

# **THE IRISH COMMISSION FOR MILITARY HISTORY**

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### **Military History Society of Ireland AGM - 30 November 2013**

Once again, the principal event of the year was the annual Congress, the XXXIX<sup>th</sup>, held in Turin, Italy from 1 to 6 September on the theme ‘Joint and combined operations in the history of Warfare’. The Society was represented by Dr. Ian Speller from the Department of History, NUI Maynooth. He presented a paper entitled ‘Learning to project power in an era of declining access: joint forces, expeditionary operations and the Royal Navy, 1956-1982.’ The Congress was attended by over two hundred delegates and accompanying persons from thirty-three countries. A total of over eighty papers were presented in a series of parallel sessions spread over four days. The Congress also featured several sessions in which over thirty PhD candidates presented an outline of their work.

Once again we express our gratitude to the Minister for Defence for the subvention which covers the expense of sending a speaker to this important annual event without the need to call on Society funding. The Department provides this support in addition to the payment of our annual subscription of 650 Swiss Francs to the International Commission.

The 2014 Congress will be held in Bulgaria from 30 August to 6 September. The venue is the port city of Varna and the theme will be ‘The First World War 1914-1918’. As details become available they will be displayed on the ICMH website [www.icmh.info](http://www.icmh.info) and on the special Congress website which the Bulgarian Commission will be launching. Our speaker will be selected shortly. China is the venue for the 2015 Congress, while Cameroon is the likely venue for 2016.

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