

## Tenth biennial report (sixty-second and sixty-third years) of the Irish Committee of Historical Sciences May 1999 – May 2001

1. The biennial general Conference of Irish Historians was held on 22 May 1999 at University College Cork.
2. The ninth biennial report of the Irish Committee of Historical Sciences, the minutes of the previous conference and the treasurer's report were approved and signed.
3. The Irish Committee of Historical Sciences for 1999–2001 was constituted as follows: Dr James Kelly, Dr John McCafferty, Ms Sarah Ward-Perkins (Irish Historical Society); Dr Mary O'Dowd, Dr Eoin Magennis, Dr Janice Holmes (Ulster Society for Irish Historical Studies); Dr John Logan, Dr Niall Ó Ciosáin, Dr Margaret Ó hÓgartaigh (Economic and Social History Society of Ireland); Professor Nicholas Canny, Professor Keith Jeffery, Professor Eunan O'Halpin (Conference of Irish Historians); Dr Ciaran Brady, Dr Judith Devlin, Dr Jacqueline Hill, Dr Colm Lennon, Dr Hiram Morgan.
4. The committee elected Dr O'Dowd as chairperson, Dr Logan as secretary, and Dr Devlin as treasurer.
5. In November 2000 Mr Tom Hayes was nominated by the Economic and Social History Society of Ireland in the place of Dr Ó hÓgartaigh.
6. Regular communication was maintained with the Comité International des Sciences Historiques. Professor Canny and Professor Jeffery were appointed the Irish delegates to the general assembly held at the Nineteenth International Congress of Historical Science, held in Oslo, Norway, from 6 to 13 August 2000. Ten Irish historians read papers at the Congress. During the Congress Dr O'Dowd was elected president of the International Federation for Research on the History of Women.
7. The committee continued to be represented by Dr Brady on the history syllabus committee of the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment.
8. Representatives of the committee served on a joint committee with representatives of the National Library of Ireland to manage the National Library research studentship in history.
9. Detailed discussions were held with the Royal Irish Academy about the incorporation of the committee within the academy's system of 'national' subject committees.
10. The twenty-fourth Irish Conference of Historians was held at University College Cork in May 1999 on the theme of information, media, and power through

the ages. The proceedings have been edited by Dr Morgan and will be published by University College Dublin Press in May 2001.

11. The outline programme for the twenty-fifth Irish Conference of Historians to be held at the National University of Ireland Galway on 18–20 May 2001 was decided. The conference theme will be devoted to cultural change, and the organiser is Dr Ó Ciosáin.

12. The committee held the third in a series of one-day conferences (held in alternate years between the biennial Conference of Irish Historians) at the University of Ulster, Coleraine, in May 2000. The conference was organised by Professor Jeffery on the theme of soldiers, states and societies in the modern world.

13. The Irish Historical Society held a full programme of lectures during the two-year period.

14. The Ulster Society for Irish Historical Studies held a full programme of lectures during the two-year period.

15. The Economic and Social History Society of Ireland held its 1999 conference at the Royal Irish Academy and its 2000 conference at the National University of Ireland Galway.

16. The committee continued to liaise with the bibliographical sub-committee concerning *Writings on Irish history*.

17. During the year 2000 the committee's website ([www.historians.ie](http://www.historians.ie)), containing information about the committee and its work, came into operation.

18. The committee is grateful to the Irish government for continuing financial support. It is also grateful to the Ulster Society for Irish Historical Studies for funding the travel costs of committee members from Northern Ireland.

19. The committee wishes to express its thanks to Dr Ciaran Ó hÓgartaigh for his assistance with the accounts and to Mr Pearse Colbert for his services as honorary auditor.

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MARY O'DOWD  
*Chairperson*