International Napoleonic Society
Fourteenth International Napoleonic Congress
Shades of 1916:
Ireland in Revolutionary and Napoleonic Europe

11 – 16 July 2016
Stephen’s Green Hibernian Club
Dublin, Ireland
Representatives from the Irish Government and the French Embassy in Ireland jointly launched the Napoleon Society of Ireland at Saint Catherine’s Church in Dublin on The 4th of March 2012. The event was attended by J. David Markham in his capacity as President of the International Napoleonic Society, who invited me to host the 14th International Napoleonic Congress in Dublin in the year we were to celebrate the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising.

The 4th of March was chosen as it was the birthday of Robert Emmet, one of the leaders of the 1803 rebellion who was executed outside Saint Catherine’s Church on The 20th of September 1803. Emmet was one of the prominent members of the society of United Irishmen which was founded as a liberal political organisation in late 18th century Ireland that initially sought parliamentary reform. However, it later evolved into a revolutionary republican organisation inspired by the American Revolution and allied with Revolutionary France.

The republic that the members of the Society of United Irishmen sought was an inclusive one, based on Enlightenment and a commitment to rights. It was a republic that would be tolerant, ecumenical and democratic. These beliefs were very much before their time and resonate among Irish people today as was clearly seen in the Marriage Equality referendum of 2015.

The Napoleon Society of Ireland was established by a group of academics and enthusiasts to highlight the historical and philosophical links between Ireland and Napoleonic France. Indeed, many of the leaders of the United Irishmen sought support from Napoleon Bonaparte for the 1803 rebellion having failed to oust the British monarchical system from the Island of Ireland in the ill-fated rebellion of 1798. Unfortunately, Napoleon did not come and the 1803 rebellion failed.

However, the spirit of freedom and revolution remained with the Irish people and the influence of those who were inspired by 1798 and 1803, men like Theobald Wolfe Tone, Robert and Thomas Emmet and my own ancestor James Byrne remained with the Irish people until they finally achieved their liberty after the Easter Rising of 1916.

Today, the Irish Republic stands tall as one of the most inclusive and equal societies in the world.

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Sincerely,

Derek J. Byrne, M.Sc. FINS, OLJ
President, The Napoleon Society of Ireland

Program
Monday 11 July

10:00 Registration/Reception

11:00 Opening Ceremony
Derek Byrne, Country Host
J. David Markham, President, International Napoleonic Society
Senator David Norris

Session I    Peter Molloy, Ireland, Chair
12:00 Derek Byrne, Ireland, Napoleon's Irish Connections and His Influence on the United Irish Men
12:30 Nicholas Stark, USA, Masters in Their Own Country: Ireland in the Napoleonic System, 1796-1815
1:00 Discussion
1:15 Lunch in Dublin

Session II   Dr. Rafe Blaufarb, USA, Chair
2:30 Chris Danziger, UK, Napoleon’s Irish Doctor
3:00 Peter Hicks, France, Barry Edward O’Meara, Napoleon’s Man
3:30 Break
3:45 J. David Markham, USA/Canada, Dr. James Verling: Napoleon’s Would-Be Irish Doctor on St Helena
4:15 Allon Klebanoff, Israel, The Irish Legion
4:45 Discussion
6:00 Cocktail Reception (no host), Stephen’s Green Hibernian Club

Evening free for dinner and sightseeing

Tuesday 12 July

Session III  Allon Klebanoff, Israel, Chair
10:00 William Chew, Belgium, From Our Correspondent” -- Top American Diplomat Witnesses Return of Emperor
10:30 Gareth Glover, UK, A Complicated Family: Anglo American Relationships during the Napoleonic Wars
11:00 Break
11:15 Rafe Blaufarb, USA, Napoleon’s Extraordinary Domains
11:45 Morten Nordhagen Ottosen, Denmark, Eagle over the Periphery: Napoleon and Scandinavia
12:15 Discussion
12:30 Lunch
Session IV  Chris Danziger, UK, Chair

2:00  Susan Conner, USA, Red umbrellas, Haricots Verts, and Foggy Byways: Traversing the Streets of Revolutionary and Napoleonic Paris

2:30  Erik Lewis, USA, Prostitution and the French Revolution: A Cultural and Legal Transformation

3:00  Break

3:15  Sylvie Kleinman, Ireland, No Eagle Harp?: Liberating Ireland in Napoleonic History and Myth (1796-1916)

3:45  General Henri Paris, France, Bonaparte, the Son of the French Revolution

4:15  Discussion

Tuesday Evening: Visit Trinity College to see the Book of Kells

Wednesday 13 July

Session V  William Chew, Belgium, Chair

10:00  Peter Molloy, Ireland, Donnybrooke Fair was nothing to the fight we had here’: Ireland and the Waterloo Campaign of 1815

10:30  Ben Goff, USA, The Military as a Reflection of National Character 1800-1815

11:00  Break

11:15  Marina Ortiz, USA, Rome Undone: Competing Views and Aligning Rhetoric Concerning the Despoliation of Italy

11:45  Nathan Jensen, USA, French Expeditions to Ireland 1796-1798 (Read by Edna Markham)

12:15  Betje Black Klier, USA, The Heroics Shenanigans of General Jean Amable Humbert and Davy Crockett

12:30  Lunch

Session VI  Morten Nordhagen Ottosen, Denmark, Chair

2:00  Glenda Pérez López, Cuba, Gonzalo O’Farrill: A Historical Link between Cuba, Ireland and Napoleon

2:30  Thomas Thomas, USA, The French Illyrian Cotton Connection

3:00  Break

3:15  Charles Upchurch, USA, Wellington’s Exiles: The British Military and Same-Sex Desire in the Napoleonic Era

3:45  Wayne Hanley, USA, Napoleon and the Romantics: From Hero to Villain

4:15  Discussion

7:00  INS Gala Dinner
Thursday 14 July

Session VII  
Susan Conner, USA, Chair

10:00  Xavier Riaud, France, Antoine François Fourcroy (1755-1809), Builder of the Faculty of Medicine of Paris (1794) and Founder of the Imperial University (1808)

10:30  Adam D’Arcy, Ireland, The Last Days of the Irish Legion

11:00  Break

11:15  Maureen MacLeod, USA, Schooling and Privilege: Schoolgirls at the Maison d'éducation de la Légion d'honneur during the Napoleonic Empire

11:45  Alexander Grab, USA, Conversion of Jews to Christianity in Napoleonic Italy

12:15  Prince Nicklaus Blücher, Germany, The First Brexit: The Congress of Vienna

12:45  Discussion, End of Academic Program

1:00  Lunch and the rest of the day free

During the afternoon there will be French National Day celebrations at the French Ambassador’s residence. Due to space and security concerns, only a very few of our participants may be invited to attend.

Friday 15 July

Day reserved for seeing Dublin. We can arrange trips to Royal Hospital, Kilmainham/Dublin Castle/Collin's Museum or other places of interest.

8:00 PM The Napoleon Society of Ireland Empire Ball. Stephen’s Green Hibernian Club (tickets required)

Saturday 16 July

11.00 - Trip to The Bonaparte Wyse Museum, Waterford (By train)

1.00 - Lunch in Waterford (venue to be decided)

2.30 - Tour of Bonaparte Wyse Museum

4.00 - Visit to Waterford Chrystal/Shopping and Sightseeing

6.00 - Train home to Dublin

9.00 - Farewell drinks in the Shelbourne Hotel
The International Napoleonic Society

Europe Discovers Napoleon: 1793 – 1804
Cittadella of Alessandra Italy 21 – 26 June 1997

Napoleon and the French in Egypt and the Holy Land 1799 – 1801
In cooperation with the Israeli Society for Napoleonic Research
Tel Aviv – Yafo – Jerusalem – Acco 1 –10 July 1999

Napoleon’s Campaigns and Heritage
In cooperation with the Napoleonic Society of Georgia
Tbilisi, Georgia 12 – 18 June 2000

Imperial Glory: Austerlitz and Europe in 1805
In cooperation with the city of Dinard, France
Dinard, France 9 –16 July 2005

Napoleon and Poland 1807 – 2007
In cooperation with the
Slupsk Pedagogical Academy and the Polish Historical Society
Slupsk, Poland 1 – 5 July 2007

Napoleon and the Mediterranean
In cooperation with the City of Ajaccio,
the General Council of Southern Corsica, and the Territorial Collective of Corsica
Ajaccio, Corsica, France 7 –11 July 2008

Napoleon, Europe and the World
In cooperation with the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts
Montréal, Quebec, Canada 8-12 June 2009

Napoleon and the Transition to the Modern World
San Anton, Malta, 12–16 July 2010

Napoleonic Europe at its Peak
In cooperation with the Foundation Top of Holland (Citymarketing Den Helder)
The City of Den Helder
The Royal Netherlands Navy
Fort Kijkduin
Den Helder, The Netherlands 4–8 July 2011

Napoleon’s 1812 Russian Campaign in World History: A Retrospective View
In cooperation with the Institute of World History (Russian Academy of Science)
Russian State University for the Humanities
Association Dialogue Franco-Russe
State Borodino War and History Museum and Reserve
Moscow, Russian Federation 9-13 July 2012

Old World, New World: Momentous Events of 1812–1814
Toronto, Ontario, Canada 29 July–2 August 2013

Napoleon and Revolutions Throughout the World
In cooperation with the Museo Napoleónico, La Habana
Havana, Cuba
11–15 August 2014

Endings and Beginnings: The World in 1815
Brussels, Belgium
July 6-10 2015

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Napoleon’s Final Years
In cooperation with Enterprise St. Helena and the French Consul to St. Helena
Jamestown, St. Helena
July 2017

Norway (2018), Spain (2019), Ecuador (2020)