

EDUCATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

Dear Colleagues

Happy New Year to you all. The Annual Conference is fast upon us and I look forward to seeing many of you in Days Hotel in Galway on 6th – 8th March. Easter is very early this year and that fact that St. Patrick's Day falls on the weekend before Holy Week when we normally have our conference has pushed us forward by one week. We are returning to Galway for the first time since 1997.

Annual Conference:

The theme of this year's conference is *Research, Ethics and Diversity: interrogating a new Ireland*. The call for papers resulted in a significant number of papers, symposia and posters and Majella McSharry is currently completing the conference timetable. The keynote address that opens the conference on Thursday 6th March will focus on the conference theme and will be given by the outgoing president of the Association, in this case myself. We are holding a plenary session at 4pm on Friday 7th March entitled *Promoting Educational Research: 'new' doctorates, funding streams and policy contexts*. This will be of particular interest to those engaged in continuing professional development, whether as providers and contributors or as participants. A draft version of the timetable will be available on our website by 12th February next. The conference application form is currently being posted on the website. Our conference administration will be undertaken by Paula Flynn who can be contacted by email: Paula.Flynn@nuim.ie or fax (01) 7084610 with queries.

The evaluations of last year's Annual Conference in Cavan Crystal indicated that the majority of those in attendance were very satisfied with a hotel venue. As a result we have opted for a similar venue this year. We are holding the 2008 Conference in Days Hotel in Galway. Hotel information is currently being posted on the website. We would encourage all those

intending to stay in the hotel to book their accommodation at their earliest convenience. We will post information on the website by 7th February detailing alternative local Bed and Breakfast accommodation also. The hotel is situated in Galway city close to public transport to give people the widest possible range of travel options.

AGM:

We invite all ESAI members to make a note in their diaries about the AGM to be held at 5.30pm on 7th March at the conference venue. Last year's AGM was very well attended and resulted in lively and informative discussion on a range of issues. We also remind members that there will be a number of vacancies on the Executive as some of us have concluded our 'tour of duty' with the Association. We would invite any members of the Association who are interest in becoming part of the Executive to make themselves known.

This is my final Newsletter both as President and as a long serving member of the ESAI Executive. I would like to take this opportunity to pay particular tribute to my colleagues on the Executive who worked with me over the last two years. I owe each and every one of them a debt of gratitude for their good humour, their hard work and their collegiality. It has been a pleasure to work with all of them and I wish them the very best of luck with their continuing work for the Association.

Anne Lodge, ESAI President

Irish Educational Studies

Vacancy on editorial board - Co-Editor Position:

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the position of Co-Editor of the journal 'Irish Educational Studies'. As a core member of the editorial team, the co-editor will work with the General Editor in reviewing, editing and making papers ready for publication, as well contributing to overall policy and development for the journal. Candidates should have a Ph.D along with publishing experience and a record of reviewing papers for internationally peer reviewed journals. This is an exciting time in the development of the journal and the successful candidate will be expected to serve on the board for up to three years.

Applications, including full C.V. to reach Paula Kinnarney, secretary to the board by **February 18th at 5.00pm.** email: paula.kinnarney@nuim.ie

Reviewers wanted:

The board of IES is currently up-dating its reviewers list for the journal. We would welcome submissions from colleagues working and researching across the broad field of education. This is important work that contributes to the academic standing of the journal and the development of a system of peer support for researchers in the field. If you would like to have your name included on our list of reviewers, please email the journal administrator Declan Fahie (Declan.fahie@ucd.ie) for a reviewer form.

Papers welcome:

We invite colleagues to submit papers based on their research across any field in education. The journal provides an excellent opportunity to have your work profiled both in Ireland and abroad. We also welcome submissions from those who are at the early phase in their research careers, including doctoral students. Please note that all papers should be under 7000 words and should be written with an international as well as national audience in mind. All papers should be submitted in the first instance by email to Declan.fahie@ucd.ie

Digitisation project:

Could all members please note that Taylor and Francis intend putting older copies of IES publications online. This is an excellent resource for researchers to access and Taylor and Francis will sell this archive to institutional subscribers such as universities libraries all over the world. They will also sell individual articles to subscribers on request. If contributors to past editions of IES **do not** wish to have their paper go on line, please inform Taylor and Francis noting the title, author, year and issue of publication by contacting Richard.Frith@tandf.co.uk and they will remove the article.

Dympna Devine, Incoming General Editor Irish Educational Studies

Membership News

At the last meeting of the Executive before Christmas, membership renewals for 2008 stood at a mere 16. I am happy to report that presumably some New Year's resolutions were upheld so that we have a total of 91 renewals to register in the first weeks of the year. Renewal notices have gone out so there are still quite a number resting in post-Christmas in-trays awaiting a little attention. We encourage our loyal members who have not already done so, to renew now in order to ensure the timely receipt of the first issue of Irish Educational Studies for 2008.

Together with Paul Conway and others we are beginning a membership drive in advance of the Annual Conference. Contacts in many of the universities, colleges and schools are being asked to forward an information email on ESAI to colleagues and post-graduate students. It is hoped that in this way we will attract a significant number of new members this year. Should you be willing to act as a contact person in your institution, we would like very much to hear from you.

Our membership database is undergoing some major re-construction as a result of which we hope we will be able to provide a better service to our members and make the job of administering the database easier. Finally, we encourage you to use the dedicated membership email address:

esaimembership@gmail.com for all your membership inquiries. The mailbox will be checked at least weekly during normal academic term.

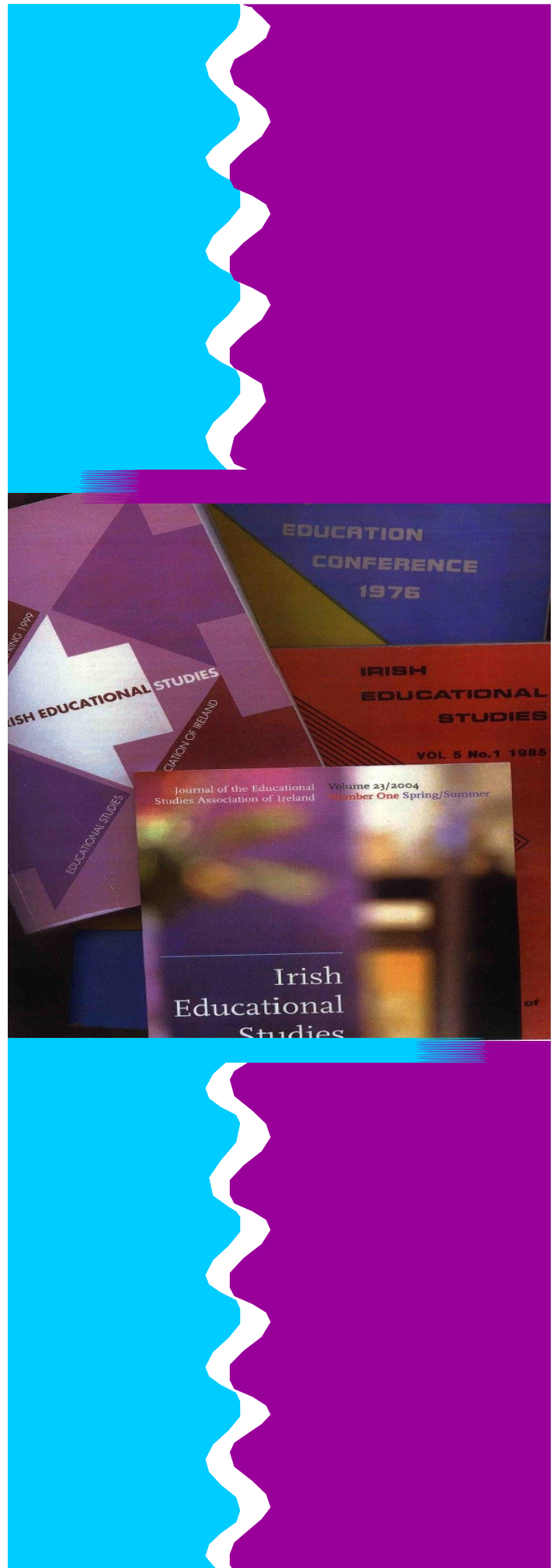
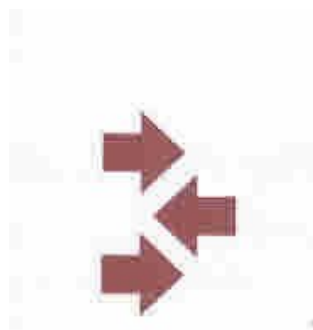
November 2007 Newsletter

It has come to our attention that a small number of

members did not receive their copy of the November 2007 Newsletter. We have been assured by our administrative support in the Education Centre Drumcondra that all Newsletters were posted out together so can only assume that some were lost in the early Christmas post. We apologise to those members who did not get their November Newsletter and encourage you to visit the website <http://www.esai.ie> to download a copy. We are including a membership renewal form with this Newsletter for those people who didn't get their renewal notice with the November Newsletter and as a gentle reminder to other members who haven't yet got around to returning their subscription for 2008.

Conference Posters: Call extended to 16th February 2008

As announced in the November Newsletter we are offering a bursary scheme for Associate Members of the Association who submit poster proposals addressing the Conference Theme. While we charge our Associate members a subsidized fee to attend the conference we recognise that the cost of accommodation can also be daunting for people who do not have institutional support and who are paying substantial fees for their studies. We have, therefore, initiated a bursary scheme of €100 towards conference attendance costs. Because some members did not receive their November Newsletter we decided to extend the deadline for submission of poster proposals to 16th February. Details about poster presentations are currently being uploaded on to the ESAI website.



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Annual Conference 2008 Registration Form

Days Hotel Galway, Ireland 6th – 8th March

Research, Ethics and Diversity: interrogating a new Ireland

Please return registration form with appropriate cheque enclosed to:

Ms. Paula Flynn, Education Department, NUI Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Republic of Ireland

Email: Paula.Flynn@nuim.ie

Cheques should be made payable to: **Educational Studies Association of Ireland**

	Early payment by 29th Feb 2008	Late payment from 1st March
ESAI Member	€100 / £72	€110 / £ 80
Associate Member	€ 50 / £36	€ 55 / £ 40
Saturday only (for <u>associate members</u> only)	€ 30 / £22	€ 35 / £ 25
Friday only (for <u>associate members</u> only)	€ 40 / £29	€ 45 / £ 32
Non-member *	€185 / £133	€195 / £140

* Non-members should note that the cost of ESAI membership is €75 euro for annual membership and €35 for associate membership (open to teachers without institutional supports and students). For membership forms and information see www.esai.ie

Lunch options on Friday 7th March, 1pm – 2pm

Please tick if you intend to eat lunch in the hotel on Friday 7th March _____

Please circle the correct euro / sterling amount below:

Soup, sandwich and tea / coffee €8.50 / £5.80

Conference buffet meal on Friday 7th March from 7.30 pm

Please tick if you plan to attend the conference meal on Friday 7th March _____

Please tick if you wish to avail of the vegetarian option _____

Please circle the correct euro / sterling amount: € 30 / £22

PLEASE INDICATE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHEQUE: _____

NAME: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

POSTAL ADDRESS:
