

## Regional Report Aug. 2022- Aug. 2023 Spain

### **Pilar Villar Argáiz AEDEI Chairperson**

- The annual AEDEI International Conference for Irish Studies was successfully held in Valencia on May 31-June 2, 2023. The main organiser was María Gaviña Costero, from the University of Valencia. The theme of this year was “Violence: Repercussion, Resistance and Representation in Irish Society and Culture”. The papers we had those 3 days explored this theme, by presenting, contrasting, analysing and debating the different expressions of violence, its repercussions, forms of resistance and, especially, the representation of all of them in Irish societal and cultural expressions, extrapolating them in turn to the reality of the European Space. We had attendants from 15 different nationalities, and we were simply delighted with the response to the call for papers, made initially at the end of 2022, with more than 80 papers which were presented during those three days. Irish writers Marina Carr and Rosemary Jenkinson came thanks to financial support from the EFACIS Irish Itinerary.
- During this last year, *Estudios Irlandeses*, the scholarly journal of AEDEI, has published its regular issue (issue 18: <https://www.estudiosirlandeses.org/issue/issue-18/>) in March 2023.

Other academic events happening in Spain on the field of Irish Studies include the following (many of these activities were partially funded by EFACIS through the programme of the Irish Itinerary):

- On 25-27 January 2023, the VI International Seminar on Irish Studies took place at the University of Granada, under the direction of Pilar Villar Argáiz. The Irish artist whose participation was funded by the Irish Itinerary sponsored by EFACIS was Theo Dorgan.
- In the week of 13-20 March 2023, The Circle of Irish Studies at the University of Granada organised a series of academic events on occasion of the celebration of St Patrick's. This included intensive seminars on Irish dancing, culture and literature, and a musical-dancing performance by the University Céilí Band.
- The “VI International Seminar in Irish Studies: Elements of Aesthetics in Constructing Form and Identity” took place at the University of la Rioja on March 14-29, 2023. This event was organised by Melania Terrazas Gallego. Irish musicians Katerina García and Pádraig Ó Liatháin visited through the Irish Itinerary sponsored by EFACIS.

- On March 24, 2023, the new EFACIS Centre for Irish Studies at the University of Cáceres was officially inaugurated, led by Carolina P. Amador-Moreno.
- On May 11-12, 2023, the 32th annual conference of the Spanish James Joyce Association organised its annual conference at the University of Alcalá de Henares, under the direction of Prof. Juan Ignacio Oliva Cruz.