

**Newsletter, 13th issue** This is the thirteenth in a series of annual Irish Historic Towns Atlas (IHTA) newsletters, intended to keep those associated with the project informed of progress and events. The IHTA is a Royal Irish Academy Research project.



**We would like to wish all our authors, contributors, researchers and those interested in the project a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.**



IHTA, NO. 26, *DUBLIN, PART III, 1756 TO 1847* BY ROB GOODBODY

On 6 November 2014 Roddy Doyle launched the 26th Irish Historic Towns Atlas in Academy House. Coming in at 106 pages, over 10,000 entries and 35 maps and views, *Dublin, part III* is the largest atlas published to date. It is available for purchase from Academy House, bookshops nationwide and via [www.ria.ie](http://www.ria.ie).

Right: Rob Goodbody with Roddy Doyle.



### FORTHCOMING ATLASES

Editing progressed on the next atlases in line for publication, 'Youghal' by David Kelly and Tadhg O'Keeffe and 'Galway' by Jacinta Prunty and Paul Walsh.

Work also continued on several other towns and cities: New Ross (Linda Doran), Cahir (David Butler), Carlow (Margaret Murphy), Cashel (Joanne Hughes, Richard O'Brien), Cavan (Jonathan Cherry, Brendan Scott), Clonmel (Margaret Quinlan, Loughlin Kealy), Cork (Máire Ní Laoi), Drogheda (Ned McHugh), Dungarvan (John Martin), Loughrea (Paul Gosling), Naas (Ian d'Alton), Newry (Ken Abraham), Roscommon (Kieran O'Connor), Tralee (Marc Caball), Tullamore (Michael Byrne) and Waterford (Eamon McEaney, Niamh Crowley).

### SEMINAR 2014

The final in the 'Maps and Texts – using the Irish Historic Towns Atlas' series, focusing on Georgian and Victorian towns took place on Friday 23 May 2014 to a full Academy House. Toby Barnard opened the day looking at the Big House and town improvement in Dundalk, Fethard, Kells and Maynooth. Arnold Horner examined the coming of the canal in Limerick, Longford, Maynooth and Mullingar. David Fleming showed the impact of military barracks in Athlone, Belfast, Derry, Kilkenny and Limerick. The afternoon session dealt with the nineteenth century. Jacinta Prunty discussed public buildings in Dundalk, Longford, Mullingar, Sligo, Trim and Tuam. Helene Bradley detailed the possibilities of the Valuation maps and Frank Cullen explained the expansion of the railway in Belfast, Bray, Dublin, Dundalk, Ennis and Sligo. Rob Goodbody delivered the plenary lecture on Dublin 1756 to 1847, which was responded to by David Dickson.

### ANCILLARY PUBLICATIONS

'Dublin 1847: city of the Ordnance Survey' by Frank Cullen will be available in the spring of 2015. This book is ancillary to *Dublin, part III*. It will present 45 extracts from the Ordnance Survey town plan of Dublin from 1847 with accompanying commentaries and will follow the same format as *John Rocque's Dublin* (2010).

Plans for a Dublin townships and suburbs project, edited by Jacinta Prunty and Colm Lennon progressed throughout the year. Colm is working on what will be the first, Clontarf.



Above: speakers and those involved in the May seminar 2014 in the new IHTA office, St Ann's House, Dawson Street.



Above left: participants at workshop on online possibilities, 22 May 2014, Jennifer Moore, Paul Walsh, Howard Clarke, Sarah Gearty, Anngret Simms, Daniel Stracke, Eva Chodějovská, Rachel Murphy, Rebecca Grant. Above right: walking tour of medieval Dublin.



### EUROPEAN WORKSHOP 2014

On Thursday 22 May 2014 a workshop was held with European colleagues, Daniel Stracke (Deutscher Historischer Städteatlas) and Eva Chodějovská (Historical Town Atlas of the Czech Republic) where the possibilities of online atlases were discussed. The day concluded with a walking tour of medieval Dublin with Howard Clarke.

## SEMINAR 2015

The next seminar will focus on Irish towns in a European context. It will take place in Academy House on Friday 22 May 2015. Details will be circulated in March/April 2015.

## IHTA EDITORS AND STAFF

With much of the focus on *Dublin, part III*, it was a busy year for editors Howard Clarke, Anngret Simms, Raymond Gillespie and Jacinta Prunty; and staff Sarah Gearty, Jennifer Moore and Frank Cullen. From Wales, John Andrews offered assistance and advice, particularly with regard to the forthcoming publication on the OS town plans for 'Dublin 1847'. In January 2014, Angela Murphy commenced a three-year career break and in April, staff moved from Academy House to the adjoining St Ann's House to a bigger and brighter office. Two interns, Ellen Murphy (SPUR, Maynooth University) and Tara Farrell (TCD), were a welcome addition to the project over the summer.



## JOHN BRADLEY

Editors, staff and fellow authors were deeply saddened to learn of the death of John Bradley after a short illness in November 2014. John was an IHTA editorial committee member (since 1980) and author of the first published Irish city in the series, *Kilkenny* (2000).

## FUNDING

In 2014, grants were received from Dublin City Council, Wexford County Council (New Ross), Waterford County Council (Dungarvan) and the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning. The project continued to work closely with Ordnance Survey Ireland and Land and Property Services Northern Ireland.

## EXHIBITIONS AND OUTREACH

From August to November 2014, the project collaborated with the RIA library on the lecture series (and accompanying exhibition) entitled 'Mapping city, town and country since 1824: the Ordnance Survey in Ireland'. Jacinta Prunty opened the series during Heritage Week and later speakers included Rob Goodbody and Frank Cullen. Colin Bray, Chief Executive, Ordnance Survey Ireland delivered the final lecture.

Over 1,200 members of the public visited Academy House for Culture Night on Friday 19 September 2014, where there was great interest in the maps of the IHTA on display. Visits to and from the IHTA office this year included: Ronan Foley and MA students from Maynooth University; Rafal Eysymontt and students from Wrocław, Poland; and colleagues from Ordnance Survey Ireland.

## CONFERENCES AND LECTURES

In collaboration with the Hunt Museum, a symposium 'Learning from the past: mapping our future' was held in Limerick on 23 October 2014 with Fíona Gallagher (Sligo), Brian Ó Dálaigh (Ennis), Marc Caball (Tralee), Paul Walsh (Galway) and Eamon O'Flaherty (Limerick) introducing their towns/cities and architects Grainne

Shaffrey, Merrit Buscholz and Gerard Carty responding from the user's perspective.

During the year, editors, staff and authors spoke on aspects of the IHTA at events/venues including: Hunt Museum, Limerick (Jennifer Moore, Eamon O'Flaherty); Society for the Study of Nineteenth-Century Ireland, Belfast (Frank Cullen); Gilbert Library, National Library of Ireland (Jacinta Prunty); St Patrick's College, Drumcondra (Sarah Gearty, Raymond Gillespie); Rathmichael Historical Society (Rob Goodbody); Ballyshannon 'Held in Trust' conference (Anngret Simms); and Dungarvan Heritage Week (John Martin).

## EUROPEAN SCHEME

Jennifer Moore continued to maintain the list of European towns published on the IHTA website with the help of Ferdinand Oplil in Austria (<http://www.ria.ie/research/ihta/european-project.aspx>).

In June 2014, Anngret Simms spoke on the origin of the European HTA project and Sarah Gearty considered the digital future of town atlases at a conference of the International Commission in Wrocław, Poland. In October, the annual meeting of the Commission was held in Clermont-Ferrand, France, where Anngret Simms chaired a meeting of the Atlas Working Group and Jacinta Prunty presented a lecture on public urban spaces.

## IHTA ONLINE

Rachel Murphy's report 'Geographical Information Systems (GIS) for the IHTA: potential and practicalities' was completed in June 2014. Jonathan Cherry and Susan Hegarty, St Patrick's College Drumcondra, incorporated the *Carlingford* atlas into a GIS with their students. Meanwhile, Annaleigh Margey and Conor Brady, Dundalk Institute of Technology progressed an online project with their students using the *Dundalk* atlas.

Left: Howard Clarke, Anngret Simms, Pat Wallace and John Bradley, at IHTA seminar, St Ann's Church, Dawson St, May 2012. Below: Academy and Dublin City Council colleagues with Roddy Doyle at launch of *Dublin, part III*, Academy House, 6 November 2014



## SPECIAL OFFERS

Contributors to the project are entitled to buy IHTA publications at a 33.3% discount. Please contact the publications office in the Royal Irish Academy for any enquiries. (01-6762570 or [publications@ria.ie](mailto:publications@ria.ie))

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