

FORMER EDITOR OF *TRANSCRIPT* RECEIVES AWARD IN ROMANIA

On the 8th May 2010 at the Lucian Blaga International Literary Festival in Alba Iulia, Romania, Diarmuid Johnson, currently Visiting Professor of Celtic Languages and Literature at IFA, UAM, Poznań, Poland, was presented with an award in recognition of the excellence of his contribution to the promotion of Romanian culture abroad.

Together with Tomasz Klimkowski (UAM Poznań) and Emilia Ivancu (UAM Poznań and Univ. of Alba Iulia), Diarmuid Johnson is co-founder of *Arados*, a society for the appreciation of poetry and music from Celtic, Slavic and Romance cultures.

The prestigious award was made in recognition of the work and objectives of *Arados*, and in appreciation of the book *The Birth of Trystan and Other Poems* which was launched during the festival. *The Birth of Trystan and Other Poems* includes original poems in English, Irish and Welsh by the recipient of the award, with translations of the texts and eight original poems in Romanian by Emilia Ivancu.

Speaking in Alba Iulia at the festival, Diarmuid Johnson said: ‘Like the cultures of the Celtic countries, Romanian culture is one of the riches Europe deserves to rediscover. Thanks to the enthusiasm of its members and partners – The Lucian Blaga Library Alba Iulia and Alba County Council – *Arados* now hopes to further this work of heightening international awareness of artists and writers like Lucian Blaga, and above all of the humanist values which inspired their lives.’

The Birth of Trystan is published by Reintregirea, Alba Iulia.

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