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**The first International Conference on the History of Freemasonry (ICHF) was held in May 2007. Although many within the academic world were known to have an interest in this area of research holding an International Conference on that subject alone was something of an experiment.**

However, the conference proved to be an overwhelming success with delegates attending from all over the world. Prior to the conference it had been described as: 'an academic conference about freemasonry' and was perceived therefore, not to be a 'masonic conference.' It was a pleasant surprise therefore that a significant number of delegates, who were not members of academic institutions, but were members of the public or freemasons attended.

More than seventy papers relating to various aspects of freemasonry were presented and covered a wide

range of perspectives such as music, arts, ritual studies, anti-masonry, re-enactments and politics.



Delegates at the 2007 Conference

conference was positive and often also included the question: 'When will the next conference held?' It has been determined that International Conferences for a specialist subject such as freemasonry are best held every two years. The remaining question therefore

was when where was the next biennial conference to be held in 2009? It was then noted that 2009 is the 250th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, National Bard of Scotland, and an ardent freemason. Because of the



significance of the date and the fact that many people will be visiting Scotland to attend events in addition to ICHF it seemed logical that the conference once more be held in Edinburgh during that significant



anniversary. It is hoped that some of the papers presented at the 2009 conference will include a few on the life and work of Robert Burns, particularly in relation to his masonic career.



The overarching purpose of the conference is to illustrate and exemplify the wide range of scholarly work being undertaken on the history of freemasonry and will seek to advance further scholarly work in this area by providing an overview of recent work

by scholars in this field of study. It is hoped that the conference will reinforce the advances already made in establishing the history of freemasonry as a distinctive field of a historical research in its own right.

Proposals for a paper to be presented at the conference are therefore warmly welcomed. Papers, and subsequent papers, may cover any aspect of the history of freemasonry and embody a historical approach which should advance rational academic enquiry into the historic significance of freemasonry. Current issues within freemasonry are not considered suitable for ICHF but should be concerned with the

*For a' that, an' a' that,  
It's coming yet for a' that,  
That Man to Man,  
the world o'er,  
Shall brothers be  
for a' that.'*



academic analysis of freemasonry. Proposals must embody original research and should not previously have been published. Proposals should consist of an abstract of not more than 300 words giving details of the academic affiliation of the speaker. Papers may be delivered at the conference in English or French. Proposals which are accepted will be assigned to an appropriate session by the academic committee. Each paper should be no more than 25 minutes long when delivered. The use of visual material for presentations is strongly recommended and projectors and computers will be available.

Proposals are also invited for panel sessions which should consist of three papers on a coherent theme or subject by different speakers intended to form a single 90 minute session. Such a panel proposal should contain the name and academic affiliation of the organiser of the panel, then means and academic affiliations of each speaker, and an abstract of not more than 300 words for each paper together with a short rationale for the panel of no more than 200 words. The panel proposal should include the name of the chair for the panel. A respondent may also be nominated if appropriate.

As is the case with most International Conferences of this nature all speakers will be expected to pay for the registration fee themselves and for other elements of the conference (travel, accommodation, conference dinner and other social activities). It is anticipated that registration fee for the full conference will be in the region of £250.



### PROPOSALS FOR PAPERS AND PANELS SHOULD BE SENT BY E-MAIL TO:

[ICHPapers@glasconf.demon.co.uk](mailto:ICHPapers@glasconf.demon.co.uk) before **31st May 2008**. Late proposals will not be accepted. All proposals will be subject to anonymous peer review. The outcome of the review of all the proposals will be announced by **31st August 2008**.

### CHECKLIST FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PAPERS OR PANELS

- Submissions must contain:
  - Author's name, institution, postal and email addresses, telephone number
  - Co-author's names if applicable
  - Title of paper or panel session
  - Name of chair for a panel session
  - Three to five suggested key words for indexing papers
  - 300 word abstract of each paper (with an additional 200 word justification for a panel session)
  - Please state the category to which you are submitting:
    - Paper or
    - Panel Session

Please submit your proposal to the Conference Organisers by email to: [ICHPapers@glasconf.demon.co.uk](mailto:ICHPapers@glasconf.demon.co.uk) no later than **31st May 2008**.

Receipt of your proposal will be acknowledged within 5 working days.

Outcome advised by **31st August 2008**.

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Freemasonry and performance (Hasselmann)

Freemasonry in the Carribean/Central-South  
America (Rich)

Freemasonry and music (Davies)

Freemasonry and new esoteric movements (Bogdan/  
Sutcliffe)

Freemasonry and totalitarianism (Papenheim)

Masonic Networks and Intellectual Communication  
(Artyemeva)

Freemasonry and 18th Century Press (Önnarfors)  
The Masonic World: a biographical project  
(Revauger)



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