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Dear Member,

We write on behalf of the British Association for Irish Studies, to request you to renew your membership. We are pleased to be able to offer you an extended membership, at a rate which has not now increased since 1991. Membership which is renewed by 18th October 1993 will run until 31st December 1994.

Among the benefits which membership provides are:

a biennial Irish Studies Conference

inclusion in a leading Irish Studies network, operating at all levels of the educational system in the United Kingdom

a regular newsletter informing you of Irish studies activities (publications, lectures, conferences, seminars etc.) throughout the United Kingdom

all issues of the Irish Studies Review, which has increased its publication to three copies per year

all copies of The Irish Literary Supplement

During recent months the Interim Executive Committee has been reviewing the work of the Association and is submitting for your approval a new constitution, designed to encourage the participation of members and to enhance the delivery of services to members. The ballot paper on the new constitution should also be returned by 18th October 1993. (Please see separate enclosure). This constitution was prepared by a subcommittee consisting of Sean Hutton, Eleanor Burgess, Tom Dooley and Val Smith and was agreed at a full meeting of the Interim Executive Committee.

The efforts of the Interim Executive Committee, have been recognised, amongst others by the government of the Republic of Ireland, which has allocated a substantial sum of money for the development of the organisation.

We very much value your membership, which is vital to maintaining the profile of the Irish Studies movement in the UK and hope that you will take this opportunity to renew your membership, by completing the application form on the next page. On a practical note, may we remind you that only those in membership are entitled to stand, or vote in the forthcoming election, or to vote on the new constitution.

Val Smith

With best wishes, Dr Jim McAuley Ms. Val Smith

Hon. Secs.