

Report for Spain (Aug. 2021 to Aug. 2022)

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- The annual AEDEI International Conference for Irish Studies was successfully held in Burgos on June 2-3, 2022. The main organizer was Amor Barros del Río, from the University of Burgos. This year's theme was "Ireland in Transformation (1922-2022)". We were truly delighted with the response to the call for papers, made initially at the end of 2021, with more than 60 papers presented over the two days of the conference. The Irish writers who came thanks to the programme of the EFACIS Irish Itinerary were Mary O'Donnell and Jan Carson. The conference coincided with the 20 year anniversary of our association, which started in Burgos 2 decades ago.
- We now look forward to our 21st AEDEI Conference, which will be held from May 31st to June 2nd at the University of Valencia. The main organizer will be María Gaviña.
- During this last year, *Estudios Irlandeses*, the scholarly journal of AEDEI, has published its regular issue (issue 17:<https://www.estudiosirlandeses.org/issue/issue-17/>) in March 2022.
- Various universities around Spain have participated actively with EFACIS through the programme of the Irish Itinerary:
 - ✓ The "International Seminar in Contemporary Irish Literature and Film: From Theory to Practice" took place at the University of la Rioja on September 3rd-9th. This event was organised by Melania Terrazas Gallego.
 - ✓ On November 26 2021, the University of Granada held an online literary reading by Emilie Pine. This academic event was sponsored by the EFACIS Itinerary and was organised by Pilar Villar Argáiz.
 - ✓ On 17 December 2021, the University of La Rioja, in collaboration with the Universities of Burgos, Deusto and Zaragoza, organised the "IV International Seminar in Irish Theatre and Performance," organised by the Centre of Irish Studies Banna/Bond (EFACIS). Main organizers were Amor Barros del Río, Asier Altuna García de Salazar, Melania Terrazas Gallego and Constanza del Río.
 - ✓ On 21-28 February 2022, the Irish Itinerary sponsored by EFACIS took place at the University of Granada, under the direction of Pilar Villar Argáiz. The Irish artists whose online participation was funded by the Irish Itinerary were Donal Ryan and Colette Bryce.
 - ✓ On March 17- May 31, 2022, the Centre of Irish Studies Banna/Bond (EFACIS), under the direction of Melania Terrazas, organised the "V International Seminar on St. Patrick's: Gender Based Violence and The Art of Storytelling", at University of La Rioja.
 - ✓ On May 10th, Irish writer Mary Morrissy came through the Irish Itinerary to the University of Alcalá, and offered a reading of her work. This event coincided with the official inauguration of the Centre for Irish Studies "Alka-Éire", led by Prof. Marisol Morales Ladrón and Juan Elices Agudo.
 - ✓ On June 5th, 2022, writers Mary O'Donnell and Jan Carson attended the "55th International Valladolid Literary Festival" thanks to financial support from

EFACIS and AEDEL. Other Irish writers who came to the festival were John Banville, Eimear McBride, and Keith Payne.

- Other academic events happening in Spain on the field of Irish Studies include the following:
 - ✓ On April 20-21, the University of Santiago de Compostela organised an International Seminar commemorating the Centenary of Joyce's publication of *Ulysses*. This event was organised by Laura Lojo Rodríguez with the support of her research team Discurso e Identidad.
 - ✓ The II Irish Studies International Seminar "Cultural Waves in Ireland and Irish Studies" took place on April 22, 2022 at the University of Huelva. It was a one day hybrid event and the main organizers were Auxiliadora Pérez Videz and José Carregal.
 - ✓ On May 12-13, 2022, the Spanish James Joyce Association organised its annual conference at the University of La Laguna, under the direction of Prof. Juan Ignacio Oliva Cruz.
 - ✓ The new Circle of Irish Studies at the University of Granada was officially launched on Friday May 20, 2022. This event coincided with the International Seminar on Eliot and Joyce held at this very same university, celebrating the centenary of the publication of *The Waste Land* and *Ulysses*. This 2-day academic event (May 19th-20th) was organised by Pilar Villar Argáiz and Gerardo Rodríguez Salas.
 - ✓ The International Shaw Conference—"Shaw in Europe" was organised by the University of Extremadura on May 25-27, 2022. The main organizer was Gustavo A. Rodríguez Martín.