CONFERENCE BRIEF

The Group for the Study of Irish Historic Settlement is organising a weekend conference on the theme of Settlement and Landscape in Gaelic Ireland, c. 1350-1600, which will be held at All Hallows College, Dublin, February 26-28, 1999. This initiative is an important milestone in the study of Irish historic settlement, as for the first time a large group of scholars will come together to discuss the nature of secular settlement within the Gaelic lordships of later medieval Ireland. Fourteen historians, archaeologists and geographers have been invited to present conference papers. The conference and the intended publication of its proceedings will seek to redress a significant absence in the secular settlement history of later medieval Ireland, focusing on neglected topics such as woodland cover and agricultural practices, Gaelic estates, regional studies of tower houses, crannogs, assembly sites, and the exploitation of the coast in this period.

Friday 26th February
7.30pm Registration & Reception
8.30pm Opening Address
   PATRICK DUFFY (MAYNOOTH)

Saturday 27th February

Session I: Sources
9.15am Native Sources for Gaelic Settlement: the house poems
   KATHARINE SIMMS (TCD)
9.45am Settlement and Place-names
   NOLLAIG O MURNAILE (QUB)
10.15am Cataloguing Landscape Features in Early Regional Maps of Ireland
   JOHN ANDREWS
10.45am Discussion
11.00am Morning Coffee

Session II: Environment and Land Utilisation
11.30am Woodland Cover: the documentary evidence
   KENNETH NICHOLLS (UCC)
12.00 noon Tree-ring Evidence for Environmental Change in the Fourteenth Century
   MIKE BAILIE (QUB)
12.30pm Agriculture in Ireland at the Time of the Black Death: the record from lowland raised bogland
   VALERIE HALL (QUB)
1.00pm Discussion
1.15pm Lunch

Session III: Lordship, Territoriality and Social Organisation
2.15pm Gaelic Estates
   TOM McERLEAN (DOENI)
2.45pm Settlement Evidence from Elizabethan Records
   KENNETH NICHOLLS (UCC)

3.15pm Collaboration without Anglicisation: The Persistence of Gaelic Government in the Lordship of Upper Ossory during the Sixteenth Century
   DAVID EDWARDS (UCC)
3.45pm Afternoon Tea
4.15pm Open Forum on Proceedings of the Day
8.00pm Conference Dinner

Sunday 28th February

Session IV: The Built Environment

Part I: Regional Settlement Studies
10.00am The Morphology of Gaelic Lordly Sites in North Connacht
   KIERAN O'CONNOR (DISCOVERY PROGRAMME)
10.30am The Archaeology of Lordship either side of Lough Foyle
   TOM MACNEILL (QUB)
11.00am Morning Coffee
11.30am Tower Houses and Late Medieval Settlement in County Limerick
   COLM DONNELLY
12.00 noon Coastal Transport and Exploitation in Medieval Gaelic Ireland
   COLIN BREEN (MSU, DOCHAS)
12.30pm Discussion
1.00pm Lunch

Part 2: Wetland and Coastal Settlement Studies
2.00pm Gaelic Irish Crannogs and their Landscapes 1350-1600
   AIDAN O'SULLIVAN (DISCOVERY PROGRAMME)
2.30pm Open Forum & Closing Address
Registration Form

Conference Fee:  IRL£30.00
Students:  IRL£15.00

This fee includes coffees and admissions.
It does not include snack lunch.

I will attend the GSIHS Conference in
All Hallows College, Dublin

I enclose  IRL£____ to cover

Conference Fee
Full  IRL£30.00  Student  IRL£15.00
Conference Dinner  IRL£21.00  IRL£21.00
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Provisional Conference Programme

SETTLEMENT AND LANDSCAPE IN
GAELIC IRELAND c. 1350 – c. 1600

FEBRUARY 26-28, 1999

Location

Buses from city centre
41, 41A and 41C from Eden Quay to Drumcondra Road
51A from Cathal Brugha Street to Grace Park Road
3, 11, 11A and 16 from O'Connell Street to
Drumcondra Road
36 from Parnell Square to Drumcondra Road