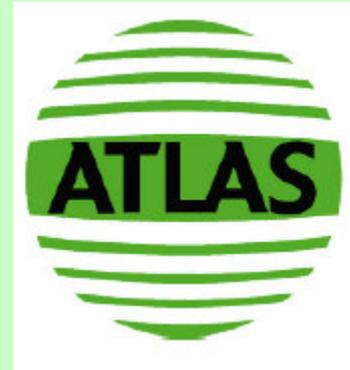


(Call for Papers)
ATLAS Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage Special Interest Group
4th Expert Meeting, 7th-9th June 2012, Maynooth, Ireland
“Not Losing the ‘Pilgrimage’ in the Pilgrimage Tourism Experience”



1st Expert meeting - Fatima 2003
2nd Expert meeting - Nazaré, Portugal 19th-21st November 2009
3rd Expert meeting - New Norcia, Perth, Western Australia 20 - 25 June 2011

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Location:

Maynooth, Ireland (25km west of Dublin)

Time:

7th-9th June 2012

Cost:

There is **no fee** for those who are selected to present papers. Costs will be kept to an absolute minimum circa €100 to cover accommodation (2 nights) and food. Subject to demand, there may be a minor fee for those who wish to attend and not present a paper.

Publication:

This Research Group has a good track-record of publishing papers. To date we have produced 2 special publication volumes in international journals and a further ATLAS Book is in production. A number of journals have tentatively expressed interest in the proceedings of this workshop, but the particular focus will be decided once the specific direction of the papers is established.

Deadlines:

Because attendance is generously supported by the local sponsors, numbers are limited. It is envisaged that there will be in the region of 12-15 papers presented with the main emphasis for acceptance being based on adherence to the main theme:

“Not Losing the ‘Pilgrimage’ in the Pilgrimage Tourism Experience”

If you are interested in being invited to attend, or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact either of the following:

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Important Dates:

23.03.12	Abstract Submission Deadline
30.03.12	Notification of Acceptance to Authors
11.05.12	Submit full paper
07-09.06.12	Expert Meeting

Scientific Committee

- Kevin Griffin, Dublin Institute of Technology, Dublin, Ireland
- Razaq Raj, Leeds Metropolitan University, UK
- Maureen Griffiths, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia
- Frances McGettigan, Athlone Institute of Technology, Ireland
- Jonathan Edwards Bournemouth University
- Carlos Fernandes, Escola Superior de Tecnologia e Gestão de Viana do Castelo, Portugal

Background to timing / location of Workshop:

This conference is supported by the **International Eucharistic Congress 2012**. With over 7000 international delegates confirmed already from over 30 countries, this event is important for both Dublin and the Catholic Church. On the week preceding the Congress there is traditionally a theological conference. This year that event takes place in Maynooth - a university town 25km west of Dublin, which contains both the National University of Ireland (www.nuim.ie) and the National Seminary of Ireland (www.spcm.ie). This ATLAS SIG seminar / workshop containing a number of focused papers will run alongside this theology conference.

In content our Seminar is entirely different, but by holding it at this unique time, in this location, we can utilise the facilities of the University, and enjoy the ambiance of an attractive religious site, populated by some of the leading world theologians. (see <http://www.iec2012.ie/theologysymposium>)

Subject to space / capacity issues, there will be freedom for our delegates to attend sessions of the theological conference and vice versa.

Access / Transfers:

Maynooth is very accessible from Dublin city centre (via bus and rail), however, where feasible we will provide airport transfers.

Additional Details:

Accommodation: If you don't need accommodation, the fee will be lower - to cover food alone. We have secured a rate of €36 (or more depending on the luxury you want !) per person per night for on-campus accommodation. We are currently looking at costs for tea and coffee for breaks and lunch on-site (all of this will be charged at cost – keeping to an absolute minimum).