

Sunday 4 March 2007

Irish Museums Association Annual Conference

**10:30 Irish Museums Association
Annual General Meeting**
Boardroom, The Davenport Hotel
All members welcome!

Field Trip to the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin

11:00 Meeting Point
Outside The Davenport Hotel

11:30 Departure by bus

12:00 Welcome
Dr Peter Wyse Jackson, Director
Private view of the Herbarium, National Botanic Gardens

1:00 Bus returns to the Davenport Hotel
Drop off points at Connolly Station and Heuston Station

**3:00 Afternoon Options:
Visit any of Dublin's city centre museums:**

- National Museum of Ireland –
Natural History, Merrion Street.
Archaeology & History, Kildare Street.
Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks.
- Number Twenty Nine, 29 Fitzwilliam Street Lower.
- National Gallery of Ireland, Merrion Square West.
- National Library of Ireland, Kildare Street.
- Royal Hibernian Academy, 15 Ely Place.
- Chester Beatty Library, Dublin Castle.
- Dublin City Hall, Dame Street.
- Dublin Writers Museum, Parnell Square.
- Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane, Parnell Square.
- Dublinia and the Viking World, Christchurch Place.
- Irish Museum of Modern Art, Military Road, Kilmainham.
- Kilmainham Gaol, Kilmainham.

5:00 Conclusion

Sunday



Speakers

SPECIAL CONFERENCE GUEST:

■ **An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern T.D.**

- **Dr Jonathan Bell**
Formerly of the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum
- **Dr Marie Bourke**
Chairperson, Irish Museums Association,
- **Paul Bowers**
Natural History Museum, London
- **Leo Enright**
Chairman of Ireland's National Awareness Programme for
Science, Engineering & Maths. Writer and Broadcaster on Space
Exploration.
- **Dr John Falk**
Director, Institute for Learning Innovation, Annapolis, Maryland
- **Dr Eoin Gill**
Director, Centre for the Advancement of Learning of Maths,
Science & Technology, Waterford
- **Dr Michael John Gorman**
Director, Science Gallery, Trinity College Dublin
- **Dr. Peter Wyse Jackson**
Director, National Botanic Gardens
- **Mark Leslie**
Managing Director, Martello Media
- **Mary Mulvihill**
Author and Science Journalist
- **Nigel Monaghan**
Keeper, National History Museum
- **Dr Sally Montgomery**
Director, W5, Belfast
- **Dr Patrick F. Wallace**
Director, National Museum of Ireland

Chairpersons

- **Carol Gleeson**
Irish Museums Association
- **Pat Cooke**
Irish Museums Association
- **Paul Doyle**
Irish Museums Association
- **Dr. Patrick Wyse Jackson**
Geological Museum, Trinity College Dublin

Support

The Irish Museums Association acknowledges the support of **The Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism** and **The Heritage Council**, and is grateful to the National Museum, National Gallery and Botanic Gardens.

Conference Fees	IMA Members	Non-Members
Full Conference	€80 / £55	€120 / £80
Friday Only	€15 / £11	€25 / £17
Saturday Only	€60 / £90	€40 / £60

Conference Booking Form and Hotel details can be obtained at www.irishmuseums.org

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Science, Technology and Society -the role for museums



**Irish Museums Association
Annual Conference**

2-4 March 2007

Dublin



Science, Technology and Society -the role for museums


This conference will address issues relevant to the Irish museums community concerning science, technology and society and the role of museums. The status of science is challenging Irish museums just at a time when society is reliant on science and technology for its survival. The public interest demonstrates their need to be made aware of key scientific issues in order to make informed decisions about life and the environment. Museums have a role to aid this process by using their collections to illustrate how science and technology affects people's lives.

What is the dynamic relationship between science and art, technology and museums? How do we gain access to new knowledge? What is the place of new technologies in promoting collections? These questions will be answered at the **Irish Museums Association Annual Conference**.

The **Irish Museums Association** Annual Conference 2007 is being held in Dublin to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Natural History Museum.





Friday 2 March 2007
Marking 150 years of the Natural History Museum

- 10:00 Registration**
The National Gallery Lecture Theatre
(Merrion Square entrance)
- 11:00 Member's Papers**
Members will have the opportunity to present short papers followed by a discussion
- 12:00 Discussion**
Chair: Pat Cooke, Irish Museums Association
- 12:30 Lunch break**
- 2:00 Opening Remarks: Celebrating 150 years of the Natural History Museum**
Dr Patrick F. Wallace, Director,
National Museum of Ireland 
- 2:30 That's ingenious! Tales of Hidden Heritage and Local Heros**
Mary Mulvihill, Science Journalist & Author
- 3:00 Promoting new Technologies in Public Spaces**
Mark Leslie, Managing Director, Martello Media
- 3:30 Interacting between Science and Art**
Dr Michael John Gorman, Director,
Science Gallery, Trinity College Dublin
- 4:00 Discussion**
Chair: Carol Gleeson, Irish Museums Association
- 5:00 Conclusion**
- 6:00-8:00 Reception**
Delegates are invited to a reception in the Natural History Museum, Merrion Street, where the exhibition 'Extinct in Ireland' will be opened by the Director, Dr Patrick F. Wallace

Friday

Saturday 3 March 2007
Science, Technology and Society – the role for museums

- 9:30 Registration**
National Gallery Lecture Theatre
- 10:00 Welcome**
Dr Marie Bourke, Chairperson,
Irish Museums Association
- 10:15 Dynamic Relationships Between Science, Technology and Museums**
Leo Enright, Chairman, Discover Science & Engineering Committee
- 10:45 Conference Launch**
An Taoiseach,
Bertie Ahern T.D. 
- 11:00 Morning Coffee**
- 11:20 Science, Technology & Ireland**
Dr Eoin Gill, Director, Centre for the Advancement of Learning of Maths, Science & Technology, Waterford
- 11:45 Keynote Address: Thriving in the Knowledge Age**
Dr John Falk, Director,
Institute for Learning Innovation,
Annapolis, Maryland 
- 12:30 Discussion**
Chair: Dr Patrick Wyse Jackson, Curator,
Geological Museum, Trinity College Dublin
- 1:00 Lunch: Mont Clare Hotel**
- 2:00 Keynote Address: Engaging with Science Now and In the Future**
Paul Bowers, Public Offer Project Director
Darwin Centre Phase 2, Natural History Museum, London

Saturday

Saturday 3 March 2007
Irish Museums Association Annual Conference

- 2:45 Science Centres and Museums – what are we trying to achieve?**
Dr Sally Montgomery, Director, W5, Belfast
- 3.15 Afternoon Tea**
- 3:30 The Natural History Museum, Dublin, Past and Future**
Nigel Monaghan, Keeper, National Museum of Ireland - Natural History
- 4:00 Technologies of Everyday Life in Museum Collections**
Dr Jonathan Bell, formerly of the Ulster Folk & Transport Museum, Co. Down
- 4:30 Open forum**
Chair: Paul Doyle, Irish Museums Association
- 5:00 Thanks and Conclusion**
- 5:30-6:00 Reception**
National Gallery Shaw Room with 'The Musical Trio'
- 7:30 Conference Dinner**
The Davenport Hotel, Merrion Square.
Dinner followed by music and dancing with DJ David Clarke

Saturday

