

Project Two: Columbanus' Life and Legacy

Project background

The project will examine aspects of the life and legacy of Saint Columbanus through archaeological, art-historical and historical analyses. Primary objectives include archaeological survey and analysis of the earliest Columbanian foundations in France; review of the influences exerted on Insular art and iconography from Columbanian Italy and France; new critical editions of texts by and about Columbanus. A second aim of the project is to establish a collaborative locus for Columbanian studies in Ireland, a platform from which to initiate collaborations with scholars working elsewhere in Ireland and abroad. Aspects of this project will build upon the cumulative research achievements of the Irish Manuscripts on the Continent element of the *Foundation of Irish Culture Project AD 600-850*.

PhD 1: Archaeology and digital survey of Columbanian foundations in France (ref. TCCNUIG04)

A dedicated study of the archaeological remains and the landscape, cultural and historical context of the Columbanian foundations in France, including digital survey of Annegray (geophysical and topographical), the first Columbanian foundation. Comparative analysis of contemporary Irish foundations will be carried out.

PhD 2: Pilgrims, Ideas, Images (ref. TCCNUIG05).

A dedicated study of cross-cultural artistic influences exerted by Bobbio, which became a destination for pilgrims from Ireland and the Continent after the death of Columbanus. The primary evidence would come from objects and manuscripts.

Funding: €16,000 in addition to fees and some travel expenses

Application Procedure: Applicants should specify the title of the PhD they wish to apply for, and submit the following materials:

- a full CV including all degree and diploma results
- writing sample up to 4000 words. This may be take the form of one long piece (e.g. a minor dissertation for a taught MA course) or two shorter essays (at least one of which should be a graded essay submitted as part of an academic programme
- the names and addresses of at least two academic referees

Please post or email applications to:

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Closing date for receipt of applications is 14 March 2008.

Further information about these scholarships is available from **Conor Newman**, Dept of Archaeology, NUI Galway (conor.newman@nuigalway.ie) or from **Dr Mark Stansbury**, Dept of Classics, NUI Galway (mark.stansbury@nuigalway.ie) and from the websites www.nuigalway.ie/mooreinstitute and www.textscontextscultures.ie