

# TARA SYMPOSIUM

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*From the Past to the Future (23-26 October 2009)*

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2009

- 7.30 pm
- \* Opening ceremony
  - \* Presentation: *The Hill of Tara – 'difficult of interpretation'* (Muiris O'Sullivan)
  - \* Reception



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Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2009

0830	Registration	
0900	Introduction	
0930	Anthony Corns & Rob Shaw	<i>The use of high resolution surface modelling to identify relict features in the micro-topography and the added value of integration with existing remote sensing data sets</i>
1000	Frank Prendergast	<i>A study of the morphology, metrology and archaeoastronomy of the Iron Age enclosure, Lismullin, Co Meath</i>
1030	Alex Bayliss	<i>Interpreting chronologies for the Mound of the Hostages, Tara and its contemporary contexts</i>
	Coffee/Tea	
11.30	Graeme Warren & Thomas Kador	<i>What did the Hill of Tara mean in the Mesolithic</i>
12.00	Jessica Smyth	<i>Tara in pieces – deposition and the formation of place in the Neolithic</i>
12.30	Gabriel Cooney & Kim Rice	<i>Stone usage at the Mound of the Hostages</i>
13.00	Alan Peatfield	<i>High places – comparisons and ‘phenomenologies’</i>
	Lunch	
14.30	Ian Kuijt	<i>Materiality, social memory and information exchange at Neolithic and Bronze Age Tara</i>
1500	Helen Roche	<i>Prehistoric pottery from the Mound of the Hostages</i>
1530	Chris Scarre	<i>The burials behind the orthostats at the Mound of the Hostages – parallels and implications</i>
	Coffee/Tea	
16.30	Alison Sheridan	<i>‘Tara Boy’ – Burial 4 in the Mound of the Hostages</i>
17.00	Charles Mount	<i>The context of the Bronze Age cemetery in the Mound of the Hostages</i>
17.30	Questions and discussion	

Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2009

0900	Broader perspectives	Colin Quinn	<i>Social meaning of decisions around artefact inclusion in the Bronze Age</i>
0930		Richard Bradley	<i>Enclosures, mounds and Great Houses</i>
1000		John O'Neill	<i>Being prehistoric in the Iron Age</i>
1030		Katharina Becker	<i>Iron Age Tara in context</i>
Coffee/Tea			
11.30	The twilight of prehistory	Aidan O'Connell	<i>Excavations at the Lismullin archaeological complex</i>
12.00		Richard Warner	<i>Tara in the Roman centuries – The Navan/Tara axis</i>
12.30		Betty O'Brien & Tiernan McGarry	<i>Review of Iron Age and Medieval burials at Tara</i>
13.00		Ian Armit	<i>Objects and identities: Indigenous and Roman material cultures at Tara and beyondQ</i>
Lunch			
14.30	The local context	Donald Murphy	<i>An overview of the archaeology of the M3 motorway scheme</i>
1500		Eoin Grogan	<i>The development of the prehistoric landscape in the Tara region</i>
1530		Aidan O'Sullivan & Jonathan Kinsella	<i>The archaeology of Tara, its environs and early medieval Brega, AD 400-800</i>
Coffee/Tea			
16.30	New directions	Michael Potterton & Margaret Murphy	<i>Agriculture in the Tara region, AD 1200-1600</i>
17.00		Steve Davis	<i>Paleoenvironmental history of the Tara/Scryne Valley: problems and potential</i>
17.30		Helen Lewis	<i>Geoarchaeological potential of the Tara landscape: a review from published sources</i>

**Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

0900	Layers of significance	Charlie Doherty	<i>International parallels for the kingship of Tara</i>
0930		Tadhg O’Keeffe	<i>What did Tara mean to the Anglo-Normans</i>
1000		Dáithí Ó hÓgáin	<i>Tara in myth and legend</i>
1030		Nicholas Allen	<i>Literature and the landscape of the past</i>
Coffee/Tea			
11.30	Neolithic Tara in context	George Eogan	<i>Tara viewed from the Boyne Valley</i>
12.00		Muiris O’Sullivan (& Blaze O’Connor)	<i>Megalithic art at Tara in context</i>
12.30		George Nash	<i>Waves of ideas and construction: Comparing and contrasting The Mound of the Hostages, Tara with the passage grave tradition of North Wales</i>
Lunch			
14.30	International parallels	Serge Cassen	<i>Continuity of tradition at Tara and Carnac</i>
1500		Simon Stoddart	<i>Constructing ancient time: Tara and Tarxien (Malta)</i>
1530		Gonçalo Velho (& Vitor & Susana Jorge)	Title to follow
Coffee/Tea			
16.30	Drawing to a close	Niels Andersen	<i>A view from Denmark</i>
17.00		Barry Cunliffe	<i>Conference review/discussion</i>
17.30		<b>Final remarks</b>	
18.00		<b>Closure</b>	



Tara Symposium  
October 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 2009

## REGISTRATION FORM

The Tara Symposium organized by Professor Muiris O'Sullivan will take place in the Clinton Auditorium, UCD Belfield, from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

Following the publication by Wordwell Ltd. of reports on Seán P. Ó Riordáin's excavations at the Mound of the Hostages (Muiris O'Sullivan 2005) and Rath of the Synods (Eoin Grogan 2008), the UCD School of Archaeology, in association with the John Hume Institute for Global Irish Studies, is hosting a symposium entitled:

### *Tara – From the Past to the Future*

Featuring approximately forty papers by an international group of scholars, the symposium promises to be the most extensive review of the archaeology of Tara undertaken to date. It focuses on the data from the two excavation volumes but extends to a wider consideration of research undertaken at Tara over the past twenty years.

To register please complete this form and send it with your remittance to: **Tara Symposium, UCD School of Archaeology, Newman Building, University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland.**

The registration fee is €140 and €70 for a limited number of reserved student places.

Please make cheques payable to 'Tara Symposium'.

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