Conference Dinner

14th April 2011

Pritchard Jones Hall
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7:30 Arrival

Drinks in the halls
Guests are invited to wander the halls and view the University archives and artwork on show upstairs.

The Library may be accessed from the upstairs corridor and has been opened especially for Eurographics Delegates this evening.

Dinner
A display of welsh life and landscape photography will be on show in the Powys hall while dinner is being served.

The Welsh Pianist Ilid Jones will be playing during dinner in PJ hall.

After Dinner
The Welsh Male Voice Choir Hogia’r Dwylan will perform a variety of hymns and songs. Delegates will be called upon to take part during the performance.

10:30 Busses return to Llandudno
Bangor University is proud to welcome Eurographics 2011 and have pleasure in presenting an evening of dinner and entertainment with a Welsh theme. The ingredients for this evening’s dinner have all been sourced in Wales and you will find Welsh Whisky and other delicious Welsh drinks available at the bar. The table decorations have also been grown and created in Wales and feature plants which are indigenous to the area. This evening’s entertainment is provided by local professionals, Wales prides itself on being the “the land of song” so we hope you enjoy all that Wales has to offer at Bangor University tonight.
Menu

Anglesey Chicken Cooked in Conwy Honey
And “Y Mwstard Cymreig” Sauce, Braised Pilaff Rice

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Baked Leek and Potatoes in a Caerphilly Sauce
Topped with Puff Pastry.

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Braised Welsh beef in Purple Moose Light Ale,
Bara Lawr dumplings

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Thyme Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

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Pear and Almond Tart Flavoured
With Penderyn Whisky.
Or
Blueberries and Winberries Cheesecake
Flavoured with Pen Llŷn Aronia Berry Liqueur.
Or
Welsh Cheese Board
Popty’r Bryn Oatcakes, Nant Conwy Fruit Chutney
& Celery

Fairtrade Coffee or Tea
Table decorations

There will be a variety of different table decorations the slate planters all contain around three varieties of plants in each plus some spring bulbs. All the alpine plants were sourced from Keith Lever’s Aberconwy Nursery, The planters themselves were created by local plants expert Paul Lewis from Dragonfly Designs.

The plants used for the Eurographics 2011 dinner are as follows:-

**Antennaria dioica ‘Rubra’** - this attractive silver leaved plant is known as Mountain Everlasting, due to the length of time that the small but unusual flowers stay in bloom. This cultivated form has red flowers. This plant can be found growing at a number of sites in the mountains across North Wales on calcareous mountain grassland as well as several sites on Anglesey in limestone areas.

**Silene uniflora** - Sea Campion is commonly found around the coastline of Wales, although it can also be found growing in the mountains of North Wales. Further North in Scotland the plant grows at an altitude of 970 metres above sea level. It is a particularly attractive plant with crisp white flowers and glaucous grey foliage.

**Saxifraga ‘Findling’** - This is a cultivated plant which is very closely related to the wild Saxifraga hypnoides. Saxifrage hypnoides is distributed widely throughout the mountains of North Wales and good populations can be seen on a walk up to the Devil’s Kitchen in Cwm Idwal in the Snowdonia National Park. Here it grows in damp and cool spots, giving the plant a lush green cushion with pearly white star shaped flowers.

**Primula veris** - The well known Cowslip is a plant of meadows and calcareous grassland and can be seen growing in profusion on the banks alongside the A55 east of Conwy. However Cowslip can also be found growing at loftier altitudes in the hills and mountains of Wales. It is a plant that prefers calcareous mountain grassland and can be found growing on the Great Orme near Llandudno.

**Armeria maritima ‘Rubriflolia’** - This is a cultivated form of the ubiquitous Sea Thift which is such a widespread plant of Welsh sea cliffs and coastline. In common with Sea Campion, it is one of those plants which is equally at home growing in the mountains. Sea Thift can be found flourishing near the summit of Snowdon, Wales highest mountain at 3560 feet (1085 metres) above sea level.

**Gentiana verna - Spring Gentian** - Although not a plant that is found growing in the wild in Wales, it is a UK native plant and can be found growing in Teesdale in Northern England. Of all the UK wild flowers, Spring Gentian has arguably the most stunningly coloured star shaped flowers of a vivid electric blue.
**Saxifraga ‘Welsh Rose’** - This is a nursery raised cultivar of the Mossy saxifrage. It was raised by Keith Lever at his Aberconwy Nursery in the hills above Conwy in 1988 and is aptly named Welsh Rose.

**Saxifraga granulata - Meadow saxifrage.** This is a plant that would have once been common in the uplands of Wales, particularly during the period following the last glaciation. However the plant favours base rich soils and over the thousands of years since the last ice age, there has been a gradual acidification of the uplands of Wales. This has resulted in a vastly reduced distribution of a once common plant in the mountains.

**Vaccinium vitis-idaea v.minus** - This is a dwarf form of the Cowberry, a acid loving mountain plant widespread across the hillsides and mountains of Wales. The bell shaped flowers are produced in late spring to early summer and the plant produces sour but edible berries which ripen in late summer to autumn.

**Digital Photography display, Powys Hall**
The Wales Images slideshow has been created for Eurographics 2011 by the The Mold Camera Club. A thriving and long standing photography club, based in Mold, Flintshire. They will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary in 2012 and currently have 70 regular members. Club membership ranges from complete novice to professional photographers, with interest ranging from traditional landscape and portraiture through to wildlife and aerial photography. Tonight’s display showcases some of the club’s work and presents images of not only beautiful landscapes and seascapes typical of Wales but also some of the flora, fauna and people that makes Wales so special. More than a dozen photographers kindly contributed over 600 images of which 242 made it into the final show.

**Musical entertainment**

**Harpist**
Dylan Rowlands will be playing as you arrive, the Harp is the national instrument of Wales and Dylan will be playing a selection of Welsh Music.

**Pianist**
Ilid Jones is Hogia’r Ddylan’s artistic director. Throughout Dinner she will be playing a variety of music some Welsh melodies as well as classical, jazz and popular music.

**Male Voice Choir**
Hogia’r Ddylan has probably the most romantic of all the names of male voice choirs in Wales. Literally translated it means “the boys from the two shores” and refers to the fact that its members come from villages adjacent to the Menai Strait, on the fringes of Snowdonia, one of the most beautiful areas of Wales. The choir was established 40 years ago and has performed to audiences throughout Wales, Britain and Europe.
Bangor University
Your evening at Bangor will take place in the Main Arts building which is a Grade 1 listed building completed in 1911 by the architect Henry T Hare. It is considered to be of exceptional interest, a status afforded to fewer than 3% of all listed buildings in Wales and England. As you enter the Prichard Jones Hall over the doors you will see the arms of the donor of the hall, Sir J. Prichard Jones, The arms of the county of Anglesey, of the University of Wales and of the City of London; on the central bay of the Library wing facing the quadrangle are the arms of the Drapers’ Company, who paid for the wing.

Library
From the upstairs corridor guests are able to access the Shankland library, one of the most impressive interiors at Bangor.

Light installation
As night falls, and twilight merges into darkness, the entrance facade of PJ Hall will be transformed into an architecturally-mapped video installation.

This was created by Richard George a PhD student with the Visualisation and Medical Graphics Group, Bangor University.

All the refreshments for this evening have been locally sourced from the following suppliers:

G Williams & Son, Bangor
Mike Andrews, Meifod Farm, Llansanffraed, Welshpool
Blas ar Fwyd, Llanrwst
Geoffrey Holley, Bangor
Snowdonia Water Waunfawr
Porthy’r Bryn, Dwyran
Purple Moose Brewery Porthmadog
Penderyn Distillery Brecon Beacons
Aerona Chwilog Pwllheli

Fresh and Cooked Meats
Chicken
Welsh Cheeses/Specialty Foods
Welsh Milk & Cream
Welsh Mineral Water
Cakes & Biscuits
Award Winning Ale
Welsh Whisky
Aerona Berry Liqueur