



# WAC-6

IRELAND 2008  
29th June - 4th July

SIXTH WORLD ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONGRESS • DUBLIN • IRELAND



## Welcome Note

On behalf of the Organising Committee of the Sixth World Archaeological Congress it is a great pleasure to invite colleagues from across the globe to come to Dublin, Ireland from 29th June to 4th July 2008. This is the first time that the World Archaeological Congress has been held in Ireland and we look forward to making it a truly successful and memorable congress. The spacious campus of University College Dublin close to the city centre will be the main venue for WAC-6. We are planning a varied and engaging thematic programme complemented by a wide range of social events. You will also have the opportunity to see the rich cultural and social life of Dublin as well as to sample Ireland's outstanding archaeological heritage. Céad míle fáilte (a hundred thousand welcomes!) to you all.



Gabriel Cooney

Academic Secretary, on behalf of the WAC-6 Organising Committee

## Committees

### Local Organising Committee

Based in the UCD School of Archaeology with a national working committee and a national scientific advisory committee

**Academic Secretary:**

Gabriel Cooney

**Deputy Academic Secretaries:**

Helen Lewis & Aidan O'Sullivan

**Programme Chair:**

Joanna Brück

**Programme Co-ordinator**

Blaze Valeska O'Connor

\*Please see [www.ucd.ie/wac-6](http://www.ucd.ie/wac-6) for full committee details

## What is WAC

The World Archaeological Congress (WAC) is the only representative, fully international organisation of practicing archaeologists. Founded in 1986, WAC encourages open dialogue among all people genuinely concerned about the past, including scholars from under-represented parts of the world, First Nations people, and descendent communities whose pasts are told by archaeologists. One of WAC's primary functions is to hold an international congress every four to five years to offer discussion of new archaeological research as well as archaeological policy, practice and politics. Previous congresses were held in the United States, South Africa, India, Venezuela and England. Ireland has the honour of hosting the SIXTH WORLD ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONGRESS, to be held in Dublin.

[www.worldarchaeologicalcongress.org](http://www.worldarchaeologicalcongress.org)

## Venue

The WAC-6 congress will be held on the campus of University College Dublin. This is conveniently located to the south of the city centre and easily accessible. Different types of university accommodation are available on campus and there are a number of hotels in the immediate vicinity of the university.



Conference Venue



## Themes



WAC-6 presentations can take many forms: working sessions, large plenary panels, position papers, forums, debates, demonstrations and workshops. The programme will be organised into large themes each containing several sessions that relate to the same overall issue.

### Congress themes will include:

- Archaeological Practice - a Global Perspective on quality and best practice
- Developing International Geoarchaeology
- Our Changing Planet – Past Human Environments in Modern Contexts
- Indigenous Archaeologies
- Cultural and Intellectual Property
- Home and Away: Archaeologies of Diaspora
- Materialising identities
- The Archaeology of Spirituality
- Living in Island Worlds
- Getting the Message Across - Communicating Archaeology
- Archaeology and the dominant 'isms' of the early 21st century
- Digital Archaeology in the 21st century
- Cultural Heritage and Cultural Tourism
- Archaeologists as People
- Archaeologists, War and Conflict: Ethics, Politics and Responsibility
- Issues in Historical Archaeology

Further details and contact information may be found on the WAC-6 web site. Potential session organisers and contributors interested in these themes are asked to contact the named theme organizers. We also invite proposals for congress themes.

## Preliminary Programme & Social Programme

Time	Sun 29th June	Mon 30th June	Tues 1st July	Wed 2nd July	Thurs 3rd July	Fri 4th July	Sat 5th July
09:00	Registration	Sessions	Sessions	Congress Tours	Sessions	Sessions	Workshops and special sessions
11:00		Tea/coffee & poster viewing	Tea/coffee & poster viewing		Tea/coffee & poster viewing	Tea/coffee & poster viewing	
11:30		Sessions	Sessions		Sessions	Sessions	
13:00		Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch	
14:00		Plenary sessions & panels, poster sessions	Plenary sessions & panels, poster sessions		Plenary sessions & panels, poster sessions	Plenary sessions & panels, poster sessions	
15:30		Tea/coffee & poster viewing	Tea/coffee & poster viewing		Tea/coffee & poster viewing	Tea/coffee & poster viewing	
16:00		Sessions	Sessions		Sessions	Sessions	
18:00	<b>Evening:</b> Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception	<b>Evening:</b> State Reception	<b>Evening:</b> Irish Night (ticket required)		<b>Evening:</b> Congress Dinner/Party		

\* There will be an exhibition and other activities running during the congress

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**DELEGATE DETAILS:**

Name:

Organisation:

Address:

Country:

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Tel:

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Email:

**I AM INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING:**

I am interested in submitting a paper for the conference

Topic of paper

I am interested in submitting a poster for the conference

Title of poster

I am interested in submitting a session for the conference

Title of session

I am interested in proposing a theme for the conference

Title of theme

Pre and Post Meeting Tours

Trade Exhibiting at the Conference

Sponsorship Opportunities at the Conference

**ACCOMMODATION** (please tick box)

I am interested in accommodation within the following categories

- University Accommodation
- 2 Star Accommodation
- 3 Star Accommodation
- 4 Star Accommodation
- 5 Star Accommodation

**RETURNING THE FORM**

Please complete the following form and mail or fax to:  
Elva Hickey or Mary Cuthbert  
Conference Partners Ltd,  
2nd Floor, Heritage House,  
Dundrum Office Park, Dundrum,  
Dublin 14, Ireland.

Tel: +353 1 296 9391/9334 Fax: +353 1 296 8678  
Email: [wac6@ucd.ie](mailto:wac6@ucd.ie)

## Social Events

A lively social programme will be offered to delegates and accompanying persons. There will be a number of post congress tours to important archaeological sites and landscapes. Day tours will include visits to the National Museum of Ireland, Chester Beatty Library and other museums in Dublin. The evening social events will include the welcome reception following the opening ceremony, a state reception and congress dinner and party (optional) on Thursday 3rd July. Optional events will be organised on a number of nights, thus delegates will also be free to sample the unique atmosphere in Dublin's pubs and restaurants.

## Congress Tours

On Wednesday the 2nd of July there will be a number of tours focused on the Brú na Bóinne World Heritage Site and its wider regional setting. Sites to be visited will include the passage tombs of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth, the Battle of the Boyne (1690) battlefield, Tara and Navan prehistoric complexes and royal sites of early historic Ireland.

## Post Congress Tours

For a relatively small island Ireland offers great archaeological and cultural diversity. We have put together three different optional post congress tours, each lasting three days:

- Northern Ireland Tour
- West of Ireland Tour
- South of Ireland Tour

## Important Dates

- Proposals for new themes: 30th September 2007
- Proposals for new sessions: 1st November 2007
- Final announcement: beginning of December 2007
- Submission deadline for individual contributed paper and poster abstracts: 22nd February 2008
- Confirmation of accepted papers or posters: 14th March 2008
- Early registration deadline: up to 30th March 2008
- Late registration deadline date: after 30th March 2008
- Non WAC members will pay higher registration rates for WAC-6, so join WAC before registering!

Themes and sessions must be co-organised by at least two people from different nations (see Call for Proposals on our website :[www.ucd.ie/wac-6](http://www.ucd.ie/wac-6)). If accepted sessions will be assigned to appropriate themes. Please submit all programme proposals to:

WAC-6 Programme Committee, UCD School of Archaeology, University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4  
Email: [wac6programme@ucd.ie](mailto:wac6programme@ucd.ie)

## Accommodation

Self catering accommodation in UCD and 3-5 star hotel accommodation will be offered close to UCD and in the city centre at highly competitive rates.

## Contact

For information on submission of papers and academic programme, please contact:  
WAC-6 Organising Committee, UCD School of Archaeology, Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland.

**Tel:** +353 1 716 8163 **Fax:** +353 1 716 1184 **Email:** [wac6programme@ucd.ie](mailto:wac6programme@ucd.ie)

For general information on accommodation, registration, sponsorship and exhibition please contact:  
Elva Hickey or Mary Cuthbert, Conference Partners Ltd., 2nd Floor, Heritage House, Dundrum Office Park, Dublin 14.

**Tel:** +353 1 296 9391/296 9394 **Fax:** +353 1 296 8678 **Email:** [wac6@ucd.ie](mailto:wac6@ucd.ie)

Financial support will be available on a limited basis to some under-represented groups of participants. Please see the website for process of application.

