

CONFERENCE REPORT

The 1991 BAIS conference was a success. The feedback from everyone that I spoke to was that the conference was academically of a high standard good and that people enjoyed themselves. Since I missed nearly all the papers (due to migraine) I can only comment second hand on the papers, but the genuine enthusiasm from the paying, and non paying, public was genuinely enthusiastic.

The secret of all three BAIS conferences has been a combination of academic integrity and 'good crack'. This conference was no exception.

From my own point of view, 1991 involved a great deal more work than the 1989. However I actually think that this was our best conference to date.

As usual costs were far in excess of projection. What is striking is just how, as in previous years, we spend a fortune. No-one item is to blame for this. No, I didn't budget enough for publicity. No, I didn't realise the level of travel costs (in fairness, everyone seems to have booked on last minute open-ended flights, and charged it to us) No, I didn't realise that we would end up giving out wine free to everyone, like there was no tomorrow, at the formal meal.

However, these things happen. There are two points which should be noted for next time.

- 1) The conference should be at a weekend. the fact that it wasn't cost us quite a number of potential punters.
- 2) No conference can occur in the future without sponsorship. We cannot move without such a promise of money in the future. We have made a profit but only due to £4,500 of sponsorship.

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BAIS CONFERENCE ACCOUNTS 1991

INCOME

JOHNSON MATTHEY	£2000
FOREIGN OFFICE	£1000
CRC (IRISH GOV)	£1476.26
IRISH BOOK SALES	£337.50
PUNTERS	£3235
TOTAL	£8048.76

EXPENDITURE

BED AND FOOD (a)

RESIDENCE	£2115
BIENNIAL DINNER	£1246.20
MEALS FOR NON-RESIDENTS	£338.40
TEA & COFFEE	£137
ROOMS	£164.50
DRINK	£548 (includes drink given to guests at meal, this has not been removed from conference costs)

TOTAL	£4549.10
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MINUS VAT	£677.52
MINUS GUESTS' DINNER	£400.00 (to be costed to fundraising account)

TOTAL (a)	£3471.58
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TRAVEL (b)

Padraig O'Malley	£521.26 (includes hotel costs)
Micheal O'Suilleabhain	£171.23
Marianne Elliott	£47
Nell McAfferty	£227.89 (includes £50 fee)
Pat Murphy	£173.67