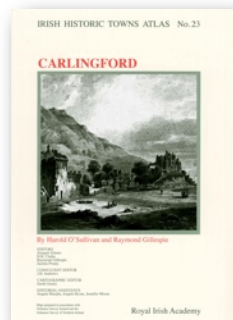


Newsletter, tenth issue

This is the tenth 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.



We would like to wish all our authors, contributors, researchers and those interested in the project a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.
2011 was a busy year for IHTA authors, editors and staff.
The project celebrated 25 years of publications.



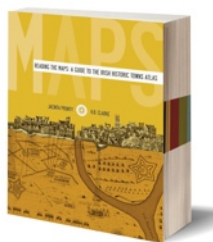
CARLINGFORD

IHTA, no. 23 *Carlingford*, by the late Harold O'Sullivan and Raymond Gillespie, was launched by Eileen Battersby in Carlingford Lough Heritage Centre in June 2011. Earlier in the day, Raymond Gillespie conducted a walking tour of the town to a lively crowd. The chairman of the Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust, Paddy Small, allowed the crowd into his medieval vaulted house near King John's Castle.



Launch party in Carlingford

READING THE MAPS



Reading the maps: a guide to the Irish Historic Towns Atlas by Jacinta Prunty and H.B. Clarke (in association with the Blackrock Education Centre) was published in May 2011 after much consultation with schools and universities. This book is aimed at teachers in all levels of education as well as at the everyday users of the IHTA. Packed with illustrations, *Reading the maps* uses samples from the first twenty-two atlases drawing together various themes and aspects of urban history.



Seamus Cannon, Carrie Fonseca, H.B. Clarke, Jacinta Prunty

FORTHCOMING ATLASES & BOUND VOLUME

'Sligo' by Fíona Gallagher and Marie-Louise Legg will be published in February 2012 and 'Ennis' by Brian Ó Dálaigh is also due for publication this year.

Irish Historic Towns Atlas, Volume III which contains Derry-Londonderry by Avril Thomas; Dundalk by Harold O'Sullivan; Armagh by Catherine McCullough and W.H. Crawford; Tuam by J.A. Claffey; and Limerick by Eamon O'Flaherty will also be published in 2012.

ATLASES IN PROGRESS

Editing progressed on Galway (Jacinta Prunty, Paul Walsh), Youghal (Tadhg O'Keefe, David Kelly), Dublin, part III, 1756 to 1847 (Rob Goodbody) and New Ross (Linda Doran). Authors of fascicles on Waterford (Eamon McEaney),

Cavan (Jonathan Cherry, Brendan Scott), Cork (Máire Clarke), Kinsale (Livia Hurley), Loughrea (Paul Gosling), Cashel (Joanne Hughes, Richard O'Brien), Tullamore (Michael Byrne), Roscommon (Kieran O'Connor), Tralee (Marc Caball), Drogheda (Ned McHugh) and Carlow (Margaret Murphy) are among those who advanced research on their towns.

ANCILLARY PUBLICATIONS

The proceedings of the seminar series 'Maps and texts: exploring the Irish Historic Towns Atlas' will be published in 2012 including papers from all three seminars 2009-11. Work has been initiated on a Dublin townships and suburbs project and will be edited by Jacinta Prunty and Colm Lennon.

SEMINAR 2011

In May the annual seminar 'Maps and texts: exploring the Irish Historic Towns Atlas' had a full programme including papers on religion by Jacinta Prunty, administration by Mark Hennessey, and trades and services by Colm Lennon. Belfast and Derry city were compared by Raymond Gillespie while the midland towns of Athlone, Longford and Mullingar were examined by Fergus O'Ferrall. Michel Pauly, president and Ferdinand Opl, vice-president of the International Commission for the History of Towns gave some background to the European Town Atlas scheme. In the plenary papers Keith Lilley, gave a lecture entitled 'Mapping futures? Digitization, spatial technologies and historic towns atlases' and Shawn Day, Digital Humanities Observatory, RIA, responded.



International Commission members including Marjatta Hietala, president of the International Committee of Historical Sciences, and the IHTA team

SEMINAR 2012

On 25 May 2012 a new series of seminars will commence, 'Maps and Texts: using the Irish Historic Towns Atlas', which will look at Irish towns and cities from an interdisciplinary perspective. The focus of 2012 will be on monastic and Viking towns.

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



IHTA Seminar, Meeting Room, RIA

IHTA EDITORS AND STAFF

Howard Clarke, Anngret Simms, Raymond Gillespie and Jacinta Prunty had another busy year on the editorial board. Angela Murphy was welcomed back from maternity leave and rejoined Sarah Gearty and Jennifer Moore in the office; and there was a fond farewell for Anne Rosenbusch who finished her work with the project in September to pursue her PhD. Rhiannon Carey Bates and Fiachra Murray carried out valuable research on Sligo and Galway respectively during the year.

FUNDING

This year grants were awarded from the Heritage Council, the Environmental Fund, Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust, Sligo Town Council, Derry City Council, Dublin City Council, Ennis Town Council and Youghal Town Council.

EXHIBITIONS

Carlingford Heritage Centre currently houses a Carlingford atlas exhibition. The Mapping Urban Ireland exhibit has moved from the RIA and has been on display in Dublin City Libraries, Meath, Kilkenny and in 2012 will be in Wexford, Clare, Galway, Belfast and UCD.

EUROPEAN SCHEME

To date, upwards of 480 towns have been published under the scheme. The list of towns is now also available on the IHTA website

(www.ria.ie/research/ihta/list-of-european-historic-towns-atlases.aspx).

IHTA ONLINE

Work commenced on a pilot digital atlas, 'Derry Online' in collaboration with Bernadette Walsh, archivist, Derry City Council and Dr Keith Lilley and Lorraine Barry, School of Geography, Archaeology and Palaeoecology, Queen's University Belfast. It is intended to go live late in 2012 for Derry's UK City of Culture, 2013. Sarah Gearty delivered a lecture in Sibiu, Romania, at the meeting of the International Commission for the History of Towns entitled 'Irish Historic Towns Atlas: online possibilities'.

The IHTA is also part of another digital project, 'Ireland under Siege' funded by the National Academy for Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning with the University of Limerick and National University of Ireland, Galway, which entails creating an augmented reality mobile phone application focused on the seventeenth-century sieges in Limerick, Galway, Athlone, Sligo, Derry and Drogheda.



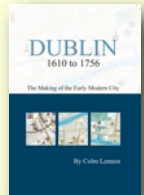
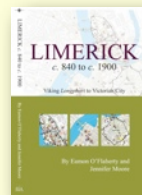
Walking tour of Carlingford, May 2011

SPECIAL OFFERS

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