Almería from the 24-25 October. Brilliantly organised by Professor Elena Jaime de Pablos, the speakers tackled the theme of Truth, Innovation and Commitment: The Artistic Legacy of George Moore. The George Moore Association has now been established. The organiser is pictured below with some of the keynotes and speakers. As usual, Mary Piersie is nowhere to be seen!



Forthcoming Events

February 2020

A special one-day seminar is being organised by Susan Boyle in TU Dublin – Tallaght Campus on **February 19**. The theme is: **Playing with your Food: Food, Beverage and Performance**.

March 2020

Annual SOFEIR conference in the Université de Reims Champagne-Ardenne (15-16 March) on the theme: **Ireland: Specters and Chimeras**.

April 2020

The annual FICAHT conference is taking place in GMT (Galway and Mayo Institute of Technology), where the theme is **Franco-Irish Reflections on Food, Hospitality, Heritage and Tourism**.

May 2020

The Université de Caen under the aegis of GIS EIRE is putting in place a 2-day conference on: **Diasporas religieuses Irlandaises du XVIIe au XXEe siècle (The Irish Religious Diaspora from the 17th to the 21st century)**

The Dublin Gastronomy Symposium on the topic of **Food and Disruption** will happen in Cathal Brugha Street from the **26-27 May**

June 2020

AEDEI annual conference in Vigo, **Silences and Inconvenient Truths in Irish Culture and Society**, 3-5 June.

The conference, **Participation in Contemporary Irish arts**, will take place in Rennes, France on 4-5 June 2020.

IAADT is hosting a special AFIS event, **Opening Spaces-Changing Spaces: Cultural Exchange in Text and Practice**, on the **18 June**.

