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# Citation

## Professor Patricia Lysaght

Patricia Lysaght is a native of Co. Clare and Professor Emerita of European Ethnology and Folklore at University College Dublin. Her academic background is in Law (Barrister-at-Law), the Classics, Irish Language and Literature, and Irish and European Folklore and Ethnology. Professor Lysaght was an Alexander von Humboldt Scholar at Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, Germany, in 1987–88, Acting Professor of Folklore at Georg-August Universität, Göttingen, Germany, in 1996–97, Guest Professor at Westfälische



Wilhelms-Universität Münster, in 1998–99, and Visiting Scholar at the Institute of Ethnology, Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow in 1993. She is an elected member of the Royal Gustavus Adolphus Academy, Uppsala, Sweden, which awarded her the Torsten Janckes Minnesfond prize for her outstanding contribution to international scholarship, in 2012. She is an elected member of the Royal Irish Academy, Dublin, a former editor of *Béaloideas*, the Journal of the Folklore of Ireland Society, and of *Folklore*, the journal of The Folklore Society, UK. She is also a former President of The Folklore Society, London, which presented her with the Coote Lake Medal for outstanding research and scholarship in 2013.

Professor Lysaght has published twenty books as author, contributing editor or co-editor, and more than one hundred and fifty articles and book chapters. Her book, *The Banshee: The Irish Supernatural Death-Messenger*, first published in 1986, with a new edition appearing in 1996, has become a standard work. Its pocket version, *A Pocket Book of the Banshee*, published in 1988, has been translated into Russian. She has written extensively on folklore collecting by An Coimisiún Béaloideasa Éireann (The Irish Folklore Commission), including in her native county. Recent publications include *Welsh Óg: A Clare Storyteller: Three Stories*, in 2018 (second edition, 2020) and *Places of Food Production: Origin, Identity, Imagination*, coedited with Silke Bartsch, for Peter Lang, in 2017. *Tradition and Nutritional Science in the Modern Food Chain*, co-edited with Antonia-Leda Matalas, was published by American Farm School, Thessaloniki, Greece, in 2019. Professor Lysaght is President of the SIEF International Commission for Ethnological Food Research since 1994. She organised the 9th International Conference on Ethnological Food Research in Ireland in 1992 and edited its proceedings, *Milk and Milk Products from Medieval to Modern Times*, for Cannongate Academic, Edinburgh, in 1994.

The Dublin Gastronomy Symposium Fellowship Award is being presented to Professor Lysaght in recognition of her contribution to Irish culinary history. In particular, we wish to acknowledge her ground breaking work as a folklorist on Irish food traditions, and her research on a broad range of topics from milk and butter, tea, travel, and food-provision strategies on the Great Blasket Island, to seabirds and their eggs, and hospitality at wakes and funerals in Ireland. Her work is well known to researchers in the fields of gastronomy, food studies and culinary education where she has, by her work, cast a light on the stories and storytellers of the warm generosity and hospitality within Irish culinary heritage. It is in light of this that the Dublin Gastronomy Symposium is delighted to present the Fellowship Award 2020 to Professor Patricia Lysaght.