

*Newsletter, ninth issue*

This is the ninth in a series of annual Irish Historic Towns Atlas (IHTA) newsletters, intended to keep contributors and those associated with the project informed of progress and events.

### LIMERICK

IHTA no. 21 *Limerick* by Eamon O'Flaherty was launched in No. 2 Pery Square, Limerick by Mayor Councillor Kevin Kiely on 11 February 2010. It culminated in a lecture by Eamon in the Hunt Museum and a tour of St Mary's Cathedral. A series of lectures and public walking tours followed the launch in Limerick until May. Geraldine Ruane, CEO Ordnance Survey Ireland, launched the *Limerick* atlas with the *Longford* atlas in Academy House on 21 May 2010.

### LONGFORD

IHTA no. 22 *Longford* by Sarah Gearty, Martin Morris and Fergus O'Ferrall was launched by co-hosts Longford Town Council and Longford Historical Society on a beautiful summer's day by Mayor Councillor Brendan Gilmore. Martin Morris gave a walking tour of Longford earlier that day.



Longford launch party

### JOHN ROCQUE'S DUBLIN



Architect Niall McCullough launched *John Rocque's Dublin: a guide to the Georgian city* by Colm Lennon and John Montague on 24 November 2010 in the Wood Quay Venue, Dublin. The book was published in association with Dublin City Council and comprises forty map extracts from Rocque's *Exact survey of the city and suburbs of Dublin* (1756) with commentaries and contemporary illustrations.

### GALWAY DRAFT ONLINE

A draft of the forthcoming Galway topographical information section has been put online at [www.ihta.ie](http://www.ihta.ie) in fulfilment of the terms of a grant received from the Heritage Council.

### FORTHCOMING ATLASES

'Carlingford' by Harold O'Sullivan and Raymond Gillespie will be published in the early half of 2011 with 'Sligo' by Marie-Louise Legg and Fiona Gallagher to follow in the second half of the year.

### ATLASES IN PROGRESS

Editing progressed on Galway (Jacinta Prunty, Paul Walsh), Ennis (Brian Ó Dálaigh), Dublin, part III, 1756 to 1847 (Rob Goodbody) and New Ross (Linda Doran). Authors of fascicles on Waterford (Eamon McEneaney, Niamh Crowley), Cavan (Brendan Scott, Jonathan Cherry), Cork (Máire Clarke), Kin-

### IHTA SEMINARS 2010 & 2011

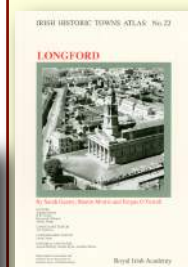
As with the previous seminars, the participants are asked to use the atlas as their principal research source and examine a particular element of the topographical information. Papers from the 2010 seminar included health, by Eamon O'Flaherty, entertainment, by Angela Byrne and manufacturing, by Stephen Royle. Kildare and Tuam were compared by Paul Gosling and Dublin and Galway were examined by Paul Walsh. The day concluded with a plenary session by Tadhg O'Keeffe who discussed the experience of town life and how that can be portrayed in the atlas.



The third and final seminar in the current series of seminars examining the workings of the Irish Historic Towns Atlas will take place on Friday 20 May 2011. Attendance at this will be free and notification of the programme will be advertised closer to the time.

We encourage authors/contributors and researchers in particular to attend the seminar as their experience would be most valuable to the discussions. The day will also serve as an opportunity to meet both those directly involved with the atlas and others interested in the work of the project.

### SPECIAL OFFERS

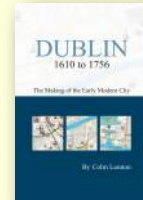
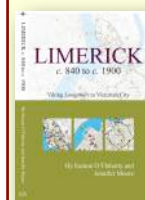


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IHTA EDITORS AND STAFF

Howard Clarke, Anngret Simms, Raymond Gillespie and Jacinta Prunty carried on their hard work on the Editorial Board. In the office, Sarah Gearty continued to manage the atlas project. Angela Murphy recently had a baby boy, Thomas, and Jennifer Moore is covering her maternity leave. Angela Byrne was the recipient of a three-year post-doctoral IRCHSS scholarship, which has taken her to Cambridge and on to the University of Toronto. Anne Rosenbusch has now replaced her working two days a week. Siobhan Murphy, Adrian Kirwan, Rhiannon Carey-Bates and Frank Cullen were taken on as researchers for Galway, Youghal and Dublin, part III respectively.



Eamon O'Flaherty and the Limerick launch party, February 2010

FUNDING

This year grants were received from Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust, Dublin City Council, Ennis Town Council, Galway City Council, Heritage Council, Sligo Town Council and there were various contributions towards research on Youghal. The project continued collaboration with Ordnance Survey Ireland and Land and Property Services Northern Ireland.

CONFERENCES

The Atlas had an information stand at the **Portrait of a City** conference held in Dublin Castle 9 & 10 December 2010 where Jacinta Prunty gave a plenary paper titled 'Ways of "seeing" the town, the tradition of morphological analysis as applied to Dublin city'.

Anngret Simms gave a paper titled 'Cohesion and diversity in the European city' at the **Finnish Society for Urban Studies, Helsinki, in June 2010**

At the **International Seminar on Urban Form, Hamburg, August, 2010**, a panel was dedicated to the Historic Towns Atlas Project. Papers were: Anngret Simms, 'The history of the European Historic Towns Atlas project'; Jacinta Prunty, 'Conzen in Dublin: town-plan analysis based on the Irish Historic Towns Atlas'; Mark Hennessy, 'The impact of the nineteenth-century state on the formation of town-plans: discussed on the basis of the Irish Historic Towns Atlas'.

**Arbeitskreis für historische Kulturlandschaftsforschung in Mitteleuropa, September 2010** Anngret Simms delivered a keynote address to the conference 'Homogenisierung und Differenzierung von Kulturlandschaften in einer europäischen Perspektive'.

LECTURES

**Mapping Urban Limerick**

The IHTA collaborated with the Hunt Museum, St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick Chapter of the Georgian Society, Thomond Archaeological and Historical Society and the University

of Limerick History Department and School of Architecture to deliver the Mapping Urban Limerick lecture series. Speakers included Eamon O'Flaherty, David Fleming, John Logan, Liam Irwin and Julia Balla. For more on this see [www.ihta.ie](http://www.ihta.ie) and click on 'Past Events'.

Anngret Simms lectured on 'Diverse approaches to the study of urban landscapes with particular emphasis on urban morphology' at the **Central European University, Budapest**; and **Institute for Social and European Studies Foundation, Koeszeg, Hungary in June 2010** on 'The morphological heritage of European towns and the Historic Towns Atlas project'.

As part of the **Mapping Urban Ireland** series and Heritage Week, Sarah Gearty gave a comparative lecture using IHTA maps and Jennifer Moore delivered a lecture in the same series on Limerick cartographers.

EXHIBITIONS

The Mapping Urban Ireland exhibition, in conjunction with the RIA library, is ongoing in Academy House and will run until May 2011.

The Limerick display travelled through the Limerick city and county libraries as well as a display in Special Collections, University of Limerick.

The Longford exhibit has been on display in Longford County Libraries.

IHTA material was on display for both Heritage Week and Culture Night when over 800 people visited Academy House.

EUROPEAN SCHEME

To date, over 464 towns have been published under the scheme. The list of towns will soon be hosted on the IHTA website.

IHTA ONLINE

Plans continue for an online version of the atlas. It is hoped work on a pilot sample will commence shortly.



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