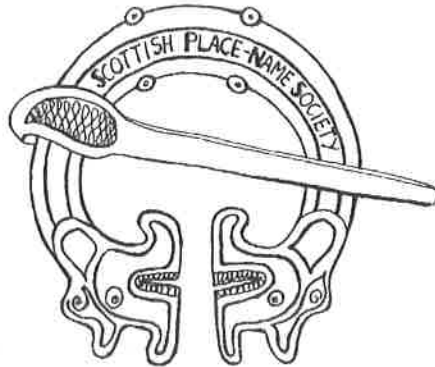


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Directory of Members

As promised in the first issue, SCOTTISH PLACE-NAMES NEWS no. 2 consists chiefly of a Directory of the Society's members, with a short note on any interests, activities and publications immediately relevant to Scottish toponymy, as indicated on your membership forms. The great diversity of subjects, language and geographical spread, which is so characteristic of Scottish place-name studies, is well reflected in this list, and shows much exciting work, both completed and in progress, from Shetland to Galloway, with a membership of 190 + which extends even further afield, to England, Ireland, Wales, Scandinavia, Germany, Spain, the United States and even Japan. The main purpose of this Directory is to give an overview of the place-name work being undertaken by you, the members, and to enable those members who find themselves sharing a common toponymic interest to make contact with one another.

Lost Members

Apologies are due to some people whose membership forms, for some unknown reason, were not processed. The four that have so far come to light had all sent cheques (which were uncashed) in around May 1996 (around the time of the postal strike). If you know of anyone complaining that they sent their form off ages ago to that (expletive deleted) Scottish Place-Name Society, and have since heard nothing, please pass on our apologies, and urge them to try again.

If you have just joined, OR are one of the unlucky ones whose membership has gone astray, OR for some other reason have been omitted from the above Directory, dinnae fash yersel- it will be periodically updated.

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For details of the first **Annual General Meeting** of the Society, which will take place in St Andrews on Sat. May 3 1997, see enclosed sheet.

Society Information

Annual membership of the society costs £5. To join please send fee with your name and address, adding your place-name interests, as well as the titles of any relevant publications, to the Treasurer, Carole Hough, 12 University Gardens, University of Glasgow, Glasgow G12 8QQ.

Please make cheques payable to **The Scottish Place-Name Society**.

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As promised in our last Newsletter, here is a fuller report of the 19th **International Congress of Onomastic Sciences**, held in Aberdeen August 4-11, 1996. It is by the retiring president of the International Council of Onomastic Sciences, Professor W.F.H. Nicolaisen (and an honorary preses of the Society).

After 18 previous, mostly triennial, meetings in France, Belgium, Sweden, Spain, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, England, Austria, Bulgaria, Switzerland, Poland, the U.S.A., Canada, and Finland, the **International Congress of Onomastic Sciences** was held for the first time in Scotland. It was organised by myself at the end of my three-year appointment as President of the International Council of Onomastic Sciences, which acted as co-host together with the University of Aberdeen. The congress attracted more than 200 name scholars from more than 40 countries. The main theme of the congress - "Scope, Perspectives, and Methods of Onomastics" - allowed participants to offer papers on a broad variety of approaches to the study of names, including place-names, personal names, brand-names, onomastic theory, and national name archives. In addition to the 170 sectional papers, four plenary sessions in English (2), French, and German, emphasised the relationship of name studies with adjacent disciplines such as history, geography, politics and education. A day excursion took delegates to various parts of the Scottish north-east, and the social aspects of this otherwise academic gathering were catered for by two receptions (university and city), three concerts, and a special Scottish dinner. The congress created, through its structure and location, an interactive community of scholars on an international level. The next congress will be held in 1999 in Spain at Santiago deCompostella.

W.F.H. Nicolaisen

DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS OF THE SCOTTISH PLACE-NAME SOCIETY as of Jan. 1997

In the Directory, all towns, islands, areas etc. which a member has a special interest in, are printed in bold for ease of reference. The same applies to such names which appear in published material.

In the interests of space, no more than three publications per member have been included, although there are some whose publication list is "as lang's ma airm". Also, for the same reason, we have had to keep very strictly to material which is directly Scottish, and directly toponymic, which means excluding much of relevance, especially from Ireland, England, Wales and Scandinavia. However, it is hoped that such works or interests have been indicated clearly enough in other ways.

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+ addresses +
interests.
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