

Record of the seventeenth conference of the
International Society of Anglo-Saxonists, at the
University College Dublin and Trinity College Dublin,
University of Glasgow, 3-7 August 2015

The seventeenth biennial meeting of the Society took as its general theme 'The Daily Life of the Anglo-Saxons'. Featured were two keynote lectures, forty-two regular papers, and six project reports. 194 persons registered for the conference.

Two keynote lectures were given.

Thomas Clancy, 'Anglo-Saxon Ayrshire?'

Jane Roberts, 'Loss, Replacement and Some Old English Words that Died Out'

Forty-two papers were given.

Anya Adair, '(Un)Diplomatic Sources, Contested Composition, and the Prologue to the Alfredian Law Code'

Debby Banham, '*Ymbhwyrft*: The Annual Cycle of Food Production in Anglo-Saxon England'

Martha Bayless, 'Dance in Anglo-Saxon England'

Julia Bolotina, 'The Broader Relevance of Anglo-Saxon Medical Texts'

Lindy Brady, 'The *Dunsæte Ordinance*, the Welsh Frontier, and Marcher Society in Anglo-Saxon England'

Megan Cavell, 'Everyday Monsters: Adapting Pests for an Anglo-Saxon Audience'

Paul Cavill, 'A Vocabulary of the Everyday'

Edward Christie, 'Personal Privacy, Polity, and the 'Secret Singularity' of the Self: The Old English Apollonius of Tyre and the Encomium Emmae Reginae'

Amy Clark, 'More than Meets the Eye: Cultural Color Resonances in Old English Literature'

Elizabeth Coatsworth, '(Soft) Furnishing the Anglo-Saxon House'

Colleen Curran, 'Coping with Script Change in Tenth-Century Cornish Manuscripts'

Fiona Edmonds, 'Ærgi Place-Names and Cattle in Northern England'

Martin Findell, 'Pre-Old English from the Ground up'

Robert Gallagher, 'The Occasion and Reception of Latin Poetry in the Reigns of Alfred and Æthelstan'

Bruce Gilchrist, 'Verse as *Verse*: A Diplomatic Edition of the Boethian *metra* in Cotton
Vespasian D.xiv'

James Graham-Campbell, 'The Galloway (2014) Viking hoard: Some Preliminary
Observations'

Joseph Grossi, "'East Anglia is a Nation" Regional Character and its Viking Impetus'

Antonina Harbus, 'The Emotional Life of the Anglo-Saxons'

Alice Hicklin, 'Retelling Rebellion: Accounts of the Godwinist Revolt of 1051 and its Impact
on Anglo-Saxon England'

Mary Kate Hurley, 'Communities of the Page: Translation Effects in Ælfrician Homiletic
Manuscripts'

Daria Izdebska, 'Conceptualising ANGER in the Old English *Pastoral Care*'

David Johnson, 'A Voice in the Margin: Quotidian Spirituality in the Old English Dialogues
of Gregory the Great'

Karen Jolly, 'A Cat's Eye View: Vermin in Anglo-Saxon England'

Christian Kay and Carole Hough, 'A New Perspective on Old English Metaphors'

Olga Khallieva Boiché, 'Positive and Negative Emotions in Anglo-Saxon Personal Names'

Ursula Lenker, 'Anglo-Saxon Micro-texts: Language and Communicative Functions'

Alexandra Lester-Makin, 'Looped Stitch: The Travels and Development of an Embroidery
Stitch'

Leslie Lockett, 'Cheese Among the Anglo-Saxons: Good to Eat? Good to Think With?'

Inge Milfull, 'The Colour of Trees: Revisiting the OED entries ALDER n./1 and WHITTEN
n.'

Christopher Monk, 'The Sex Lives of Women in Anglo-Saxon England: Evaluating Female
Perspectives in Latin and Vernacular Penitentials'

Katherine O'Brien O'Keeffe, 'Fingers and Eyes, Sight and Touch: Appraising the Senses in
Anglo-Saxon England'

Gale Owen-Crocker, 'Dressing the Anglo-Saxons'

Kristopher Poole, 'Exploring the Social and Economic Importance of Chickens in Anglo-
Saxon England: An Integrated Approach'

Andrew Rabin, 'Wulfstan at London'

Christine Rauer, 'Early Mercian Text Production: Authors, Dialects, and Reputations'

Annina Seiler, 'Spelling Variation in Early Old English'

Clare Stancliffe, 'Who commissioned the Ruthwell Cross?'

Rebecca Stephenson, 'The Body on the Cross: A Conversation between the *Dream of the Rood* and Ælfwine's *Prayerbook*'

Christine Voth, 'Daily Life of an Anglo-Saxon Scribe: Writing in Early Tenth-Century England'

Greg Waite, 'A New Discovery: John Smith's Collations for his Edition of the OE Bede (1722)'

Kelley Wickham-Crowley, 'Fens and Frontiers, or Why Fens Matter in Anglo-Saxon Thought'

Jordan Zweck, 'Silence in the Riddles'

Six project reports were given.

Carole Biggam, 'The Anglo-Saxon Plant-Name Survey'

Kerstin Kazzazi, 'Project Report "Runic Writing in the Germanic Languages – RuneS"'

Lilla Kopár, 'Project Andvari: A Portal to the Visual World of Early Medieval Northern Europe'

Christina Lee, 'The Daily Life of a Doctor: Testing Anglo-Saxon Medicine'

Rory Naismith, 'New Developments in Anglo-Saxon Numismatics and Monetary History: Medieval European Coinage and the Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles'

Olga Timofeeva and Alpo Honkapohja, 'Medieval Latin from Anglo-Saxon Sources Corpus'

The conference was preceded by a two-day workshop on the theme of 'Tools of the Trade', directed by Daria Izdebska, with sessions by Marc Alexander, James Elmslie, John Hines and Daria Izdebska. 15 students from 13 different institutions participated in the workshop.

II General Business Meeting held at the University of Glasgow, on 7 August 2015, at 16.00, President Carole Hough presiding.

The President reported on behalf of the Executive Committee:

1. The eighteenth ISAS meeting and conference is to be held at the University of Hawai'i, on 31 July to 4 August 2017.
2. The nineteenth ISAS meeting and conference is to be held at the University of New Mexico, at Albuquerque, in 2019, and will be hosted by Tim Graham and Jonathan Davis-Secord.
3. Gratitude was expressed to all those who had assisted in making the Glasgow conference such a success.

The Executive Director reported on behalf of the Executive Committee:

1. Election of Officers and Membership of the Advisory Board: Karen Jolly will serve as President from 1 January 2016 until 31 December 2017. At the same time, Tim Graham (UNM) is elected First Vice-President, to serve until 31 December 2017, after which, according to the Society's Constitution, he will automatically become the new President for the next two years.
2. Election of New Members of the Advisory Board: The term of office expires 31 December 2016 for the following Advisory Board members: Sharon Rowley, Katie Lowe, Mercedes Salvador-Bello, Alice Jorgensen and Kees Dekker. They were thanked for their service. After the close of voting, five new members of the Advisory Board, Francesca Tinti, Damian Fleming, Carol Neuman de Vegvar, Andrew Rabin and Johanna Kramer, were elected and will begin their terms of service on January 1, 2016.
3. Membership: there are currently 567 active members (dues paying or life/honorary) (compared to 526 in 2013, showing a 8% increase), and 454 dues paying members (regular, student, retired) (409 in 2013, showing an 11% increase).
4. Honorary Membership of the Society: at the Glasgow conference, honorary memberships were awarded to Mary Clayton, Antonette Healey and Gale Owen-Crocker.
5. ISAS Volumes: the fifth volume, based on the 2009 St John's conference and edited by Stacy S. Klein, William Schipper and Shannon Lewis-Simpson, has been published. The sixth, based on the 2011 Madison conference and edited by John D. Niles, Stacy S. Klein, and Jonathan Wilcox, is nearing publication. The seventh, based on the 2013 Dublin conference and edited by Mary Clayton, Juliet Mullins and Alice Jorgensen, has a planned publication date of 2016. Volume 8, associated with the theme of the Glasgow conference, will be edited by Carole Hough, Carole Biggam and Daria Izdebska, and a call for papers will be put out in the next few months.
6. Conference flexibility: the Board approved the recommendations of the ISAS Conference Format Subcommittee as follows: Explore more flexibility in deciding the conference format over the four days of presentations, in order to allow more papers or related presentations to be accepted, contingent on the number of quality submissions. The Board further agreed that in ISAS 2017, the Hawai'i conference would experiment with a provisional model of adding a single set of breakout session per day. A participant survey will be carried out afterwards.
7. Finance Report: from membership dues and related interest, ISAS has cash assets of approximately \$37,000, \$21,000 of which are in mutual funds. ISAS has steadily lost assets over the past fifteen years; this loss will be corrected in future cycles by the following actions: an increase in member dues (reported at ISAS in 2013) and the re-negotiated publishing contract with ACMRS, to begin with volume 7 (Dublin 2013).
8. ISAS New Voices: Mary Kate Hurley reported on the sessions at Leeds and Kalamazoo.

9. ISAS publication prizes 2013-2015:

(a) Best Article

Patrick W. Conner, "On the Nature of Matched Scribal Hands", in *Scraped, Stroked, and Bound: Materially Engaged Readings of Medieval Manuscripts*, ed. by J. Wilcox (Turnhout, 2014), pp. 39-73

(b) Best First Monograph

Emily Thornbury, *Becoming a Poet in Anglo-Saxon England* (Cambridge, 2014)

(c) Best book (co-awardees):

Asa Mittman and Susan Kim, *Inconceivable Beasts: The Wonders of the East in the Beowulf Manuscript* (Arizona, 2013)

AND

M. J. Toswell, *The Anglo-Saxon Psalter* (Turnhout, 2014)

(d) Best research aid:

Peter Stokes, *English Vernacular Minuscule from Æthelred to Cnut, circa 990 – circa 1035* (Manchester, 2014)

(e) Best edition or translation:

Christine Rauer, *The Old English Martyrology* (Woodbridge, 2013)

III. The conference began with a welcome reception and coin exhibition at the Hunterian Museum, Glasgow. Two full days of sessions ended with a civic reception at the Glasgow City Chambers. Mid-conference excursions were either to Ruthwell and Whithorn or to Coldingham for a place-name walk. A third full day of sessions ended with a reception and manuscript exhibition at the Glasgow University Library Special Collections. The final full day of sessions concluded with a General Membership Meeting presided over by Carole Hough. Here the winners of the biennial ISAS publication prizes were announced. The conference concluded with a dinner at the Glasgow University Union.

A group of delegates then took part in a three-day post-conference excursion to Oban and Iona.

On the ISAS 2015 website is a gallery of photos taken during the conference and at conference-related activities, including the workshop and the excursions (www.isas2015.com/gallery/).

IV. Registration forms for the ISAS biennial conference in 2017 will be posted on the ISAS website (<http://www.isasweb.org/>) when available. Information for payment of membership dues also may be found on the ISAS website.¹

¹ This report was prepared by Susan Irvine and Martin Foys.