



**Group
for the Study
of
Irish Historic Settlement**

Ireland Galicia Conference, 9–11 May 2019
[Titles of some of the papers to be confirmed by speakers]

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Consello da Cultura Galega, Santiago de Compostela

Ireland and Galicia have strong links in archaeology, history, culture, the Atlantic economy and not least in the many Irish people who now travel as pilgrims to the shrine of St James.

The Group for the Study of Irish Historic Settlement was founded in 1969. The Group aims to examine the nature and development of Irish settlement, whether from the perspective of the historical geographer, archaeologist, architect or historian. The strength of the Group lies in the way it brings together scholars from various disciplines with those who have a special local knowledge of particular places. This will be especially important for the Galicia-Ireland Conference.

Our aim is to serve as an interdisciplinary forum whereby Irish settlement can be studied through discussion and research. The Group does this through its annual conference and field trips, its thematic conferences, its books and other publications. .

We welcome the active participation of all who are interested in any aspect of Irish settlement history and our connections with Galicia.

We are grateful to the Consello da Cultura Galega, Santiago de Compostela for very kindly making available the conference centre in the Rajoy Palace/Pazo de Raxoi in Plaza Obradoiro. To our speakers we owe so much for their participation in this conference in our 50th year and their contribution to the archaeological and historical sciences

The Conference

Thursday 9 May, 5 p.m. Registration in Consello da Cultura Galega, Obradoiro Square
6 p.m. Reception
7 p.m. Welcome from the President GSIHS
Welcome from Galician Cultural Council
Address by Patrick O’Flanagan, Professor Emeritus, University College
Cork. Lecture on *Galician settlement and landscape change:
Comparisons and contrasts with Ireland c.1700 to present*

8.15 p.m. Meet and greet in Santiago restaurant to be arranged.

Friday 10 May Papers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with coffee break

Welcome from Manuel Gago/ President

1. [Speaker to be confirmed], Overview of landscape of Galicia
2. Clíodhna Ni Lónain. Her work has focused on modern perceptions of prehistoric Irish-Iberian connections, with a particular emphasis on Galicia. Clíodhna looked at how mythology, folklore, medieval literature (Book of Invasions), genetics, and archaeology have been used since the medieval period up to the present day to articulate Irish-Iberian connections, whether real or imagined, for political and cultural nationalist purposes.
3. Coffee
4. José Carlos Sanchez Pardo, '*Atlantic contacts among Galicia and other European Lands Ends during the Early Middle Ages*'
5. Geraldine Stout on the Boyne Valley
6. Lunch in local restaurants 2 to 4 p.m. Free time until 5 p.m.
7. Two group guided tours from 5 to 7 p.m. from Tourist Board, SCCB

8. 8.00 p.m. book launch *Medieval pilgrims to Santiago*, venue Dept. of History (Facultade de Historia), University of Santiago, to be confirmed.
9. Conference Dinner in a local restaurant from 9 p.m. (perhaps *Dezasete*). Both the launch and dinner are brought forward from Saturday evening to facilitate those who may wish to return home on the Aer Lingus Saturday afternoon flight.

Saturday 11 May Papers from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. with coffee break

1. Dr Elias Cueto on *The O'Sullivan family settlement in Santiago de Compostela: foreign friends and enemy compatriots*
2. Dr Bernadette Cunningham, *Medieval pilgrims to Santiago*
3. *Coffee*
4. Dr Ciaran O'Scea – Inheritance practices among the O Driscolls in Galicia and Madrid.
5. Economic links, Ireland and Galicia - Mr Carmona Badía, Economic History of the University of Santiago - 20 minutes
6. Manuel Gago of the Consello da Cultura Galega on communicating the message about heritage via contemporary cultural media in Galicia – 20 minutes.
7. Closing speeches and thanks
8. Light Lunch in local restaurants 2 to 4 p.m. and free time until 5 p.m.
9. Two-group Guided Tours from 5 to 7 p.m. Tourist Board professional guides
10. Dinner in local restaurant

Translation to Gallego and Castellano (and to English) will be necessary to assist appreciation and this may be achieved by use of two screens and Powerpoint/ and or handouts. We hope not to hire translators and to rely on two screens and distributed notes in the three languages.

Santiago de Compostela Turismo is assisting us with the tour guides on Friday and Saturday afternoons with two distinct tours from 5 to 7 p.m.

Additional activities to be discussed

1. A Coruna to Santiago walk for three days prior to the conference, details to be advised
2. Sunday: Bus tour in the vicinity of Santiago with the kind assistance of Patrick O'Flanagan.
3. On Monday we propose to visit Pontevedra for a tour of this very fine town.
4. Tuesday is a free day to relax and return to Dublin for those travelling with Aer Lingus.
5. If you plan to stay until Thursday consult Galician Tourism for A Coruna or Vigo tours. There are good bus and rail connections from Santiago.

Practical Matters

How to get there and where to stay

Flights and hotels

1. Flights from Dublin are to Santiago with Aer Lingus and to Vigo with Ryanair.

Aer Lingus fly Dublin to Santiago on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Ryanair on Thursday and Sunday.

From Vigo to Santiago is 90 minutes by taxi or train and has good bus connections also to Santiago. We need to start the conference on Thursday evening 9 May and leave on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. It appears from this year's Aer Lingus programme that flights in May 2019 will be Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday. Aer Lingus has more flights than Ryanair but none on Sunday.

Aer Lingus has flights from Dublin on 2, 4, 7 and 9 May at 13.05 and taking about 2 hours and 15 minutes. Return flights are on 11 and 14 May at c. 4 p.m. (same days as departure from Dublin). Basic prices are currently in the region of €165 return. Options are to travel Thursday to Saturday or Thursday to Tuesday. The latter is proving attractive with some of our members who have now booked. Do not delay booking unless you prefer Ryanair.

Ryanair currently fly at 10.30 a.m. from Dublin on Thursday and 7 a.m. on Sundays. If we have enough people it should be easy enough to organise a bus from Vigo to Santiago. It is usually cheaper but it adds 90 minutes to travel arrangements. A trip for four by taxi, for example, would be about €30 each. For those not in a hurry on Thursday (or prior days) good bus and train services are available from Vigo to Santiago. Sundays are less frequent. Ryanair flights to Vigo do not appear to be posted for these dates as yet so we are working on last year's timetable. Options here are Thursday to Sunday or Thursday to Thursday, or a mix with the two airlines.

Please check these details and book flights early.

2. For Ryanair flights users returning on the Thursday we can recommend other places in Galicia to visit such as Pontevedra, Bueu, Vigo and Tui. Some may wish to stay out of Santiago from Sunday to Thursday or a lesser period in line with flights. A list of options will be provided. For some it may be good to fly into Santiago and (if staying until Thursday and touring) out of Vigo. The same applies to Aer Lingus if you wish to stay longer than two days.

3. Flight booking will need to be early and this will be for each attendee to resolve. For those who travel to Vigo by choice or necessity we can help with connection details for Santiago.

4. **GSIHS has selected a conference hotel and fifty rooms have been booked at Hospedería San Martín Pinario** – members of GSIHS and speakers will have priority. This hotel will suit many people and is one minute from the Cathedral and two minutes from the conference centre. La Hospedería de San Martín Pinario is a wonderful complex including church, cloisters, and Historic Archives. It is right in front of the cathedral <http://www.sanmartinpinario.eu/>

You can book this for Thursday to Sunday morning with GSIHS. If not staying on Saturday night please advise. If you require additional dates outside of 9-12 inclusive book directly with <http://www.sanmartinpinario.eu/> and advise them that you are part of the Group booking for 9 to 12 May (out that morning otherwise). You could also consider booking Pontevedra for the Sunday and Monday nights if you wish. There are good rail and bus connections to Santiago. If travelling in a group a taxi should not be much more than 75 euro.

We have reserved 25 Double/ Twin bed room: 75 Euros (per night). In on 9 May out on 12 May.

We have reserved 25 Single room: 55 Euros (per night). In on 9 May out on 12 May.

For students we have reserved 10 single rooms at €25 per night. In on 9 May out on 12 May.

For those staying on until Tuesday we have secured an additional ten single and ten double/twin bedrooms at the same rate. The 13th is booked out so it will be necessary for you to secure alternative accommodation for this night from the choices suggested below or elsewhere. You might also consider staying a night in Pontevedra or by the sea. Rail, bus and taxi connections are all good especially on working days.

5. GSIHS members and speakers will be advised to book flights as soon as booking opens with Aer Lingus and or Ryanair. Aer Lingus is now open.

6. Members will be advised of options for accommodation for additional stay before or after the conference in Santiago, Pontevedra, Vigo and at the seaside for those who want the option of taking the sun.

Other Hotels in Santiago

1.- Just on the edge of the Historic City. You are just outside the medieval wall...

Hotel Compostela, well placed. 100 rooms.

<http://www.hotelcompostela.es/es/>

Virxe da Cerca.. 42 rooms.

<https://www.pousadasdecompostela.com/reservas/alojamientos/hotel-virxe-da-cerca>

A Tafona do Peregrino.

<http://www.atafonadoperegrino.com/>

2.- Not far away from the Historic City. You reach Obradoiro Square walking five to ten minutes... Both are five star hotels, but both are affordable.

Hotel NH Collection Santiago de Compostela. Highest quality.

<https://www.nh-hoteles.es/hotel/nh-collection-santiago-de-compostela>

Hotel Palacio del Carmen. Modern one.

<http://www.espanol.marriott.com/hotels/travel/scqak-hotel-palacio-del-carmen-autograph-collection/>

3.- Another choice for the visitor who wants comfort and history is San Francisco Hotel Monumento. This is near the cathedral and is Four Star. Per night for two without breakfast will be c. €120 plus VAT at 10 per cent. Advise that you are part of the GSIHS party, reservas@sanfranciscohm.com. Could be nice for Sunday and Monday and has a swimming pool, so bring your cap. This is one of the top hotels in the city. The parador may also be available and rates here commence at about €170. Again advise that you are part of GSIHS.

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Conference booking form at www.irishsettlement.ie.

Conference Fee €60 per person.

Residents of Galicia €30.

Students €25.

Accommodation for two or three nights at €55 individual room and €75 double room per night.

Conference dinner €30 per person.