

## Report for Spain (Aug. 2020 to Aug. 2021)

**Pilar Villar Argáiz, AEDEI Chairperson**

### Conferences and Workshops

- The annual AEDEI International Conference for Irish Studies was successfully held online on May 27-28, 2020. The main organizer was Teresa Caneda, from the University of Vigo. For the first time in our association, the conference was held exclusively in a virtual form. This year's theme was "Silences and Inconvenient Truths in Irish Culture and Society." We were truly delighted with the response to the call for papers, made initially at the end of 2019, with more than 60 papers presented over the two days of the conference.
- We now look forward to our 20<sup>th</sup> AEDEI Conference, which will be held at the end of May 2022 at the University of Burgos. The main organizer will be Amor Barros del Río.
- The AEDEI Annual General Assembly was held virtually on May 28, 2021. In this General Assembly, it was elected a new member of the Board, Margarita Estévez Saá. She will join the other members of the Board: Pilar Villar-Argáiz – Chairperson; María Amor Barros del Río – Secretary; José Carregal – Treasurer; and Juan Elices – Member of the Board. In this General Assembly, the editor of *Estudios Irlandeses*, Prof. Marisol Morales-Ladrón announced that Asier Altuna and Auxiliadora Pérez have joined the editorial team of the journal as co-editors.

### Irish Itinerary & EFACIS Engagement:

- Various universities around Spain have participated actively with EFACIS through the program of the Irish Itinerary:
  - ✓ On 11-12 February 2021, 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 April 20-21, 2020, Auxiliadora Pérez Videz and José Carregal organized at the University of Huelva the "I International Seminar on Irish Studies: Cultural Waves in Ireland and Irish Studies", also through a virtual form. The Irish writer who came through the Irish Itinerary was Catherine Dunne.
  - ✓ Subsequent events of the Irish Itinerary in Spain had to be cancelled, due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

### **Miscellaneous Information**

- During this last year, *Estudios Irlandeses*, the scholarly journal of AEDEI, has published two issues: a themed issue *Eco-Fictions, The Animal Trope and Irish Studies* (issue 15.2: <https://www.estudiosirlandeses.org/issue/issue-15-2/>) and its regular issue (issue 16: <https://www.estudiosirlandeses.org/issue/issue-16/>) in March 2021.