

# **The Worth Library Trust**

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## **Objectives and Activities**

The Worth Library Trust, established by the order of the High Court, preserves and maintains the Worth Library and the Worth Library Collection as a unit in its original form and in its original location in Doctor Steevens' Hospital, Dublin, for the purpose of advancing public education and a greater general knowledge and understanding of science, literature and the arts by enabling scholars and the general public to have access to a rare example of a uniquely preserved private library of an eighteenth century scholar and physician which is of unique national and international importance.

The main activities revolve around public education and research in the context of expanding the profile of the library, nationally and internationally, as a centre for the history of medicine, science and the history of the book.

## **Achievements in 2016**

The following activities were carried out in 2016:

### **1.1. Teaching**

1.1.1. Each year academics are encouraged to bring their classes to the Worth Library where they can utilise the resources for the history of the book, medicine and science. During these visits the Librarian participates with teachers to teach their students about the resources of the Worth Library, in particular the history of bookbinding. This year the Librarian gave lectures to postgraduate students from the Department of English, University College Galway, and the Department of the History of Art, Trinity College Dublin.

1.1.2. The Librarian is also heavily involved in drawing attention to the resources of the Worth Library for historians of medicine. This year she gave a class on the history of medicine to first year medical students in the School of Medicine, Trinity College, Dublin, and a class on the history of science to Dr Susan Mullaney's 'Scientific Revolution' course (American College).

## **1.2. The Edward Worth Library Seminar Series 2016.**

**9 February 2016:** Professor Stephen Milner (Department of Italian, University of Manchester): ‘The fortunes of Aldus Manutius: merchant collectors of the Victorian Age.’

**10 March 2016:** Dr Domenico Laurenza (Rome; TLRH & Worth Library Visiting Fellow): ‘Leonardo Da Vinci’s Codices: The Difficult Heritage of an Artist-Scientist.’ This was a joint lecture between the Worth Library and the Trinity Long Room Hub.

**21 April 2016:** Professor Carol Rawcliffe (University of East Anglia): ‘Christ the Physician Walks the Wards: Religion and Medicine in the Later Middle Ages’. This was the Worth Library/TCD Department of History joint lecture in Medieval and Renaissance Medical History.

**25 April 2016:** Professor Eunan O’Halpin (TCD) gave a lecture entitled ‘Cherishing all the children of the nation equally?’ Civilian deaths in 1916.’ This lecture, which was a joint venture between the Edward Worth Library and the Dr Steevens’ Hospital Library, took place in the Boardroom of Dr Steevens’ Hospital, and the Director General of the HSE, Mr Tony O’Brien, opened proceedings.

**20 June 2016:** Dr Máire O’Connor (HSE) gave a lunchtime lecture on the topic ‘Whoever controls the story controls the people Chios – Greece – April 2016’. The event, which was a joint initiative between the Worth Library and Dr Steevens’ Library, marked World Refugee Day.

**21 June 2016:** Professor Mark Harrison (Director of the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine and Professor of the History of Medicine, University of Oxford): ‘The Politics of Patronage: Medicine and Scandal in an Indian Court (Arcot), c.1740-c1800.’ (This was the Grizelda Steevens memorial lecture in medical history).

**12 October 2016:** The Brendan Prendiville Memorial Lecture: ‘A Tale of Two (other) Cities: Dublin, Edinburgh & the Enlightenment’ was given by Professor David Purdie MD FRCP (Ed.) FRSSA, Hon. Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, University of Edinburgh.

**20 October 2016:** Dr Maurice O’Reilly (DCU): ‘Mathematical works in the Edward Worth Library (1733): the collection and its significance’. This lecture marked Maths Week.

**29 November 2016:** Professor Michael Hunter (Birkbeck College) gave a seminar on ‘The Image of Restoration Science: the Frontispiece to Thomas Sprat’s *History of the Royal Society* (1667)’.

### **1.3. Colloquia and Conferences at the Edward Worth Library**

1.3.1. Workshop meeting of Group 4 ‘Documents and Collections’ of COST Action ‘Reassembling the Republic of Letters, 1500-1800’. See Annex A for details. (4 March 2016).

1.3.2. ‘The Sharing of Medical Ideas and Information Among Early-Modern Practitioners’. (2 August 2016). This workshop was a joint initiative of the UCD Centre for the History of Medicine in Ireland and The Edward Worth Library. The programme is provided in Annex B

1.3.3. ‘Book Collecting in Britain and Ireland, 1650-1850’. This international conference was a joint initiative between the Edward Worth Library, the Rare Books Group of Ireland, and the British Book History Research Network. It was held at the Chester Beatty Library. (25 November 2016). The programme is provided in Annex C.

### **1.4. Exhibitions**

1.4.1. **Mathematics at the Worth Library.** This exhibition was launched during Dublin Science Week in November 2016, and marked the ninth in the online exhibition series. It focuses on Worth’s collection of mathematical books and was curated by the staff and students of the Department of Mathematics, St Patrick’s College, Drumcondra (now a constituent college of DCU), and the staff of the Worth Library. <http://mathematics.edwardworthlibrary.ie/>

- 1.4.2. **Architecture at the Edward Worth Library** was curated by Mr Tony Kelly (Trustee), Dr Elizabethanne Boran (Librarian) and Mr Antoine Mac Gaoithín (Library assistant), and was launched to mark Open House 2016 on 15 October 2016. It is the eighth in a series of online exhibitions covering areas of Worth's collection. <http://architecture.edwardworthlibrary.ie/>
- 1.4.3. **English Cathedrals'**. This was produced by the EUSA intern, Nicole Fleming. <http://edwardworthlibrary.ie/exhibitions-at-the-worth/smaller-exhibitions/english-cathedrals-and-antiquities/>

## 1.5. Other Online Initiatives

- 1.5.1. **Books of the Month for 2016** are available on the Worth Library website: <http://edwardworthlibrary.ie/book-of-the-month/2016-books-of-the-month/>.
- 1.5.2. **August 2016:** William Dugdale's *Monasticon Anglicanum*: <http://edwardworthlibrary.ie/book-of-the-month/2015-books-of-the-month/2016-august-monasticon-anglicanum/>
- 1.5.3. **December 2016:** The Antiquities of Canterbury: <http://edwardworthlibrary.ie/book-of-the-month/2016-books-of-the-month/2016-december-the-antiquities-of-canterbury/>

These items, as well as notices for the annual web exhibition, were placed not only on the Facebook page of the Worth Library but also on the Facebook and Library News blog of the Library of Trinity College Dublin.

## 1.6. Research Fellowships appointed in 2016

- 1.6.1. Dr Benjamin Hazard (UCD Centre for the History of Medicine): 'A study of early modern military medicine and the Republic of Letters at the Worth Library' (June, 2016).
- 1.6.2. Ms Megan Baumhammer (Princeton University): 'Visualising Early Modern Medicine at the Edward Worth Library' will be undertaking her fellowship in January, 2017.

## 1.7. Links with other Institutions and Societies

**On 18 July 2016 H. E. Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland, kindly agreed to become the Patron of the Edward Worth Library.**

- 1.7.1. As Leader of Work Group 4 'Documents and Collections' of the COST Action IS1310: Reassembling the Republic of Letters: A digital framework for multi-lateral collaboration on Europe's intellectual history: [http://www.cost.eu/COST\\_Actions/isch/Actions/IS1310](http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/isch/Actions/IS1310), the Librarian hosted a meeting of the sub-group of Work Group 4 at the Worth Library in March 2016. She also attended an international conference at Warsaw in June, 2016 and Steering Group meetings at The Hague (September) and Lisbon (November).
- 1.7.2. On 18 May 2016 the Grolier Club of New York established in 1884 which is the most famous bibliophile society in the world visited the Worth Library.

## 1.8. Continuing Engagements

Our previous links are still flourishing:

- 1.8.1. The joint lecture on 'Medieval and Renaissance Medical History', set up by the Worth Library and the Department of History in TCD, took place in April 2016 (see Seminar List).
- 1.8.2. The Librarian is a committee member of the History of Science, Technology and Medicine Ireland Network and they hold their committee meetings in the Worth Library.
- 1.8.3. The Edward Worth Library had its fourth intern from the EUSA scheme: Ms Nicole Fleming (Brown University) worked in the Library for six weeks. During her time here she prepared two books of the month, a small exhibition on English cathedrals and also helped with secretarial work.
- 1.8.4. In February 2016 the Librarian was re-elected as Chairperson of the Rare Books Group of Ireland.

- 1.8.5. The Edward Worth Library is one of a group of libraries (including the CONUL libraries) who joined together in 2013 to become members of CERL: Consortium of European Libraries: <http://www.cerl.org/>.
- 1.8.6. The Worth Library is part of the ‘Manuscript, Book and Print Cultures’ Research Theme (TCD).
- 1.8.7. The Edward Worth Library is one of five Dublin libraries involved in the ‘Reading East’ website, hosted by University College Dublin: <http://www.ucd.ie/readingeast/>.
- 1.8.8. The Edward Worth Library is a partner library with the Universal Short Title Catalogue, which is hosted by the University of St Andrews’, Scotland: [http://www.ustc.ac.uk/?page\\_id=36#worth](http://www.ustc.ac.uk/?page_id=36#worth)
- 1.8.9. The Infectious Diseases Society of Ireland has a link to the Worth Library 2011 online exhibition: <http://www.idsociety.ie/links/>
- 1.8.10. Podcasts of presentations at ‘The Book: History and Practice’ workshop, held at The Humanities Institute of Ireland on 12 March 2012, continue to be available online on YouTube.
- 1.8.11. A podcast of the paper the Librarian gave on the ‘Scientific Collections of the Worth Library’ in November 2012 is available on the website of the Royal Irish Academy.

## **1.9. Open Days**

Six Open Days at the Worth Library were held to facilitate members of the public in viewing the various exhibitions and the Library itself. The increase in Open Days was greatly facilitated once the Library Assistant started work:

- ❖ 27 May 2016: Open afternoon for the CERL conference (TCD).
- ❖ 28 July 2016: Open Day for Ms Nicole Fleming’s exhibition [‘The Most Remarkable Things’: English Cathedrals and Antiquities](#).
- ❖ 15 October 2016: Open House and launch of the online exhibition [‘Architecture at the Edward Worth Library’](#). (11.00am-3.00pm).
- ❖ 19 October 2016: Open Day for Maths Week (10.00am-4.00pm).
- ❖ 10 November 2016: Launch of the newest online exhibition: [‘Mathematics at the Worth Library’](#). This exhibition was curated by the Staff and Students of the Department of Mathematics, St Patrick’s



College, Drumcondra (now a constituent college of DCU), and the Staff of the Edward Worth Library.

- ❖ 14 November 2016: Open Day for Dublin Science Week.
- ❖ The Librarian also gave a large number of tours of the Library, including to the Grolier Club (18 May 2016), the Irish Georgian Society (6 July 2016), the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland (20 October 2016), and the Non-Consultant Hospital Doctors (2 December 2016).

### **1.10.Select Statistics**

The increased number of Open Days did not greatly increase our footfall numbers, which were much the same as last year **597** (as of 7 December 2016). It should, however, be noted that a number of joint events during the year were held in either the Boardroom of Dr Steevens' Hospital, in Trinity College Dublin, or in the Chester Beatty Library, and thus figures from these events were not included in our visitors' book.<sup>1</sup>

However, 2016 witnessed a massive leap in traffic to our main website and website exhibitions. To date (7 December 2016) there have been **20,385** individual visitors to the main site in 2016 alone, (50,002 since June 2010).

The connected online exhibitions have figures as follows:

- ❖ 'Astronomy at the Worth Library' has, since it was launched in November 2009, been visited by 33,937 individual visitors, with **17,588** individual users in 2016.
- ❖ The 'Infectious Diseases at the Worth Library' web exhibition has been visited by 35,069 individual visitors since it was launched in December 2010, with **18,719** in 2016 alone.
- ❖ The 'Alchemy and Chemistry at the Worth Library' exhibition was accessed **18,468** times in 2016.
- ❖ The Newton exhibition was accessed **18,434** in 2016.

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<sup>1</sup> For example, at the 2 August workshop in the Boardroom there were c 30 participants and the same number attended Professor Eunan O'Halpin's lecture there on 25 April; 58 people attended the conference held in the Chester Beatty on 25 November.

- ❖ The Botany website, launched on 27 September 2013 had been accessed by 36,736 visitors (**20,385** in 2016).
- ❖ The Dr Steevens' Hospital: A History' website, launched on 27 May 2014, has been accessed by **18,505** individual visitors in 2016.
- ❖ The 'Aldines at the Worth Library' website, launched on 6 February 2015, has been accessed **18,418** times this year and 33,723 since it was launched.
- ❖ The 'Architecture at the Worth Library (launched on 15 October 2016), has been accessed **63** times, and the 'Mathematics at the Worth Library' (launched on 10 November 2016) had been accessed **169** times.

On average c. 75% of each of these were **new** visitors to the websites, which suggests that our web visibility is growing exponentially. The massive increase in these figures this year suggests that the strategy of leaving web exhibitions online and linking them to each other is very beneficial for increasing the web visibility of the Worth Library. Most of the **20,385** individual visitors to the main site this year were based in Ireland, the United States, Russia and the United Kingdom (19%, 19%, 14% and 12% respectively). Following these was Brazil (3%); and then Philippines, France, and Canada at around 2%.

Via the extensive online presence ([www.edwardworthlibrary.ie](http://www.edwardworthlibrary.ie) and our ancillary website exhibitions) we seek to share knowledge of the collection with scholars, institutions and the general public. All lectures, conferences and tours are open to members of the public. Outside of Open Days, tours may be booked by either e-mailing [info@edwardworthlibrary.ie](mailto:info@edwardworthlibrary.ie) or by phoning 01 635 2215.

### **1.11.Print and Online Media**

- ❖ On 7 November, Dr Áine Carroll, National Director, Clinical Strategy and Programmes Division, HSE, and Dr Philip Crowley, National Director Quality Improvement Division, HSE, used the Worth Library as a backdrop to a video for a major international conference on integrated care, which the HSE co-hosted in Dublin in May 2017. A link to the video may be found online here: <http://integratedcarefoundation.org/events/icic17-17th-international-conference-on-integrated-care-dublin>

- ❖ On 16 November 2016 the Irish Architecture Foundation put a piece on their Facebook page and tweeted about the ‘Architecture at the Worth Library’ exhibition.
- ❖ On 15 December 2016 there was a piece in the *Irish Times* on the online exhibition ‘Mathematics at the Worth Library’.

## 1.12.Publications

### 1.12.1. *Reading Newton in Early Modern Europe*

Arising out of the international conference ‘The Reception of Newton’, which was hosted by the Worth Library in 2012 to mark Dublin City of Science, the above volume was edited in 2016 by the Librarian, Dr E. Boran, and Professor Mordechai Feingold (Caltech). It will appear in print in 2017: (Brill, forthcoming): <http://www.brill.com/products/book/reading-newton-early-modern-europe>.

## 1.13.Conservation

**American Ireland Fund:** In 2015 Drs Rick Sargeant and Peter Genovese donated \$500, via the American Ireland Fund, to aid paper restoration on Worth’s copy of the *Etymologikon Magnum* (Venice, 1499). With the assistance of the Conservation Department in TCD this work was completed in October 2016.

## 3. Financial Summary

### Funding

The Worth Library received funding of €165,405 from the Health Service Executive in line with the costings submitted to the HSE as part of the 2014-2016 three year plan.

### Staff and administration

The Worth Librarian and the Library Assistant are appointed as members of staff in Trinity College Dublin and paid monthly by the College via funds provided by the Trustees. The Trust Secretary also received a stipend from the Trustees.

## Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Financial Position as of 31st December 2016

<b>Administrative Expenses</b>	
Income	165,685
Surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities	<u>10,579</u>
Interest receivable & similar income	491
Surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities	<u>11,070</u>
Surplus for the year	11,070
Non Current assets	
Property, plant & equipment	421
Current Assets	
Debtors	7,881
Cash and cash equivalents	116,029
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(24,891)
<b>Net Current assets</b>	<b><u>99,019</u></b>
Total Assets less current Liabilities	<b><u>99,440</u></b>
Represented by Unrestricted Funds-general fund surplus	99,440
Total Funds	<b><u>99,440</u></b>

The revenue charity status of the Trust exempts it from tax obligations.

#### **4. Structure, Governance and Management**

The book collection of Dr Edward Worth (1676-1733) is preserved in Dr Steevens' Hospital, Dublin currently the headquarters of the Health Service Executive. The Library's collection, one of the treasures of the nation's cultural inheritance is comprised of some 4,400 volumes, the earliest dating from 1475. Most are preserved in original bindings.

Edward Worth was a Dublin physician who collected medical books ancient and modern (i.e. 18th century), important contributions to the study of related sciences, philosophy, the classics and history. The collection reaches back to the origins of printing itself and most of the books are notable for their fine bindings as well as their printed content. Following Dr. Worth's death in February 1733, a room was designed and built to accommodate the collection on the first floor of the then unfinished Dr Steevens' Hospital, and the original book-shelves, cases, glass panes and other fittings remain today as they were in the 1730's.

Following the closure of Dr Steevens' Hospital and its purchase by the then Eastern Health Board in 1988, a charitable Trust was established. Pursuant to a High Court judgment by Mr Justice Ronan Keane in 1995, the Worth Library Trust was established under a Scheme for its Administration and Regulation by Order of the High Court of 5<sup>th</sup> July 1995.

The Trust is regulated by the Charities Regulation Authority. CRA number 20066093, Charity number CHY 17643.

## **4.1 Trustees of the Edward Worth Library in 2016**

Dr Eoghan Mooney, Chairman & Trustee

Mr Tony O'Brien, Director General HSE (ex officio)

Prof Patrick Prendergast, Provost, TCD (ex officio)

Dr Sandra Collins, Director, National Library of Ireland (ex officio)

Mr Tony Kelly (Nominee for Director General HSE)

Mr Gerard Long (Nominee for the Director of the National Library of Ireland)

Ms Helen Shenton (Nominee for the Provost of Trinity College)

Ms Maureen Browne

Professor Davis Coakley

Mr David Fitzpatrick

Mr Kieran Hickey

Professor Greta Jones

Dr Emer Lawlor

Ms Helen Stokes

Mr Robert Towers

### **Worth Librarian**

Dr Elizabethanne Boran

### **Secretary to the Trustees**

Ms Ceara Cowap

### **Financial Advisor**

Mr Damian Casey

## 4.2. Meetings held in 2016

### **8<sup>th</sup> April Financial Review meeting**

**Present:** Dr Eoghan Mooney, Mr Kieran Hickey, Mr Robert Towers, Mr Tony Kelly

**In Attendance:** Dr Elizabethanne Boran, Ms Ceara Cowap.

### **8<sup>th</sup> April Trustees' Meeting**

**Present:** Dr Eoghan Mooney, Ms Maureen Browne, Mr David Fitzpatrick, Professor Greta Jones, Dr Emer Lawlor, Professor Davis Coakley, Mr Tony Kelly, Ms Helen Stokes, Mr Robert Towers, Mr Kieran Hickey

**In attendance:** Dr Elizabethanne Boran, Ms Ceara Cowap

### **24<sup>th</sup> June Finance sub-committee meeting**

**Present:** Dr Eoghan Mooney, Mr Robert Towers, Ms Helen Stokes

**In Attendance:** Dr Elizabethanne Boran, Ms Ceara Cowap

### **24<sup>th</sup> June Trustees' Meeting**

**Present:** Dr Eoghan Mooney, Ms Maureen Browne, Professor Greta Jones, Mr Robert Towers, Ms Helen Stokes,

**In attendance:** Dr Elizabethanne Boran, Ms Ceara Cowap

### **23<sup>rd</sup> September Finance sub-committee meeting.**

**Present:** Dr Eoghan Mooney, Mr Kieran Hickey, Mr Tony Kelly & Mr Robert Towers.

**In attendance:** Dr Elizabethanne Boran, Ms Ceara Cowap

### **23<sup>rd</sup> September Trustees' Meeting**

**Present:** Dr Eoghan Mooney, Professor Davis Coakley, Mr David Fitzpatrick, Mr Tony Kelly, Mr Kieran Hickey, Professor Greta Jones, Dr Emer Lawlor, Ms Helen Stokes & Mr Robert Towers

**In attendance:** Dr Elizabethanne Boran, Ms Ceara Cowap

### **15th December meeting of the Finance sub-committee**

**Present:** Dr Eoghan Mooney, Mr Kieran Hickey, Mr Tony Kelly and Mr Robert Towers.

**In attendance:** Dr Elizabethanne Boran, Ms Ceara Cowap.

### **15th December meeting of the Trustees**

**Present:** Dr Eoghan Mooney, Ms Maureen Browne, Professor Davis Coakley, Mr David Fitzpatrick, Professor Greta Jones, Dr Emer Lawlor, Mr Gerard Long, Mr Tony Kelly, Mr Robert Towers & Ms Helen Stokes

**In attendance:** Dr Elizabethanne Boran, Ms Ceara Cowap.



## Appendices

### *Annex A List of participants at COST meeting.*

1. AUSTRIA: Dr Andres Fingernagel, Austrian National Library (ANL).
2. AUSTRIA: Dr Thomas Wallnig, University of Vienna (A); Austrian Institute of Historical Research, Vienna (A). Vice Chair of COST Action.
3. ICELAND: Mr Bragi Olafsson, National and University Library of Iceland
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4. LITHUANIA: Prof. Axel Walter, IKFN - Arbeitsstelle Königsberg.
5. NETHERLANDS: Dr Dirk Van Miert, Dirk, University of Utrecht, Netherlands.
6. PORTUGAL: Prof. Vanda Anastacio, University of Lisbon.
7. UNITED KINGDOM: Professor Howard Hotson, EMLO and University of Oxford. Chair of COST Action.
8. UNITED KINGDOM: Dr Arnold Hunt, British Library, Modern Historical Manuscripts and University of Cambridge.
9. GERMANY: Dr Gerhard Mueller (Director of Kalliope, Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin).
10. NETHERLANDS: CEN; Dr Ad Leerintveld, Koninklijke Bibliotheek, The Hague.
11. BNF – Dr Isabelle le Masne de Chermont, Directeur du département des Manuscrits. Bibliothèque nationale de France.
12. UNITED KINGDOM: EMLO: Ms Miranda Lewis,
13. DENMARK: Mr Ivan Boserup, CERL representative.
14. IRELAND: Dr Elizabethanne Boran. Leader of WG

## **Annex B**    *Seminar Programme of The Sharing of Medical Ideas and Information Among Early-Modern Practitioners*

**Session 1:** Chair: Professor James Kelly MRIA.

Dr Jason Harris (Centre for Neo-Latin Studies, University College Cork): “The Latinity of Renaissance Physicians:”

Dr Benjamin Hazard (School of History, University College Dublin): “Medical Recipes for Military Chaplains in Spanish Flanders, 1587-1660”

**Session 2:** Chair: Prof. James Kelly MRIA.

Dr Elizabethanne Boran (Librarian, The Edward Worth Library (1733)): “Buying and Selling Medical Books in Early Modern Ireland.”

Keynote: Chaired by: Dr Catherine Cox (Director, UCD Centre for the History of Medicine in Ireland):

Professor Ole Peter Grell (The Open University): “The Importance of the Republic of Letters for the Exchange of Medical Knowledge and Ideas in the Early Seventeenth Century: The Physician Ole Worm (1588-1654) and his Correspondents”

## **Annex C: Programme of ‘Book Collecting in Britain and Ireland, 1650-1850’.**

Opening of the seminar by Dr Philip Cohen, President of the Library Association of Ireland.

Ireland: Chair: Dr Marc Caball (University College Dublin).

Dr Bernadette Cunningham (Royal Irish Academy): ‘Readers or collectors? Manuscripts and books in the lives of Irish scholars in late seventeenth-century Connacht’.

Ms Barbara McCormack (NUIM): ‘The Otway-Maurice collection: Ecclesiastical collecting in late seventeenth to mid eighteenth-century Ireland.’

Scotland and Wales: Chair: Dr Giles Mandelbrote (Librarian of Lambeth Palace Library).

Dr Karen Baston (University of Edinburgh): ‘Two Eighteenth-Century Scottish Lawyers’ Libraries: Lord Tinwald, Lord Alva, and their Book Collections.’

Mr Thomas Lloyd: ‘Country House collecting in eighteenth-century Wales.’

England: Chair: Dr Elizabethanne Boran (Librarian of the Edward Worth Library, Dublin).

Dr David Pearson (Director of Culture, Heritage and Libraries at the City of London Corporation): ‘Motives for book collecting in late seventeenth-century England’.

Dr Rebecca Bowd (Special Collections, Leeds University Library): ‘Lending Libraries in Georgian Leeds, 1768-1815.’

Keynote Lecture: Chair: Dr Elizabethanne Boran (Librarian of the Edward Worth Library, Dublin).

Professor Andrew Pettegree and Mr Arthur der Weduwen (University of St. Andrew’s): ‘The Library as a Weapon of State. The Fagel Collection in Dublin.’

Launch of Dr Karen Attar’s *The Directory of Rare Book and Special Collections in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland* (London: Facet, 2016)