

**Centre for the Study of Historic Irish Houses and Estates,
Department of Modern History, National University of Ireland Maynooth**

Presents

Third Annual Historic Houses of Ireland Conference

9-10 September 2005

Friday, 9 September 2005

Venue: John Hume Building, Theatre 1, North Campus, NUI Maynooth

7.00 p.m. Welcome:
Prof. R. V. Comerford (Head of Department of Modern History, NUI
Maynooth)
Dr Terence Dooley (Co-ordinator of the Centre for the Study of Historic
Irish Houses and Estates)

7.30 p.m. Keynote Address:
'The Country House from the Twentieth to the Twenty-first Century' (Prof.
David Cannadine, Director of the Institute of Historical Research,
University of London)
Chair: Sir David Davies (Abbey Leix)

Followed by Wine Reception in Pugin Hall, South Campus

Saturday, 11 September 2004

Venue: John Hume Building, Theatre 1, North Campus, NUI Maynooth

8.45 Registration

9.15-10.45 Restoration and Conservation

- 'Idiosyncratic Decoration: Some Case Studies of Irish Country House Interiors' (Christopher Moore, Lecturer, Specialist Decorator)
- 'Seeing Through a Painting' (Mary McGrath, Conservator)

10.45 Tea/Coffee

- 'Survival and Revival in Ireland's Historic Gardens and Demesnes' (Finola Reid, Historic Gardens and Landscape Consultant)
- 'Eighteenth Century Gardens: Restoring the Genius Loci' (Richard Wheeler, The National Trust)

Chair: To be announced

12.30-2.00 p.m. Lunch

2.00-4.00 Inter-disciplinary Session

- 'Exploring Historic Houses and Sites Using Mobile Technology' (Dr. John Keating, Dept. of Computer Science, NUI Maynooth)
- 'Historic Irish Tourist Landscapes: From the Dargle to Killarney' (Dr Finola O'Kane, School of Architecture, University College Dublin)
- 'Carolan and the Big Houses of Ireland: Their Culture, Fate and Legacy' (Seamus MacGabhann, Dept. of English, NUI Maynooth)

Chair: Professor Gerard Gillen (Music Department, NUI Maynooth)

4.00-4.30 Tea/Coffee

4.30-6.30 Living with Historic Houses

- ' "Breast-feeding a Dinosaur": Clonalis, Co. Roscommon' (Pyers O'Connor Nash, Clonalis)
- 'The OPW Management of a State-owned Historic House: Castletown, Co. Kildare' (Joanna Cramsie, Castletown)
- 'From Glaslough to Castle Leslie: Running a Country House in the Present Day': (Sammy Leslie, Castle Leslie)

Chair: John Cahill (Senior Conservation Architect, Office of Public Works)

6.30 Closing Remarks

8.00 Conference Banquet, Pugin Hall, Maynooth.

Fee:

Conference and Banquet €120

Conference only €80

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Dr. Terence Dooley,
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to arrive not later than 24 August 2005. As places are limited, early booking is recommended.

Accommodation:

Bed and continental breakfast is available on campus from €33.75 per night. For details contact Maynooth Campus Conference and Accommodation Centre at 01-7086200 or (Early booking is recommended.)