**THE SOCIETY FOR FOLK LIFE STUDIES**

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Manoir de Kernault  
Mellac, Brittany, France: 16th-19th September 2004

\*Shaping the future: constructive interpretations of heritage \*

**PROGRAMME**

**THURSDAY 16 SEPTEMBER**

Welcome to Brittany

16:00-18:00 - Registration at Hotel Kervidanou

18:00-18:40 - Jean-Pierre Gestin, Ethnologist, a founder of the écomusée movement  
The écomusée as a ‘mirror of its society’: the realities of a museum adventure

19:00 - Bar and dinner at Hotel Kervidanou

21:00 - Anne Postic, prize-winning harpist

Medley of Celtic harp music

**FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**

Research, Work, Play and Transmission

8:30 - Departure by coach for the Manoir de Kernault

8:45-9:00 - Gavin Sprott, SLFS President

Welcome and introductory remarks

9:00-9:40 - Carolina Carpinschi-Castel, Researcher, History of Agriculture

When research and living tradition dovetail (threshing in France)

9:40-10:20 - Heather Holmes, Researcher, Agricultural history, Edinburgh

Scottish agricultural writers and the creation of their personal identities in the 18th century

10:20-11:00 - Shane Lehane, Course Director, Cultural and Heritage Studies, Colaiste Stiofain Naofa, Cork

New light from illustrations of traditional Irish wake practices

11:00-11:20 – Coffee

11:20-12:00 - Walking tour of the Manoir de Kernault with Fanch Postic, Centre de Recherche et de Documentation sur la Littérature Orale, and Jean-François Simon, Director of the Centre de Recherché Bretonne et Celtique, University of Brest, specialist in vernacular architecture

12:00 - Lunch at Le Goûter Breton, Manoir de Kernault

13:00 - Departure by coach for visit to old town of Quimper and its Musée Départemental, founded in 1843, most especially the outstanding costume collection

18:30-19:30 - Members Papers I

18:30 - Linda Ballard. The use of folk lore in a contemporary detective novel

18:50 - Catherine Wilson. Progress report on the Distributed National Collection of Agricultural Heritage Collections

19:10 - Fionnula Carson Williams. Some instances of the protection of buildings on the outside in Brittany and Ireland

19:30 - Bar and dinner at Hotel Kervidanou

21:00 - Guy Jaouen, President of the Breton Traditional Games Association

Making tradition play: presentation of the European Traditional Sports and Games Association Network.

**SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER**

What future?

8:30 - Departure for Manoir de Kernault

9:30-9:40 - Inja Smerdel, Keeper, SEM/Slovene Ethnographic Museum

An attempt to detect and define the variety of ‘the past in the future’ heritage phenomenon in Slovenia: the role of the SEM in this process

9:40-10:20 - Jean-François Charnier, Musée National des Arts et traditions Populaires, Paris

The anthropologist AND the collector or VS the collection?

10:20-11:00 - François Sigaut, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris

Some remarks on the uses and limits of oral history: the case of ploughing practices

11:00-11:20 – Coffee

11:20-12:00 - Sarah Blowen, Senior Lecturer, UWE Bristol

Rethinking heritage management in Brittany and Wales

12:00 - Lunch at Le Goûter Breton, Manoir de Kernault

13:00 - Departure by coach for visit to Pont Aven, Concarneau, south coast

18:00-19:00 Members’ Papers II

18:00 Eddie Cass. Fieldwork – the pleasure … and some responsibilities

18:20 Gerallt Nash. St Teilo: the Welsh-Breton connection

18:40 Gavin Sprott. Museums and national identity

19:15 - Bar and dinner at Hotel Kervidanou

20:30 - ‘Whales, whales’. Evening of Breton story and song by Alain Le Goff and John Molyneux in the Menoir de Kernault regular events program

(optional, ca 6.50 euros, transportation by car)

**SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER**

Local and European

Catholic church services in Mellac (6km from the Hotel Kervidanou) or at the Notre Dame in the upper town in Quimperlé (4-5km from hotel). Hours to be ammounced.

9:45 - Departure by coach for the Manoir de Kernault

10:00-10:40 - Yann Rivallain, Editor-in-chief, ArMen

The Breton regional magazine ArMen at the heart of heritage interpretation

10:40-11:00 – Coffee

11:00-12:00 - Annual General Meeting

12:00-12:40 - SFLS Open Forum Discussion Session

12:40 - Official closing of SFLS conference

13:00 - Lunch at Restaumarché near Hotel Kervidanou.