

EMASS

Dublin, 19th-20th May 2010



Wednesday 19 May 2010

8.30 – Registration

9.15 – Conference Opening

9.30 – Session 1

11.00 – Coffee

11.30 – Session 2

1.00 – Lunch

2.00 – Session 3

3.30 – Coffee

4.00 – Session 4

6.00 – Keynote Lecture– Pat Wallace,
National Museum of Ireland

7.00 – Wine Reception

Thursday 20 May 2010

9.30 – Session 5

11.00 – Coffee

11.30 – Session 6

1.00 – Lunch

2.00 – EMASS Business Meeting

2.30 – Session 7

4.00 – Coffee

4.30 – Session 8

6.00 – Keynote Lecture– Finbar McCormick,
Queen’s University Belfast/Early Medieval
Archaeology Project

7.00 – Evening Entertainment

Friday 21 May

9.30 – Field trip to South Kildare (departing
from UCD)

6.00 – Return to UCD & Evening
Entertainment

Wednesday 19 May 2010

Session	Time	Presenter	Title	Institution
	9.15	Rebecca Boyd	EMASS 2010 – Conference Welcome	University College Dublin
Irish Landscapes, Chair – Andrew Reynolds	9.30	Terry O’Hagan	The Map Is Not The Territory: Cognitive Approaches to Early Medieval Landscapes	University College Dublin
	10.00	Sharon Greene	Rural Viking settlement in Ireland – a case for the west coast?	University College Dublin
	10.30	Patrick Gleeson	Constructing Kingship: The Poetics of Power and Place	University College Cork
COFFEE				
Defining Place, Chair – Terry O’Hagan	11.30	Michelle Higgins	‘Place-names and archaeology of Early Ecclesiastical settlement in Cork and ‘The Decies’ - preliminary results’	University College Cork
	12.00	Darrell Rohl	The Antonine Wall and Early Medieval Reception of Roman Remains	University of Durham
	12.30	Letty Ten Harkel	A Tale of Two ‘Towns’: Viking Age metalwork and coins from Lincoln and Torksey.	University of Sheffield
LUNCH				
So Close, So Far, Chair – T.B.A.	2.00	Jose Carvajal	<i>Fitna</i> : Chaos as a Rule. The Complex Mosaic of Identities and Technologies in Early Islamic Spain	University of Sheffield/ University of Granada
	2.30	Astrid Daxböck	“ <i>Bændur flugust á</i> – Farmers had fights” The role of weapons in early Icelandic society	Institute of Archaeology Iceland
	3.00	Chantal Bielmann	‘Top-Down’ Implications of a Christian Centre: Geneva, AD 350-600	University of Leicester
COFFEE				

The Anglo-Saxon World, Chair – Imogen Wood	4.00	Duncan Wright	Kingship in Anglo-Saxon England: Settlement and Landscape	University of Exeter
	4.30	Sue Brunning	Artefact Biography in Action: Curated Swords in Anglo-Saxon England	University College London
	5.00	Michael Shapland	Towers of Secular and Religious Lordship: Anglo-Saxon Tower-Nave Churches	University College London
BREAK				
Keynote	6.00	Pat Wallace	Wood Quay and Viking Dublin – Thirty Years On	National Museum of Ireland

Thursday 20 May 2010

Session	Time	Presenter	Title	Institution
Personal Ornament, Chair – Letty Ten Harkel	9.30	Maureen Doyle	“Baubles, bangles, bright shiny beads”: some thoughts on the meanings of personal ornament in early medieval Ireland	University College Dublin
	10.00	Hilary Paterson	PERSONAL WEALTH OR PERSONAL ADORNMENT? Early Medieval Hoarding, Identity and the Irish Cycles	University of York
	10.30	Morgan Smith	A Beautiful Cloak of Curly Fleece: Textiles and Identity in Early Medieval Ireland	University of Sheffield
COFFEE				
Making Pots, Chair – Niamh Doyle	11.30	Imogen Wood	The entwined trajectories of pots and people: social and material culture change in the early medieval period of Southwest England.	University of Exeter
	12.00	Alison Kyle	‘Resistance is futile’?: ceramic regionality and the question of	University of Glasgow

			choice.	
	12.30	Ben Jervis	Pottery and the Norman Conquest of England. A case study from Southampton.	University of Southampton
LUNCH				
	2.00	EMASS BUSINESS MEETING		
Making Metal, Chair – Brian Dolan	2.30	Killian Hopkins	A Meeting of Mettle: Metallurgical Practice and Social Exchange between Anglo-Saxon and Scandinavian Communities in Britain.	University of Sheffield
	3.00	Paul Stevens	<i>For whom the bell tolls</i> ; excavation and experimental archaeology on the monastic site at Clonfad, Co. Westmeath, Ireland	Valerie J. Keeley Ltd.
	3.30	Lena Berg Nilsson	Could two wrongs make one right? - Medieval ore-mining in Sweden until 1200 AD.	Stockholm University
COFFEE				
Life and Death, Chair – Denise Keating	4.30	Alexandra Knox	From the home to the grave: a holistic perspective on the mid-Anglo-Saxon worldview	University of Reading
	5.00	Matt Seaver	Enclosing the Past and the Present; Early Medieval Cemeteries and Settlement in Ireland	University College Dublin
BREAK				
Keynote	6.00	Finbar McCormick	The Early Medieval Archaeology Project	Queen's University Belfast/EMAP

EMASS 2010 FIELDTRIP

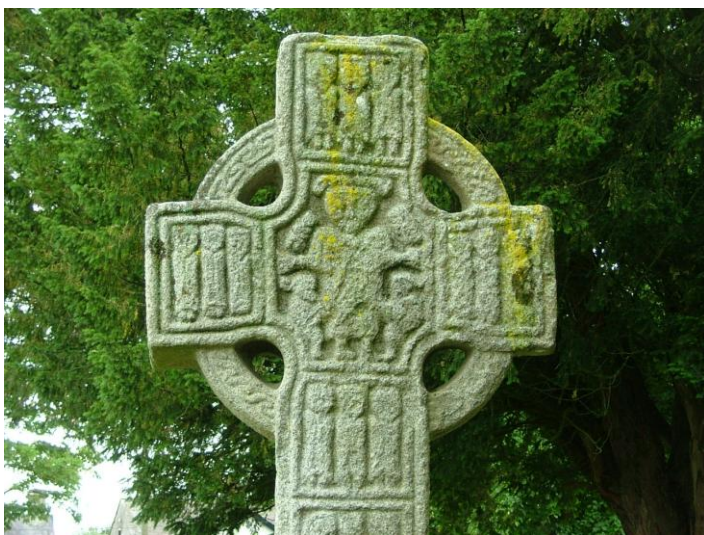
This year's fieldtrip will take in a selection of early medieval sites, both ecclesiastical and secular, in the southern part of County Kildare (approximately 1hr 15mins SE of Dublin). This rolling landscape is located west of the Wicklow mountains and to the east of the River Barrow, which runs southwards to the sea at Waterford.

The sites to be visited include the early monastic sites of Moone, Castledermot and Kileen Cormac, each of which has interesting features to recommend it ranging from early stone carvings and ogham stones to high crosses and a round tower. We will also see the only example of a Viking hogback stone to be found in Ireland. *En route* to south Kildare we will stop in at the hilltop monastic site of Old Kilcullen, which looks over to the ancient royal site of Dún Ailline/ Knockaulin, excavated by Bernard Wailes in the 1970s.

Secular sites are more difficult to come by in this area as the predominant early medieval site type is the earthen banked ringfort, which, in this intensively farmed landscape, has not fared well and often survives only as a crop mark. Some impressive examples remain however, including the large ringfort of Mullaghmast, whose historical significance continued from the early medieval period right up to the 19th century.

As everyone knows, Irish weather is renowned for its unpredictability so **be prepared for anything**. Rain gear and waterproof footwear are recommended. Sensible footwear is especially important as some of the sites we are visiting are off the beaten track.

TIME: A bus will collect the group from the UCD campus at 9.30am and we plan to return to the campus by 6pm at the latest.



The North Cross, Castledermot.

PLEASE NOTE: We will be stopping for refreshments/ lunch in the course of the trip, but this is NOT included in the conference fee.

Useful Information

Venue:

The conference will be held in the Humanities Institute of Ireland, in University College Dublin. Directions to the building can be found on our [website](#), as can information on travel to and from UCD and accommodation. Buses are the best option to access UCD, and the two main bus routes servicing UCD from the city centre are the 10 and 46a, operated by [Dublin Bus](#). It is also possible to travel directly to UCD from the airport, using the [Aircoach](#) Dublin Airport-Leopardstown route.

Registration:

Please register on our website using the [online registration form](#). The cost of registration is €20 for both days of the conference. It also includes the coach for the fieldtrip, and can be paid online via Paypal.

Posters:

Posters should be A3 in size. If you wish to have your poster printed here, please use the [online form](#) to upload your pdf files. The cost of this is a minimal €2.50 for an A3 full colour poster, and can also be paid via Paypal. If you prefer to bring your own poster, please let us know on the registration form so that we can assign display spaces.

Contact:

If you have any further queries, please check out the website at www.emass2010.com or email us at info@emass2010.com, and we look forward to seeing you all in May.

