Annual Conference 2015

The conference will be held from **20 to 22 July 2015** at Downing College Cambridge, CB2 1DQ. The conference will follow the customary format of lectures, members' contributions and an excursion. The AGM of the CRS will also be held during the conference. The full programme and booking forms will be available with the May 2015 issue of this journal.

Offers of short communications (15 minutes) should be made to the ***Conference Director***: Hannah Thomas, email: hannahjanethomas@gmail.com

Administrative enquiries should be addressed to the ***Conference Secretary***: Liesbeth Corens, email: lc495@cam.ac.uk

www.catholicrecordsociety.co.uk/conference_2015

Catholic Record Society Awards

In pursuance of its charitable aims, the CRS offers the following awards. There are no requirements of eligibility on grounds of age, nationality, gender or religion, nor are applicants required to be members of the Society and there is no bar on applicants applying for support from other sources in respect of the same project. An application form can be downloaded from the web-site www.catholicrecordsociety.co.uk. Four copies of the form, accompanied by two references in sealed envelopes from knowledgeable and appropriate persons, should be submitted to Professor V. A. McClelland, 91, St. Catherines Drive, Leconfield, Beverley, HU17 7NY by 1 July. Awards cannot be made retrospectively. Each application will be treated on its merits by the Awards Committee of the CRS whose decision is final. The result will be communicated as soon as possible. The assistance of the fund must be acknowledged in the published work and a copy of the publication must be presented to the Society.

The David Rogers Research Fund

This fund was established in 1997 from a bequest of Dr. David Rogers, a distinguished recusant historian and one-time Chairman of the Society. The Fund seeks to encourage new writing on Reformation and post-Reformation British Catholic history by helping to defray the cost of necessary travel to libraries and archives at home and/or abroad and the extra subsistence costs involved. The principal condition for an award is that the research should lead to written publication in a reputable historical forum, hence 'scholarly tourism' or personal genealogical research will not qualify.

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The Michael Williams Research Fund

This fund was established in 2007 from a donation given by the Reverend Monsignor Michael E. Williams, DD. Its purpose is to encourage the study of the historical connections between Roman Catholicism in England and Wales with the situation in other countries in Europe in the post-Reformation era. The fund will help to defray the travel and basic subsistence costs of research on relevant material in English and European archives and libraries. The research should be intended to lead to publication as a book, a contribution to a book, an article in a learned journal, or as a full-length paper accepted for presentation at a national or international ecclesiastical history conference. The fund will consider applications for subsidies towards such publication.

Annual Conference Student Bursaries

Additionally, the Society offers up to five bursaries to postgraduate students researching the post-Reformation Catholic history of the British Isles to contribute to the cost of attending the CRS Annual Conference held in July. The value of a bursary will be equivalent to half the cost of attending the conference (*excluding* travel costs). Applications are invited from full-or part-time students registered for higher degrees in any recognised institution in Britain or overseas. Applicants do not have to be members of the CRS. Recipients of bursaries are expected to deliver a Short Communication on the subject under study. The purpose of a Short Communication is to place before the conference a piece of research which may not justify expansion to a full-scale paper. It is a form which lends itself to readjustments of earlier assessments, or the presentation of a new and significant piece of evidence. A Short Communication must be limited to 3,000 words and take no longer than 15 minutes to deliver. Applications in the form of a letter, giving a brief *resumé* of the topic and the name of the applicant's academic supervisor, should be sent to the Hon. Secretary by 1 March. The result will be communicated as soon as possible.

The Andrew C. Duncan Catholic History Trust

This is an independent charity which shares the objectives of the CRS and with which it has close administrative links. It provides bursaries for students, normally registered in foreign universities, wishing to come to England for a short time to study recusant history. Full details will be found on the CRS web-site.

Catalogue

The *Catalogue* of CRS publications is available for consultation on the Internet at:

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