

Irish Palatine Association

Tercentenary Celebrations

1709 – 2009

*A ten-day itinerary to celebrate the arrival of the Palatines in Ireland.
Friday, September 4th – Monday, September 14th 2009*

The month of September was chosen for this event because it was in September that the Palatines arrived in Ireland 300 years ago.

The Irish Palatine Museum will be open all day on Friday, Sept. 4th to welcome participants. Accommodation will be at the nearby Rathkeale House Hotel; a family run 3 star hotel, where there will be a welcome dinner on the evening of arrival. For this occasion a group from Limerick University will join us. A talk will be given by Dr. Patrick O'Connor, *Twenty years On: Author's Assessment of People Make Places: the Story of the Irish Palatines*.

Over the following 10 days there will be musical events, banquets, concerts, lectures, tours, and other entertainment. Various bodies will host receptions and local dignitaries will meet the group.

The Centre for Irish-German Studies will host a one-day programme at the University of Limerick.

As well as visiting the local Irish Palatine sites we will be visiting Tralee, Killarney, Limerick and the Cliffs of Moher. While we will be identifying family settlement locations there will not be an opportunity for individual genealogical research.

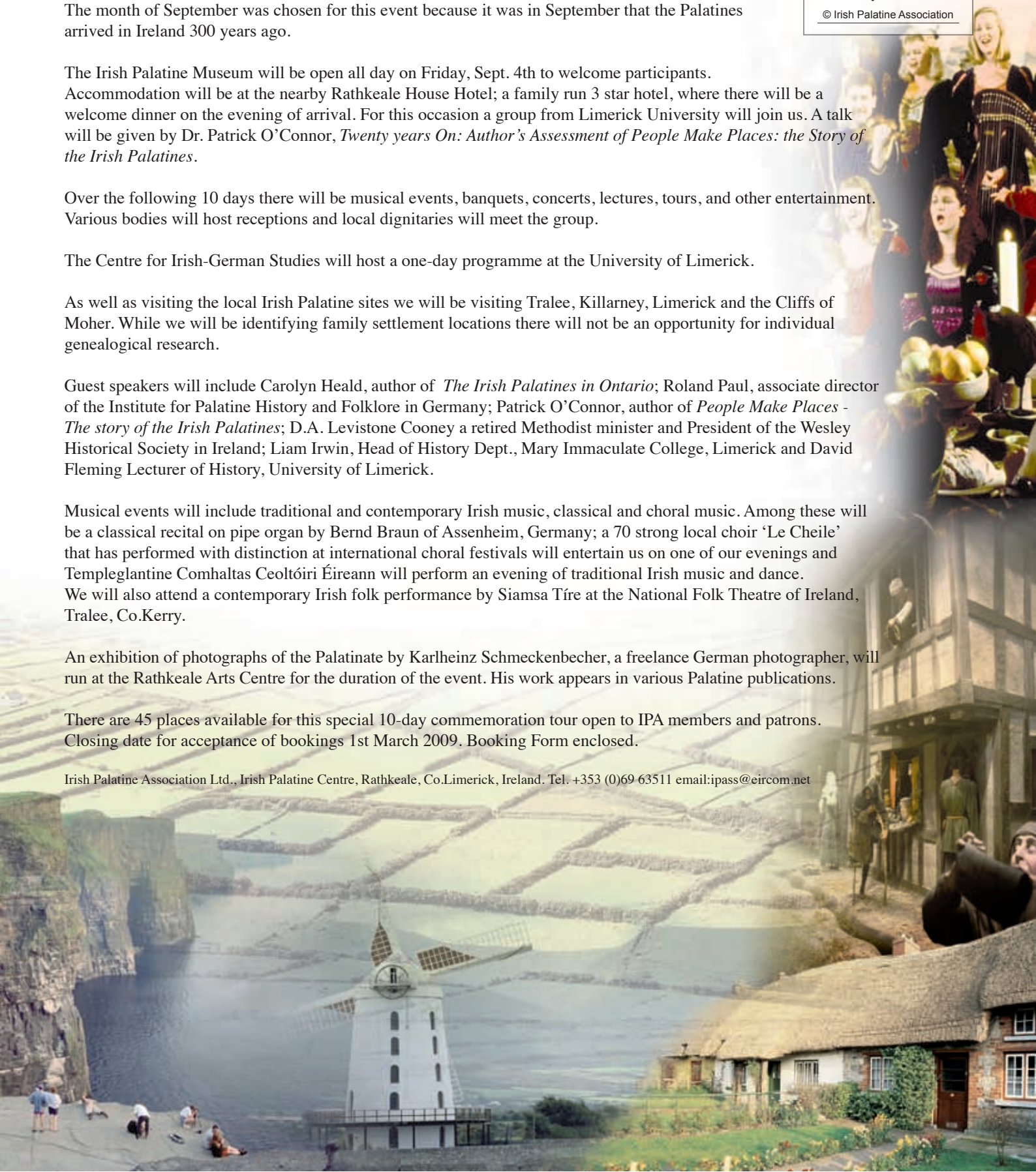
Guest speakers will include Carolyn Heald, author of *The Irish Palatines in Ontario*; Roland Paul, associate director of the Institute for Palatine History and Folklore in Germany; Patrick O'Connor, author of *People Make Places - The story of the Irish Palatines*; D.A. Levistone Cooney a retired Methodist minister and President of the Wesley Historical Society in Ireland; Liam Irwin, Head of History Dept., Mary Immaculate College, Limerick and David Fleming Lecturer of History, University of Limerick.

Musical events will include traditional and contemporary Irish music, classical and choral music. Among these will be a classical recital on pipe organ by Bernd Braun of Assenheim, Germany; a 70 strong local choir 'Le Cheile' that has performed with distinction at international choral festivals will entertain us on one of our evenings and Templeglantine Comhaltas Ceoltóiri Éireann will perform an evening of traditional Irish music and dance. We will also attend a contemporary Irish folk performance by Siamsa Tíre at the National Folk Theatre of Ireland, Tralee, Co.Kerry.

An exhibition of photographs of the Palatinate by Karlheinz Schmeckenbecher, a freelance German photographer, will run at the Rathkeale Arts Centre for the duration of the event. His work appears in various Palatine publications.

There are 45 places available for this special 10-day commemoration tour open to IPA members and patrons. Closing date for acceptance of bookings 1st March 2009. Booking Form enclosed.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The price of the tour includes 10 nights accommodation, breakfast and evening meals, all excursions, guides, entrance fees, lectures, entertainment and gratuities. Lunch will be provided on two days, you will be able to purchase lunch on location on the remaining days. Any room services you request will be charged to your room for you to settle on departure.

Travel to the hotel in Rathkeale (and from it at the end of the tour) are not included in the price. However there will be a courtesy bus for tour participants between Shannon International Airport and Rathkeale House Hotel. The bus will make one journey each way. From Shannon to Rathkeale on the 4th and from Rathkeale to Shannon on the 14th. Departure times will be announced closer to the holiday.

The full cost of the tour is €1,600 per person sharing or €1,960 for a person in a single room. Payment to be made in euro by bank transfer. See bank details on booking form. Irish residents may pay by personal cheque or bank draft if preferred.

Numbers will be limited to 45 people. Priority will be given to paid up members who have already expressed interest and whose deposit of €400 per person arrives to our bank by the 1st March 2009.

If your registration cannot be accepted, your deposit will be returned. You should not book your flights until you receive confirmation of your booking from us. This will be before the end of March.

Once your booking has been confirmed the balance of your payment needs to reach our bank by the 1st June 2009.

After registration your deposit is non refundable. Should you need to cancel your holiday after payment of the balance on the 1st of June a refund less expenses will be at the discretion of the IPA directors after the holiday is over. Please refer to our statement on insurance.

Participants will be responsible for ensuring that they have suitable and adequate insurance covering medical, cancellation and other risks associated with travel. The Irish Palatine Association Ltd will not accept any responsibility for such risks.

The Irish Palatine Association Ltd. reserve the right to make changes to the programme as described in this literature.



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BOOKING FORM

Details of person to whom confirmation and tour literature is to be sent:-----

Name:

Address:

Zip / Postal Code: Country:

Phone No.:

Email:

Names of others included in your booking:-----

2nd person:

3rd person:

4th person:

Type and Number of rooms required:-----

Number of Double Rooms at €1,600 per person sharing. Number of Single Rooms at €1,960 per person.

Smoking: . None Smoking: . Age Group:- under 50: . 50-60: . 60+: .

Specially Dietary or other requirements:

Total Cost in euro: . Total deposit of €400 per person in euro: . Transferred to IPA a/c: .

DECLARATION: *I apply on behalf of all those persons listed above to participate in the Irish Palatine Association Ltd's 2009 Celebrations. I confirm that I will pay the balance of the price by 1st June 2009. I confirm that we accept full responsibility for making suitable insurance arrangements to cover medical, cancellation and other risks associated with travel. I confirm that we will participate in the Tour entirely at our own risk and that no liability whatsoever shall attach to the Irish Palatine Association Ltd, its officers or its helpers for any loss or damage suffered by us during the tour however such may be caused and whether by negligence or otherwise.*

Signature:

Date:

Payment must be in euro and be payable to "Irish Palatine Association Ltd". (Payment by Irish residents may be made by personal cheque with their booking form). All other participants must pay by bank transfer, for which the following information is required:

Name of Bank: Bank of Ireland, Main Street, Rathkeale, Co Limerick, Ireland.

Account No: 16333336. NSC: 904384. IBAN No: IE94 BOFI 9043 8416 3333 36. BIC No: BOFIE2D.

Please include your name on the transfer to identify your payment.

Dont forget to send the completed booking form direct to:

Irish Palatine Association Ltd., Irish Palatine Centre, Rathkeale, Co.Limerick, Ireland.