Nautical Science, Navigation, and the Exploration of the Atlantic:

The XVII Reunion of the International Committee for the History of Nautical Science

2 – 4 October 2014
Moore Institute
National University of Ireland, Galway

Organised by:
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Thursday 2 October

9.15  Registration and Welcome

9.30  Session 1: Writing Navigation  
      Chair: Edward Collins (University College Dublin)
      Daniel Carey (NUI Galway)  
      ‘Richard Hakluyt's Art of Travel: Managing Navigation in the Shadow of Spain’
      Kioko Koiso (CHAM-New University of Lisbon)  
      ‘Journey of the ship São Francisco (1596-1599), authored by father Gaspar Afonso: the comparison with the manuscript that originated the version of the História Trágico-Marítima’

10.45  Break

11.15  Session 2: Teaching nautical science and navigation  
       Chair: Joaquim Alves Gaspar (CIUHCT-University of Lisbon)
       Nuno Martins Ferreira (Polytechnic Institute of Lisbon - Higher School of Education)  
       ‘The Nautical Teacher in Portugal in the eighteenth century: professional performance and scientific sociability’
       Alison Sandman (James Madison University)  
       ‘What should a pilot know? Teaching navigation in the late sixteenth century’

12.30  Lunch

14.00  Session 3: The South Atlantic  
       Chair: Albrecht Sauer (German Maritime Museum, Bremerhaven)
       Edward Collins (University College Dublin)  
       ‘Portuguese Chief Pilots on Spanish expeditions to the Río de la Plata in the sixteenth century’
       Luis Falcão (University of Lisbon)  
       ‘Santa Helena: an important port of call in South Atlantic (XVI-XVII centuries)’

15.15  Break

15.45  Session 4: Nautical science and its application  
       Chair: Alison Sandman (James Madison University)
       José Malhão Pereira (CIUHCT-University of Lisbon/Portuguese Naval Academy)  
       ‘The Mateo Jorge Manuscript. An important nautical document of the beginning of the XVII century’
       Joaquim Alves Gaspar (CIUHCT-University of Lisbon)  
       ‘Pedro Nunes and the distance from Lisbon to India’

17.00  Keynote Address  
       Professor Nicholas Canny (European Research Council)  
       ‘Atlantic History: The Evolution of a Subject’

17.50  End of Day One
Friday 3 October

10.00 Session 1: Empire and Navigation
Chair: Declan Downey (University College Dublin)

Onésimo T. Almeida (Brown University)
‘Camões and the empirical spirit in sixteenth century Portugal’

Augusto António Alves Salgado (Portuguese Naval Academy)
‘Kinsale (1601): the last chapter of a Spanish offensive Atlantic strategy?’

11.15 Break

11.45 Session 2: Mapping the Atlantic
Chair: Francisco Contente Domingues (University of Lisbon)

António Costa Canas (Maritime Museum of Lisbon)
‘Charts of winds and currents from the Gulf of Guinea by João Capelo’

Albrecht Sauer (German Maritime Museum, Bremerhaven)
‘The first Prussian Sea-Atlas (1749). A global aid for whom?’

13.00 Lunch

14.30 Session 3: Ireland and the Atlantic
Chair: Máirín Ní Dhonnchadha (NUI Galway)

Sean T. Rickard
‘The propagation of the traditional Fingalian longline fishing method along the Atlantic fringe from the Middle Ages to the 19th Century’

Elva Johnston (University College Dublin)
‘Searching for Paradise: Myth and Reality in the Voyage of St Brendan’

15.45 Break

16.15 Meeting of the ICHNS

17.15 Presentation of the ‘Luis de Albuquerque Prize for Outstanding Paper’ and closing remarks

17.45 End of Day Two

Saturday 4 October

Day trip for conference participants to Connemara

End of reunion

Please note that the conference will take place at the Hardiman Research Building, Seminar Room G010.

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