

NISN Regional Report 2021/22

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Conferences and Workshops:

On 1 June, Irish literature featured prominently at the Norwegian literature festival in Lillehammer. With the support of the Irish Embassy in Norway, NISN member and guest speaker from the 2021 NISN conference at Åbo Akademi, David Toms, convened an event featuring women writers from Ireland. The event was titled "An Irish Success", particularly emphasized the role of women in Irish literary publishing: Eimear Ryan from Banshee Press and Sarah Davis-Godd from Tramp press talked about their work in establishing these publishing houses to Sinéad Mac Aodha from Literature Ireland. Anthony Johnson also duly took part in the planning and promotion of 2021's modestly scaled Oulu Irish Festival (as well as performing in its concerts), and presented a paper on Hopkins and Edward Dowden (as well as performing) at the 34th G.M. Hopkins Festival at Newbridge (22nd-28th July, 2022).

A number of NISN members, including e.g. Charles I. Armstrong, Jason Finch, Anthony W. Johnson, Anne Karhio, and Joakim Wrethed also presented their work at the Nordic Association for English Studies (NAES) conference in Stockholm on 11-14 June, 2022.

The next NISN conference will be organised in Reykjavik, Iceland, in 2023. More information on the cfp and the exact timetable will be made available in the coming months.

Miscellaneous Information

1. The NISN-affiliated journal *Nordic Irish Studies* is currently in the process of transitioning to a new editorial team. Jason Finch will be the new literary editor, Ciaran McDonough will take over as the editor for politics and history, and Charika Swanepoel is our new reviews editor, while Anthony Johnson and Ruben Moi (both on the transition committee) will be guest-editing the 2022 publication. We would like to thank the members of the outgoing editorial team, Carmen Zamorano Llena, Billy Gray, and Heidi Hansson, for their outstanding work for the journal in recent years.
2. The CISA now has a new Director, Professor Isabelle Torrance having taken over in 2021. As well as congratulating her, we would like to express our deep gratitude to Sara Dybris McQuaid for all she has done to promote links between CISA, NISN, and EFACIS over the years.