Small Worlds of Football in Europe: the Case of Ireland

Venue: Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, Belfast

Date: Friday, 7th & 8th September 2018

Programme and Agenda

Friday, September 7th

Welcome and Opening, 9.00am-9.15am

Conor Curran (Trinity College, Dublin)

Dilwyn Porter (De Montfort University, Leicester)

Kristian Naglo (Marburg University)

Session 1: *The Case of Ireland: Social and Historical Perspectives (Chair: Kristian Naglo)*

9.15am-1pm

Sean Huddleston and Paul Breen

'The Footballing Elephant in the Room? The Irish National Football Teams and Northern Ireland Players who declare for the Republic of Ireland'

Conor Curran (Trinity College, Dublin)

'"It has almost been an underground movement". The Development of Grassroots Football in Regional Ireland: the case of County Donegal, 1971-1996'

Coffee Break

Helena Byrne

'New perspectives on indoor football in county Louth during the 1960s'

Aaron Ó Maonaigh

'A plea for native games': Irish Civil War attitudes to soccer, 1922-3'

Paul Gunning

‘“Sticking To Your Guns”: A Free State Sportive ‘Protestant Parliament’ or Labour Commune: Football Administrative As Direct Democracy in 1920s Sligo’

Lunch, 12.30pm-13.30pm

Martin Moore

Donal McAnallen

Coffee Break

Session 2: ***Experiencing Grass Roots Football, Concepts and Case Studies: Examples from England and Germany (Chair: Conor Curran)***

3pm-6pm

Dil Porter

‘“I enjoyed my soccer then, at least on some days, as much as I have sexual intercourse on some nights with the right person” (Dannie Abse): Some unexplored perspectives on the history of soccer at the grassroots in England.’

Jochem Cotthaus

‘The Blending of Sub-Worlds. Preliminary Results of an ethnographic Study on the adult Spectators of pre-adolescent, non-professional sports teams’

Coffee Break

Darius Zifonun (University of Marburg)/Kristian Naglo (University of Marburg):

'Constructing Knowledge and Learning Processes in German Youth Football'

Dilwyn Porter (De Montfort University, Leicester) / Kristian Naglo (University of Marburg):

‘Astro-Turfs and Entrepreneurial Activities in the Context of English and German Non-Elite Football’

7.30pm Dinner

Saturday, 8th September, 9am-11.30pm

Research Group 'Small Worlds of Football' – Workshop Meeting

Discussing Further Ideas and Perspectives

Venue: Europa Hotel, Great Victoria St., Belfast, BT2 7AP