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As we complete research articles, lectures, posters and other documents we will publish them here. Miscellaneous items of interest will also be recorded along with upcoming events.

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Fulachta Fiadh; Thoughts after ten years of excavation, WAC6 Lecture

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Last July 2008 we presented a lecture to the World Archaeological Congress in Dublin on our current thinking regarding fulachta fiadh or burnt mounds - the main theme of our talk was that enough of these sites have now been excavated for us to be able to formulate solid hypotheses for their use and function and that it is no longer sufficient to consider these sites the 'kitchen sink' of the Bronze Age.

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Kiln and field system at Harristown Little, Co. Wexford (E0417)

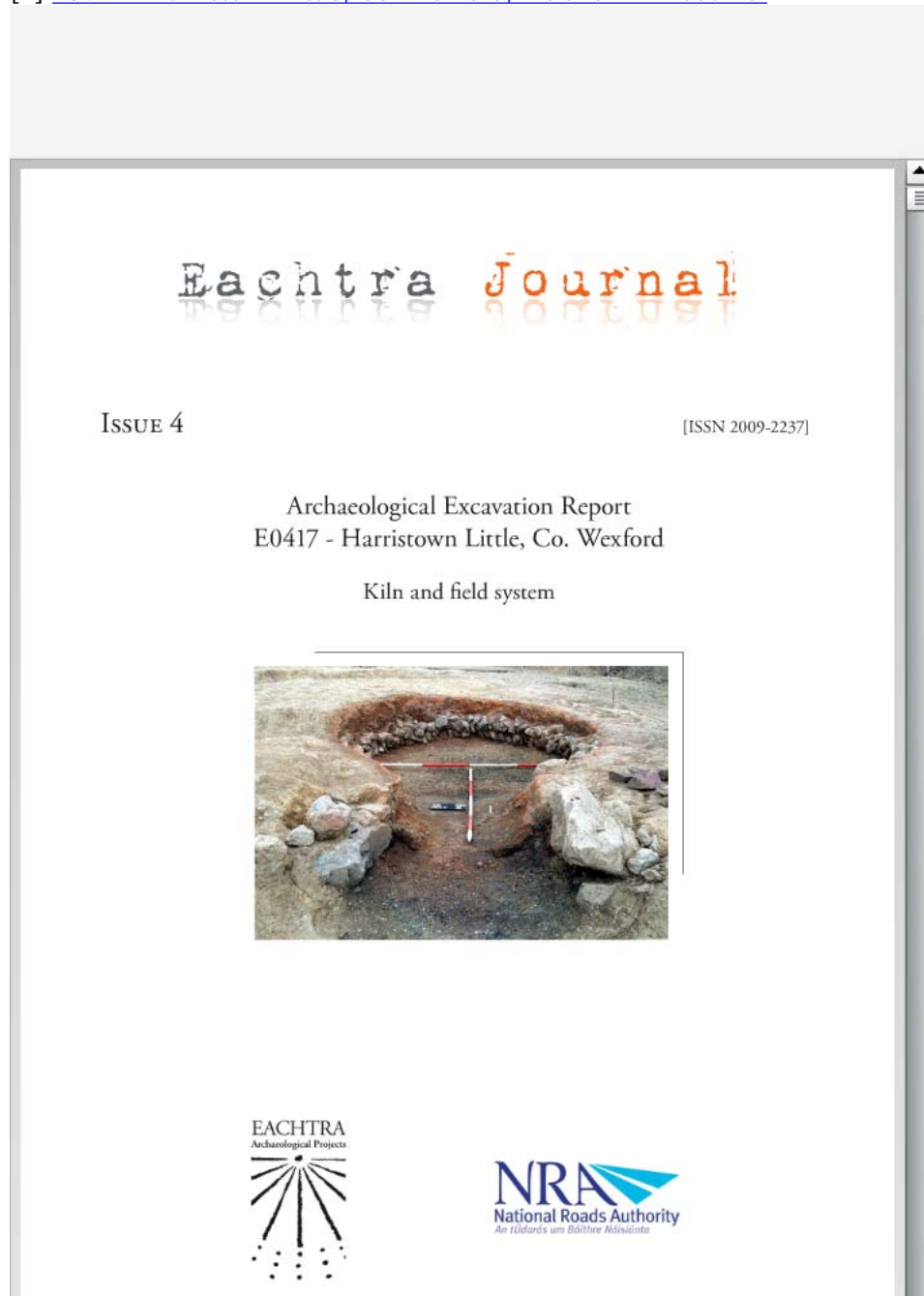
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Kiln and field system

The Harristown Little kiln appeared to be a typical key-hole shaped kiln. Two similar kilns were excavated as part of this project, both in Bricketstown townland (licence nos. 00E0476 and 00E0626). The radiocarbon date from this kiln (cal AD 1460-1660) was very close to the date of use at Bricketstown 00E0476 (cal AD 1450-1650). Channels were cut into the bases of both the Bricketstown kilns and these acted as wind tunnels which distributed air evenly through the kiln as it was burning but these were not present at Harristown Little.

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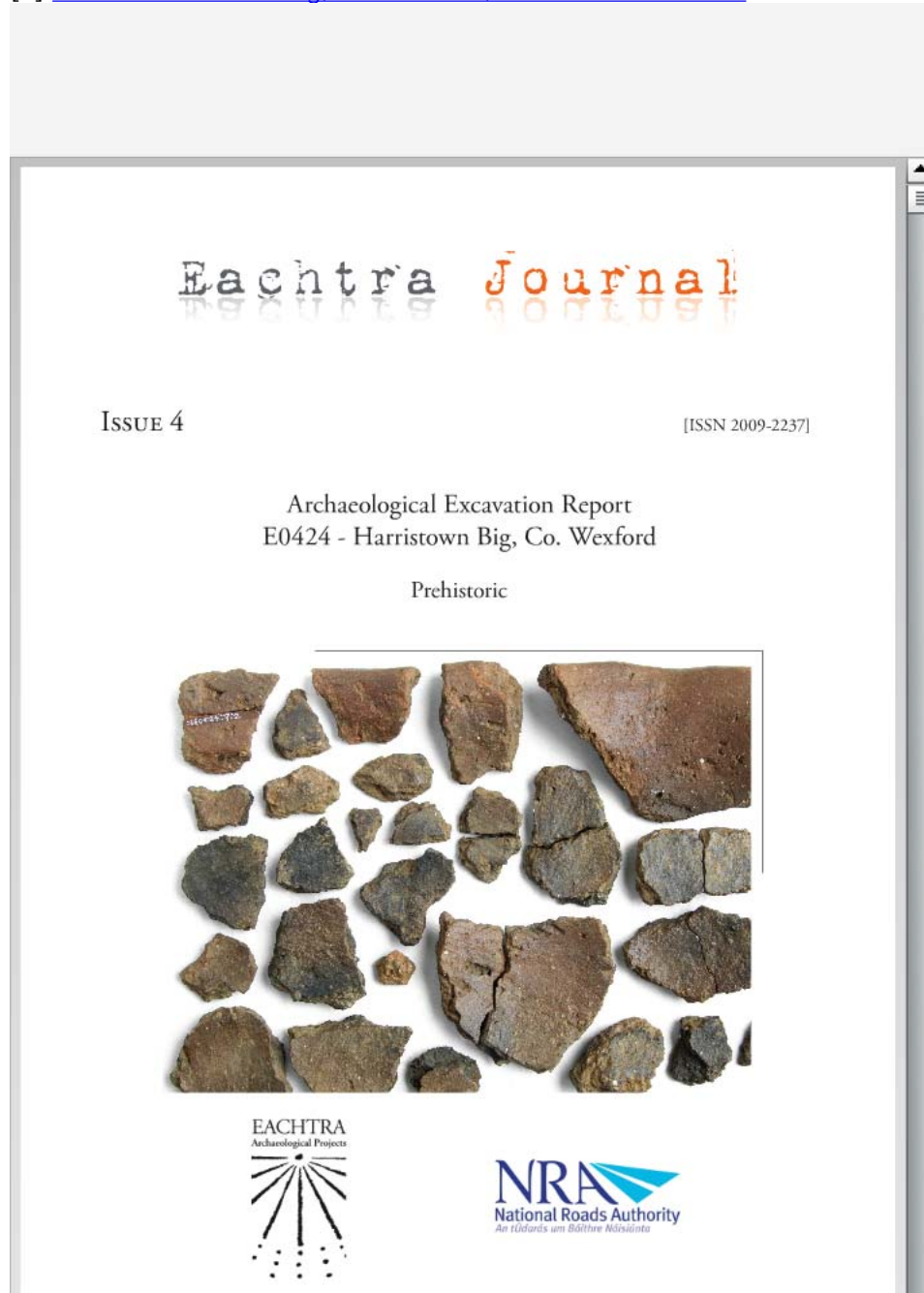
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Archaeological Excavation Report

Prehistoric site

Archaeological excavations in Harristown Big townland revealed a number of anomalous archaeological features within an excavated area of c. 100 m². A total of 33 excavated contexts were recorded including stake-holes, pits and a post-hole.

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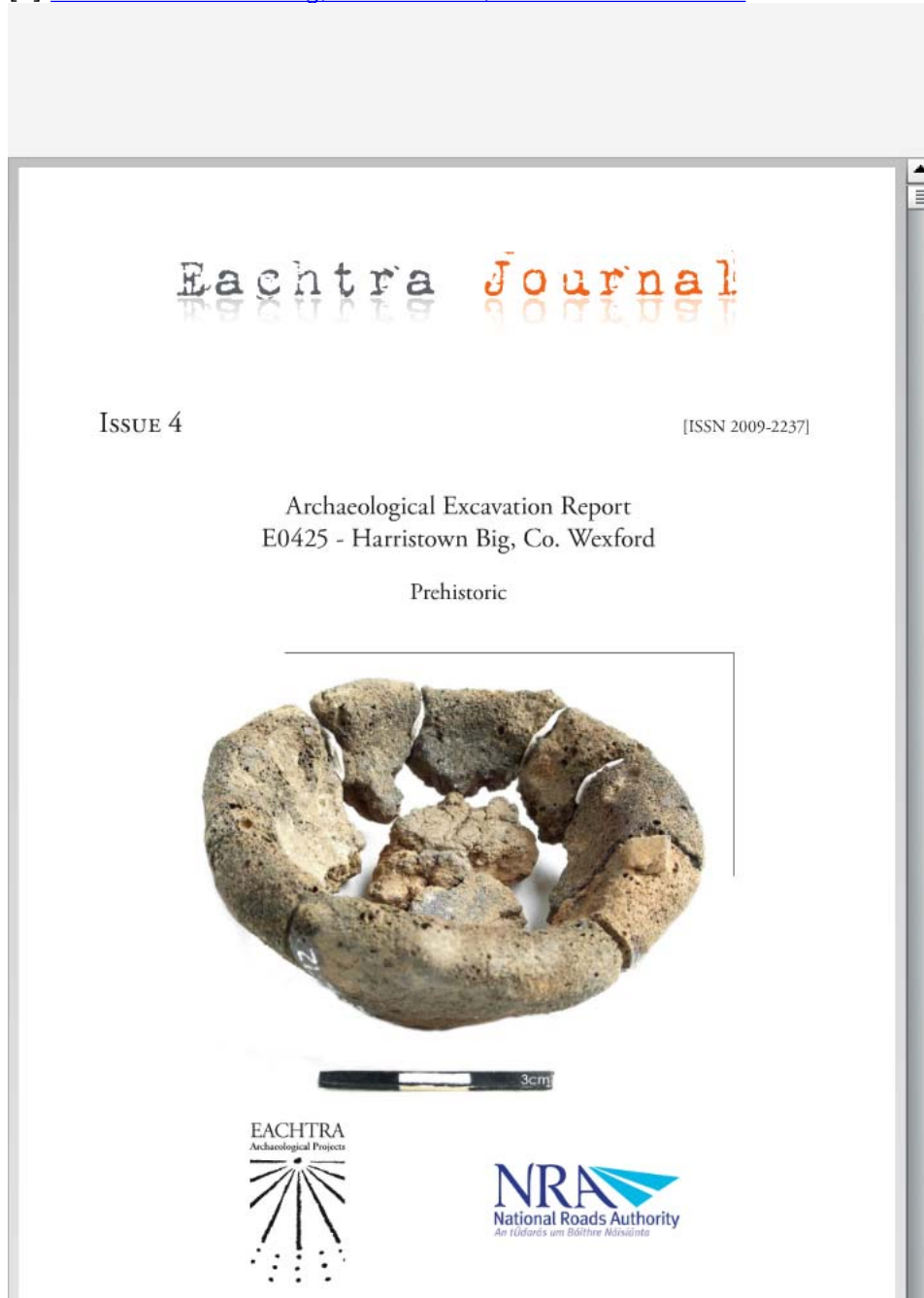
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Archaeological Excavation Report

Prehistoric site

The site situated at Harristown Big consisted of five fire pits, one heat affected area, nine pits, three stakeholes and three areas where archaeological material accumulated in natural hollows. There was a proliferation of burnt waste and evidence for burning in situ. Two of the pits and a stakehole produced fragments of pottery identified crucibles and a small bowl or stand. Radiocarbon dating indicated that activity at the site was Middle or Late Bronze Age. Specialist analysis of the ceramics has facilitated the interpretation of the site as an area where metalworking was carried out.

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Medieval moated site and pottery kiln at Carrowreagh, Co. Wexford (E0471)

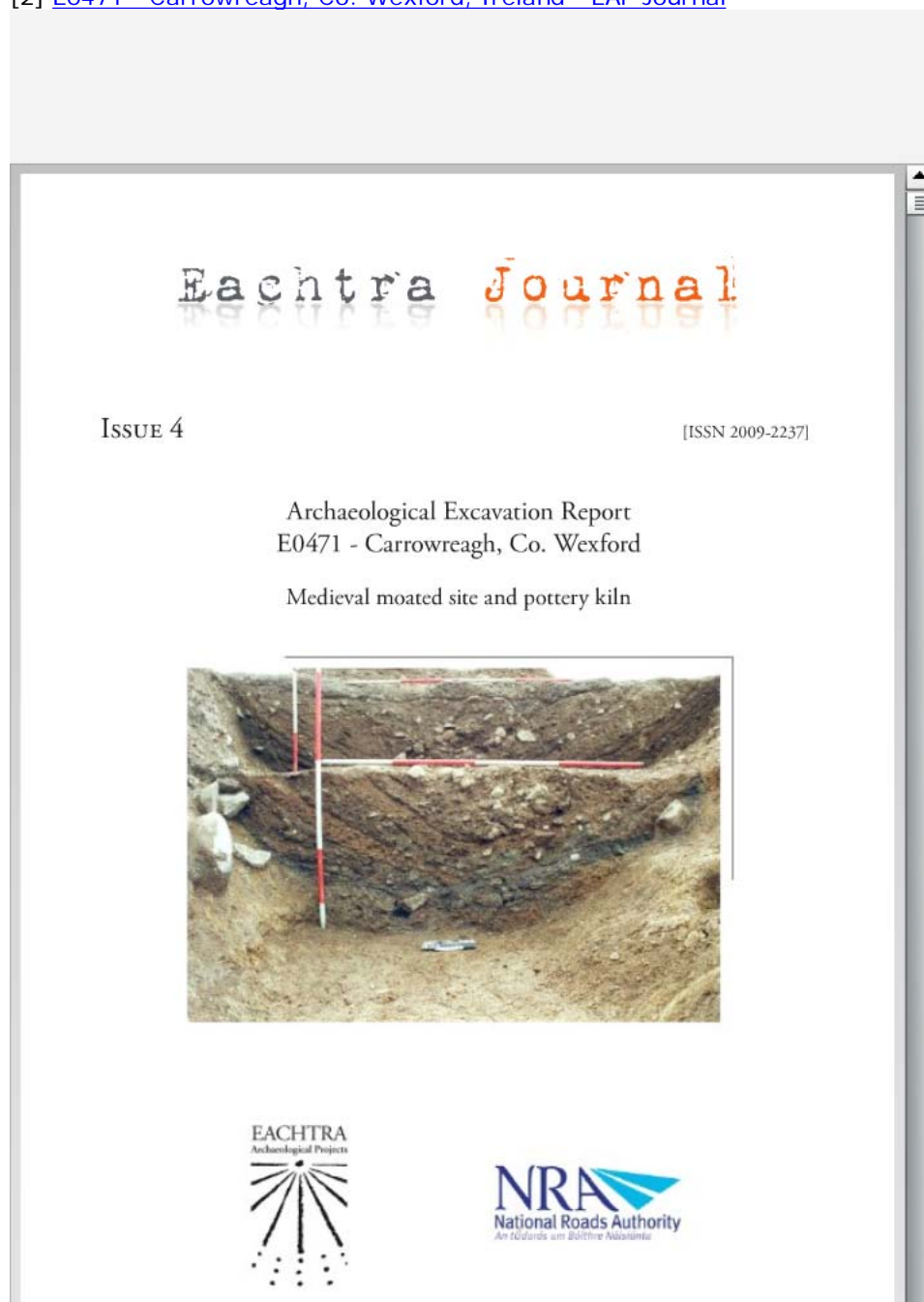
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Medieval moated site and pottery kiln

The moated site comprised a rectangular moated area with an inside bank, a sub-rectangular building, and extensive evidence for activity outside the moat including numerous field boundaries, drains, furrows, working areas, a pottery kiln and a possible bisque firing kiln.

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Burnt mound at Ballyvergin, Co. Wexford (E0473)

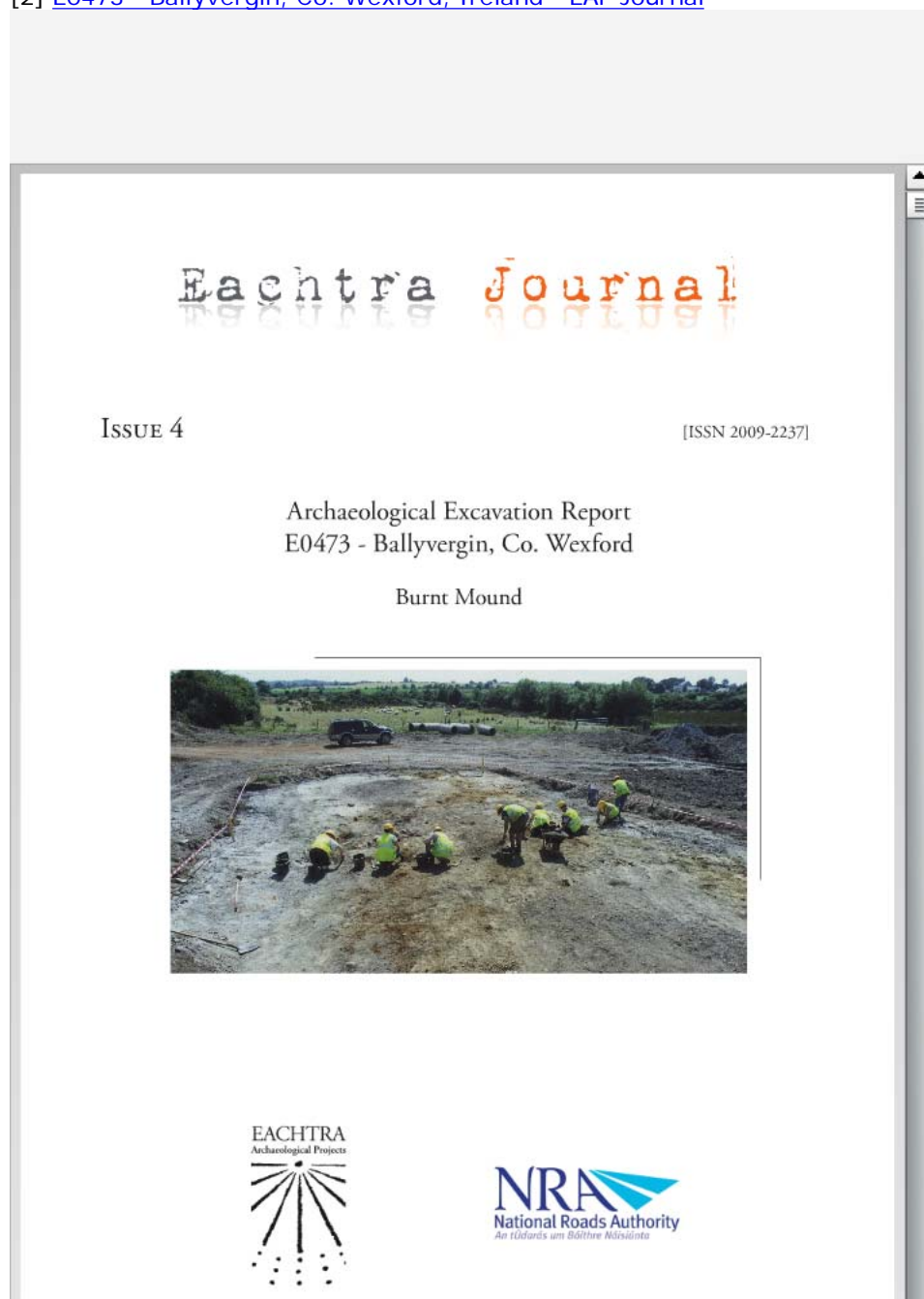
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Burnt mound

The site at Ballyvergin comprised one hearth, two ditches, twenty-five stakeholes and a number of pits, some of which may have acted as troughs. It was located close to a stream and heat-shattered stones and charcoal were found in several of the deposits. The site has therefore been interpreted as a burnt mound, although the identification of troughs is tentative. The area of excavation was truncated by later (modern) field ditches.

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Burnt mound at Dungeer, Co. Wexford (E0474)

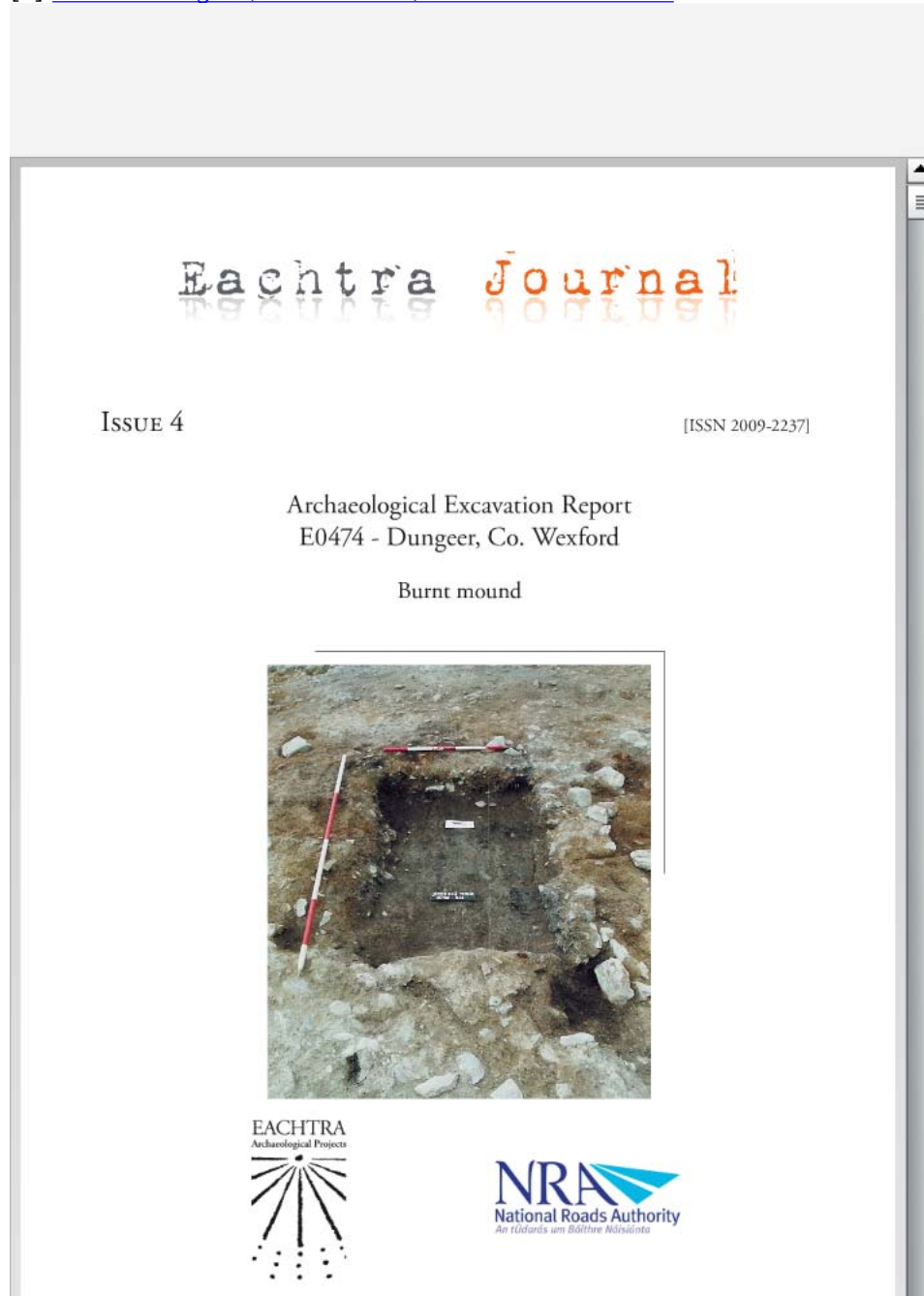
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Burnt mound

The site consisted of two concentrations of burnt mound material spread over an area of 20 m² and an off-centre trough that was possibly originally plank-lined.

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Metalworking pits at Dungeer, Co. Wexford (E0475)

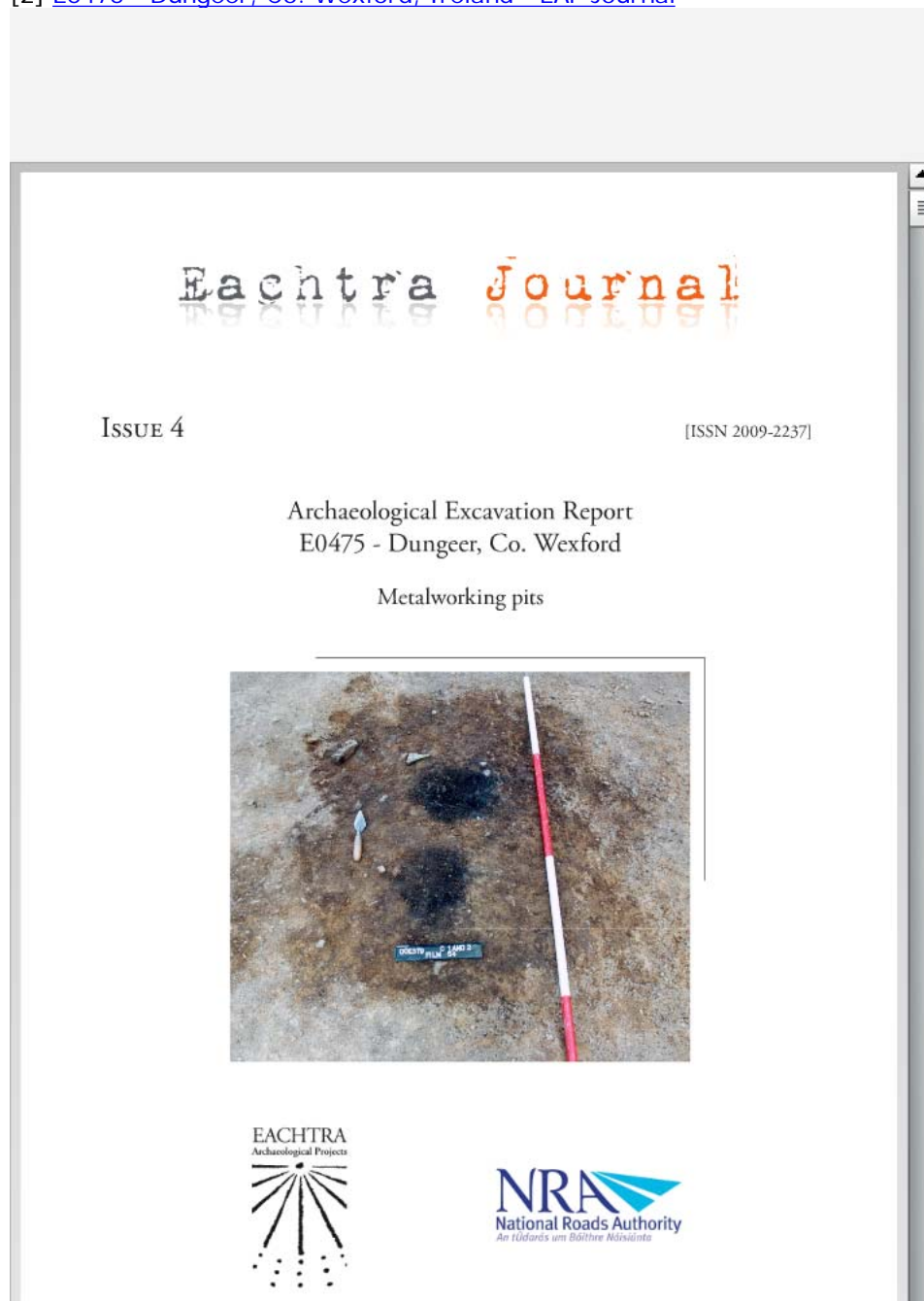
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Metalworking pits

The two cut features excavated at Dungeer were small pits that were used for metalworking. Both pits demonstrated evidence of oxidisation and had fills which contained slag. The analysis of industrial residues confirmed that these were bowl furnaces used for smelting ore. The only metal type worked at the site was iron, with bog ore almost certainly the main raw material.

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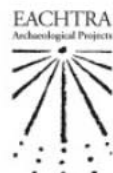
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Cremation Cemetery at Bricketstown, Co. Wexford (E0623)

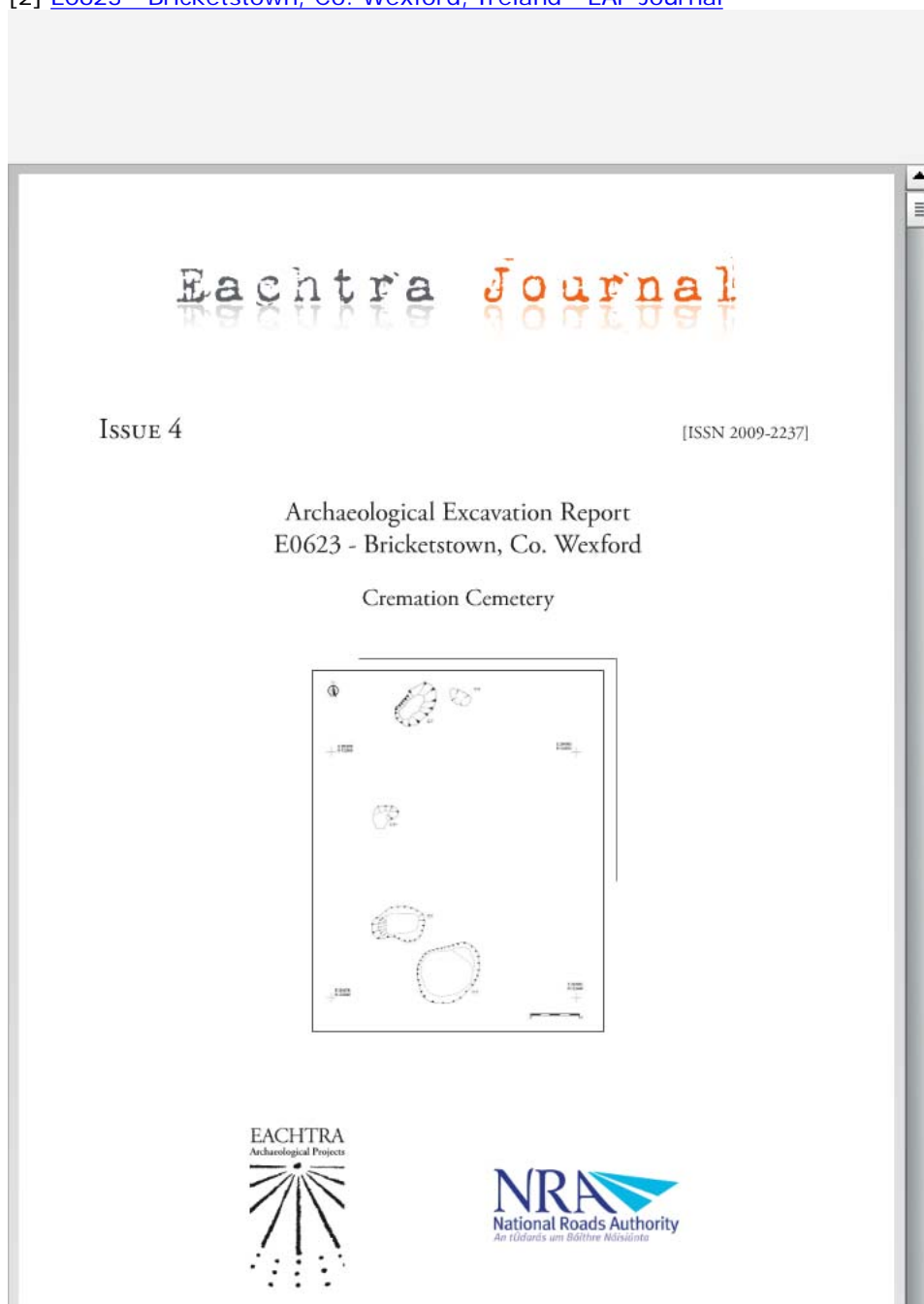
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Cremation Cemetery

The site comprised a total of eight features, located in two areas approximately 15 m. apart but clearly relating to the same activity. One feature represented recent agricultural disturbance. Of the seven remaining features, five contained traces of burnt bone with charcoal, suggesting the presence of cremation deposits. A large spread of burnt material was also observed, lying in a shallow cut.

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Isolated hearth at Bricketstown, Co. Wexford (E0624)

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Isolated hearth

The site has been interpreted as an isolated hearth which was presumably used once or twice for warmth and/or for cooking. The absence of other features and of finds renders further interpretation difficult. Comparative sites where isolated hearths were discovered are relatively frequent in archaeological works but in many cases these isolated sites are not radiocarbon dated and the absence of any finds means that potentially they could date to any period.

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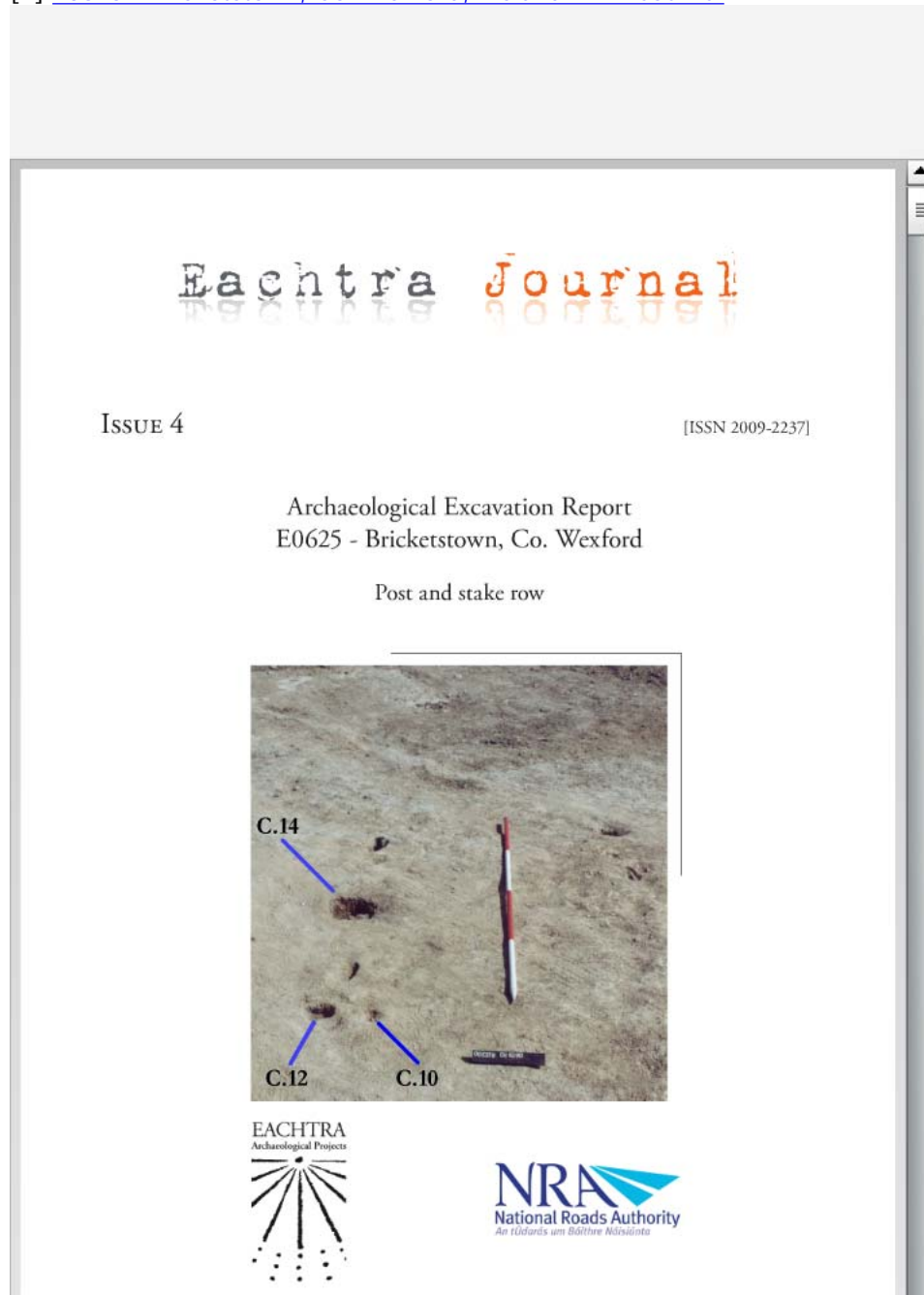
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Archaeological Excavation Report

Post and stake row

This site probably represents evidence of domestic occupation. Based on comparative evidence and the absence of any artefacts it has been assigned a prehistoric date. It may form either a corner from a fence line or may form part of a more complex structure such as a dwelling house. Rectangular houses are known from the Neolithic through to the Bronze Age, and from the early historic period onwards.

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Kiln and field systems at Bricketstown, Co. Wexford (E0626)

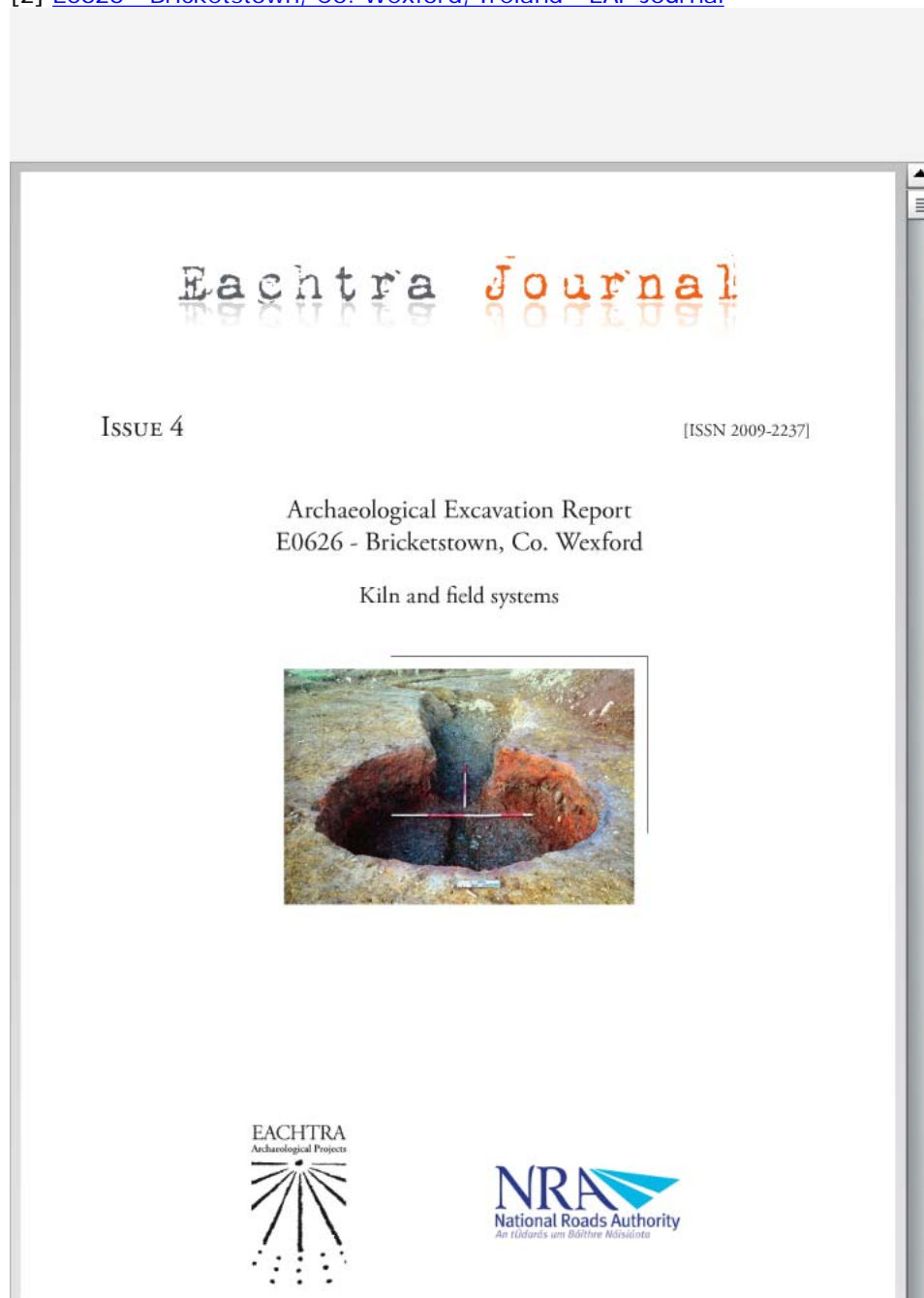
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Archaeological Excavation Report

Kiln and field systems

The site comprised a kiln, a small pit, and a field system, evidenced by three ditches. This is one of three kilns discovered during the road development scheme. It was medieval/post-medieval in date and consisted of a circular main chamber with the flue projecting to the south-southwest. It was probably a limekiln and there was evidence for several periods of use.

[2] [E0626 - Bricketstown, Co. Wexford, Ireland - EAP Journal](#)



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Two recent publications on Early European Farmers

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Two recent publications on Early Neolithic farmers have been published, one at the popular [2] [National Geographic](#) and the other at the accelerated peer reviewed online journal [3] [PlosOne](#). Both conclude, similarly, that new populations brought farming into Europe, rather than new ideas spreading into the established hunter-gatherer populations. How that might have worked in 'peripheral' Ireland will be interesting to assess.

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[3] PlosOne: <http://www.plosone.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pone.0006747>

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British Early Bronze Age study of Beaker isotopes

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[2] [Prof Mike Parker-Pearson](#) of Sheffield University is involved in a 5 year research project, analysing isotope levels in human skeletal remains from Beaker period sites in Britain. Some grey literature and project summary can be viewed [3] [here](#). They are researching mobility in Bronze Age populations and the study is running in tandem with a similar Swedish project. How would Early Irish Bronze Age skeletons fit into the picture being developed in Sheffield and Stockholm?

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New issue of Seanda magazine October 2009

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The new issue for 2009 of **Seanda**, the NRA Archaeology magazine, has been published.

At present, a PDF version of the magazine is [\[2\] available to view and download](#) from the NRA website. Hard copies of the magazine will distributed in early November.

Eachtra Archaeological Projects has a part in this issue 4, with the following contributions:

- *Projects updates:* [\[3\] Near the Bend in the River](#) [p. 2]

Published at the end of 2008, this new book describes the results of archaeological investigations on the route of the N25 Kilmacthomas realignment in County Waterford, undertaken by Eachtra Archaeological Projects between 1998 and 2000;

- *More than meets the eye - burnt mounds and lithics on the N7*, by [\[4\] Farina Sternke](#) [p. 30]

An appraisal of the lithics (stone tools) recovered from prehistoric burnt mounds/fulachta fiadh on the N7 Castletown–Nenagh: Derrinsallagh to Ballintotty road scheme;

These sites were excavated by Eachtra and Farina is the subcontracting lithics specialist.

- *Collecting and collating: managing data in archaeology*, by Maurizio Toscano [p. 34]

An insight into how Eachtra Archaeological Projects marshals the evidence it recovers during excavations;

- *Medieval life and death by the 'broken river'*, by Finn Delaney, John Lehane and Katie Keefe [p. 36]

A report on the excavation of an early medieval cemetery-settlement at Owenbristry, Co. Galway, on the N18 Oranmore–Gort road scheme.

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John O'Neill Archaeology Certificate Website 2009

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John O'Neill is a lecturer in Archaeology in UCD and he has put some of his Certificate in Archaeology notes [2] [online](#). It is always interesting to see the notes behind a course outline and John's are wide ranging and interesting. We're writing up some Iron Age sites at the moment and more [3] [specialized research](#) by Dr O'Neill and his colleagues at UCD is proving invaluable - this database of Iron Age sites shows the value of such work.

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Irish History Online

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[2] [George Cunningham](#) has passed on word of this online resource [3] [Irish History Online](#). It looks like it could be a first port of call when doing any research in Ireland.

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Oxford Archaeology North & Opensource software

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Oxford Archaeology have been at the forefront of the use of GIS in field archaeology and, [2] [here](#), surveyors from Oxford Archaeology North have made their survey and GIS manual available online. The document is especially interesting because it shows they have been successful in their adoption of opensource software.

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Austro-Asiatic Population Corridors PloS ONE article 2007

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[2] [Alice Roberts](#) presented a [3] [television programme](#) which included some of this data earlier in 2009 but [4] [here](#) is a primary source for a study of the Austro-Asiatic [5] [Khasi](#) from Northeast India and the neighboring [6] [Garos](#).

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[4] here : <http://www.plosone.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pone.0001141>

[5] Khasi : <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khasi>

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Online Archaeological Archive - TARA, Trinity College Dublin

TCD have an online research archiving system which has some [2] [archaeological contents](#).

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Walking through time Web App

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[2] [Walking Through Time](#) is a mobile phone application, from a team based at the Edinburgh College of Art, that allows users to overlay historical maps over a Google map. Users can use the application to walk the streets that no longer exist.

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New Library of Congress Guidelines for Digital Photography Archiving

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Digital photography archiving [2] [guidelines](#) from the US Library of Congress. The guidelines include advice such as

- Use TIFF or PSD as working file formats.
- Use JPEG or TIFF as delivery file formats.
- Use TIFF or PSD as file formats to archive rendered master files.
- Use DNG to archive raw file data.

Their guidance on backup is also good. There is a two page quick guide but the whole site is worth a read.

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Brian Dolan + Web 2.0 = www.seandalaiocht.com

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Brian Dolan has published a [2] [website](http://www.seandalaiocht.com) which contains a wide range of thoughts, ideas, data and publications on Irish Archaeology. It can be found at www.seandalaiocht.com and combines google calendar with video files amongst other things.

The Eachtra website doesn't appear to have filtered into Brians attention yet and I wonder how long it will take him to land here and add a comment below. If you do get here Brian, feel free to add the Eachtra Journal Vols 1-4 to your marvellous site.

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A deluge of EMAP data in December 2009

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After only 5 months of work in 2009 the EMAP project has published updates on their project, a bibliographic database, presented 7 public lectures, and, amongst other things, prepared a publication for submission to the RIA. Pdfs can be found at their website [2] www.emap.ie. An initial trawl through the bibliography shows it is very comprehensive and all involved deserve great credit. Next time maybe, the team will publish the bibliography in some citable format, presumably they are already in a Latex or Bibtex format. Data shared in data formats is more powerful than flat text.

Here is the text of an email sent out by Dr Aidan O'Sullivan, one of the project's principal investigators.

Early Medieval Archaeology Project (INSTAR EMAP) has launched its major reports on early medieval Ireland at [3] www.emap.ie.

EMAP's 2009 (and 2008) full research reports are now available to download at [4] emap.ie.

The Early Medieval Archaeology Project (EMAP) is funded by the [5] [Heritage Council's Irish National Strategic Archaeological Research \(INSTAR\)](#) programme. The **EMAP Project Progress Report 2009** (listing the project's public lectures, PhD and MA research, publications and other activities in 2009) is now available to download. All the below research reports, bibliographies and database lists are now also available to download – creating a major resource for all interested in this fascinating period in Ireland's past.

- [2] [Early Medieval Ireland: Archaeological Excavations 1930-2004](#). EMAP Principal Investigators edited and re-wrote to publication standard the text of a book, which will be published by the [6] [RIA](#) in Autumn 2010. This will be the first academic synthesis of early medieval archaeology in Ireland in 20 years. The original 2008 report – now greatly improved for the book – can be downloaded by clicking on the report title above.

- [2] [Early Medieval dwellings and settlements in Ireland, AD 400-1100: Vol. 2 A Gazetteer of Site Descriptions version 1](#). In 2009, EMAP completed a comprehensive first draft of a gazetteer of 228 early medieval settlements. Each gazetteer entry provides details on site name, location, director and license, a concise site description, all known radiocarbon dates and a full bibliography – a significant new resource for all scholars interested in past settlement and landscape. This PDF has a live contents page (click on site names) and is searchable by county, site name or by hundreds of archaeological feature – for example type the word 'house' into the find tool and click return. In 2010, EMAP will progress to write a monograph on early medieval dwellings and settlements in Ireland, in their European context.

- [2] [A Bibliography of Early Medieval Archaeology in Ireland: Version 2](#). This is an update of EMAP's previous bibliography. It now has 5,000 bibliographical references, organized thematically from settlement, to economy, to human osteology. The PDF is searchable – for example, put 'Ryan, M.' in find tool and click return for 2 pages of early medieval metalwork references or 'Lynn, C.' for dozens of papers on early medieval settlements. In 2010, this bibliography will be available as an online searchable database.

- [2] [A Database of Early Medieval Archaeological Excavations in Ireland, 1930-2004](#). This is EMAP's 2008 database of 2,208 early medieval excavated sites. In 2010, this will be made available as an online searchable database on the EMAP web portal.

INSTAR EMAP is an North/South, inter-institutional, university/professional archaeological sector collaborative research project, with Principal Investigators in [7] [Dr. Aidan O'Sullivan](#) ([8] [UCD School of Archaeology](#)) and [9] [Dr Finbar McCormick](#) ([10] [Queens University Belfast](#)) and project partners in [11] [CRDS](#), [12] [Archer Heritage Planning](#), [13] [ACS](#) and [14] [Margaret Gowen & Co.](#) EMAP aims to carry out innovative research on early medieval Ireland and provide reports, publications and online searchable bibliographies and databases to support all associated research in Ireland and beyond.

We would like to thank all our colleagues in Irish archaeology. In the preparation of the major EMAP Site Gazetteer of Early Medieval Dwellings and Settlements we sought permission from all site directors to read their unpublished reports. Without exception, all site directors and companies contacted gave permissions and their full and enthusiastic support to the project – all this at a time of great difficulty in professional Irish archaeology. We would like to warmly

acknowledge the professionalism, dedication and commitment of archaeologists in Ireland to the understanding and public appreciation of Ireland's cultural heritage.

The project's aims, team details, PhD and MA graduate students research activities; online reports and other resources can be downloaded at the project's [4] [Early Medieval Archaeology Research Portal](#) at [4] www.emap.ie For further details about EMAP, please see [4] www.emap.ie or contact

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NEOLITHIC LANDSCAPES SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP NOV 2009

A one-day seminar and workshop entitled "Dealing with Neolithic Landscapes" will be held at the School of Geography, Archaeology and Palaeoecology, Queen's University Belfast on Saturday, **21st November 2009**. This entry is part 3 of 30 in the Issue [1] 4

REGISTRATION:

Attendance is by application only and is free of charge, including lunch and refreshments. Further information and registration details can be found on our website ([2]

<http://www.chrono.qub.ac.uk/instar/landscape.htm>). Registration is via Rowan McLaughlin.

Please note that numbers are limited for the afternoon workshop session.

SEMINAR

The aim of this seminar is to discuss both the archaeological evidence for Neolithic settlement and economies, and the palaeoecological evidence for past landscapes. We will investigate how the two approaches can be integrated to provide a more detailed view of settlement, agriculture, landscape and life during the Neolithic period, and their associated chronologies. During the seminar, some of the latest results from the INSTAR 2008 and 2009 funded "Cultivating Societies" project will be discussed, alongside other case studies and overviews from Ireland and Scotland. Speakers will include Jessica Smyth and Graeme Warren (University College Dublin), Kenneth Brophy (University of Glasgow), Meriel McClatchie and Phil Barratt (Queen's University Belfast) and Jane Bunting (University of Hull).

WORKSHOP

The afternoon workshop is aimed at archaeologists and environmental archaeologists from the private, state and academic sectors who wish to learn more about how past landscapes can be reconstructed, and how evidence for past landscape change can be resolved. More experienced environmental archaeologists will have the opportunity to hear about latest modelling approaches using PollandCal.

(from Meriel McClatchie)

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Woodstown and Waterford and their place in the Viking World. 26, 27 and 28 March 2010 - Waterford City

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Programme

Conference Title: *Woodstown and Waterford and their place in the Viking World*

Dates: 26, 27 and 28 March 2010 - Waterford City

Friday Waterford Museum of Treasures

Registration - Waterford Museum of Treasures, 6.00 – 6.30 p.m.

7.00 p.m. Conference to be opened by Minister Martin Cullen and the Norwegian Ambassador to Ireland Mr. Øyvind Nordsletten

with remarks by Dr. Patrick F Wallace, Director, National Museum of Ireland

7.30 p.m.

1. Guided tour of Viking Woodstown exhibition by Ian Russell

2. Viking Waterford Gallery by Orla Scully and Ben Murtagh

8.30p.m. Keynote Address – Prof Dagfinn Skre – From Kaupang in Norway to the Irish Sea coasts in the Early Viking Age.

Chaired by Dr. Patrick F Wallace

Saturday *The Viking World: Ireland, Scandinavia, and Beyond* chaired by Ragnall O Floinn

9.30 a.m. Dr Richard Hall – The Nature of Scandinavian Settlement in Britain

10.15 a.m. John Maas – Movement of Viking Warriors in Western Europe 800-1000

11.00 a.m. Coffee

11.30 a.m. Dr David Griffiths – The Archaeology of the Irish Sea, 820-1050

12.15 p.m. Dr Stephen Harrison – The Woodstown Grave in its Insular Context

1.00 p.m. Lunch

Afternoon session chaired by Dr Catherine Swift

2.00 p.m. Dr Pat Wallace – The Nature of Viking Age Urban Settlement in Ireland

2.45 p.m. Dr Linzi Simpson – Longphorts and Early Viking Sites in Ireland

3.30 p.m. Coffee

3.45 p.m. Dr Maurice Hurley – The Origins and Character of Hiberno-Norse Waterford

4.30 p.m. Dr John Bradley – The Hinterlands of Viking Towns

7.00 p.m. Pre dinner reception, Reginald's Tower

8.00 p.m. Conference dinner

Sunday *Woodstown and Hiberno-Norse Waterford* chaired by Conleth Manning

10.00 a.m. Prof James Graham-Campbell - Silver in Viking Age Ireland

10.45 a.m. .Coffee

11.00 a.m. Dr Patrick F Wallace – The Woodstown Weights and their Meaning

11.45 a.m. John Sheehan – The Silver Finds of Woodstown and their Implications

12.30 p.m. Prof Donncha O Corrain – Historical evidence for the Vikings in the 3 Sisters river basin and Waterford harbour

1.15 p.m. Light lunch

2.30 p.m. Ian Russell / James Eogan - Visit to Woodstown Site.

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Culture, Environment and Change Archaeological Research Seminar 2009

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UCD Archaeology Department have planned a day-long seminar on their current research topics and themes.

Culture, Environment and Change

Archaeological Research Seminar 2009

Theatre M, Newman Building Thursday, 10th December, 9-5pm

[2] [UCD School of Archaeology's Research Seminar](#) aims to communicate knowledge about the School's wide-ranging international and national research projects in 2009.

UCD Archaeology staff and students are engaged in archaeological research projects around the world; in SE Asia, the Mediterranean and northwest Europe, ranging in date from the Mesolithic to the Post-medieval period.

UCD School of Archaeology has three major Research Themes each comprised of active Research Groups undertaking a range of projects. The seminar papers are arranged in sessions according to these themes: **Footprints of Ireland** (chair: Prof. Gabriel Cooney), **Landscape and Environment** (chair: Prof. Tadhg O'Keeffe) and **Materialising Identities** (chair: Dr Joanna Brück).

This year, the seminar will feature presentations from School Research Groups, Academic staff & collaborators, Funded Research Projects, Post-Doctoral scholars and advance stage PhD students. This includes research funded by [3] [INSTAR](#), [4] [ULYSSES](#), [5] [IRCHSS](#), [6] [DoEHLG](#), [7] [Royal Irish Academy](#), [8] [UCD Research](#), [9] [UCD Humanities Institute of Ireland](#) and [10] [UCD John Hume Institute for Global Irish Studies](#).

Staff and postgraduate research project posters will also be on display throughout the day. Come and join us for a Christmas Archaeology Research Seminar!

All are welcome, but if you would like to attend please email the School Research Co-ordinator at [11] Aidan.OSullivan@ucd.ie or phone him at 01-7168252 to let us know.

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8.45 - 9.00 Registration and Arrival

9.00 - 9.20 Welcome and Review of UCD School of Archaeology's research in 2009

Footprints of Ireland

(chair: Prof. Gabriel Cooney)

9.20 - 9.30

Facebook, Pints of Guinness and Researching Prehistoric Archaeology

(Prehistoric Discussion Group)

Kim Rice/Emmett O'Keeffe

UCD School of Archaeology, UCD Ad Astra and IRCHSS Doctoral Scholars

9.30 - 9.50

Stories from the Neolithic Passage tomb of Knockree; past reflections and future challenges

(Royal Irish Academy)

Prof. Muiris O'Sullivan, UCD School of Archaeology

9.50 - 10.10

Neolithic and Bronze Age Landscapes of North Mayo (INSTAR project)

(Heritage Council INSTAR)

Prof. Seamas Caulfield, Gretta Byrne, Prof. Martin Downes, Noel Dunne, David McIlreavy, Stuart Rathbone, Patrick Walsh and Dr Graeme Warren

UCD School of Archaeology; Office of Public Works; NUI Maynooth

10.10 - 10.30

Astronomy and engineering of Lismullin Iron Age enclosure

(Dublin Institute of Technology)

Dr Frank Prendergast, UCD School of Archaeology and Dublin Institute of Technology

10.30 – 10.50

The Early Medieval Archaeology Project (INSTAR EMAP); digging into the data from early medieval excavations

Dr Aidan O'Sullivan, Dr Finbar McCormick, Dr Thomas Kerr, Lorcan Harney, Jonathan Kinsella, Matt Seaver and Rob O'Hara

UCD School of Archaeology; Queen's University Belfast; ACS Ltd.; CRDS Ltd.; Archer Heritage Ltd.

10.50 – 11.00 Discussion

11.00 – 11.30 Tea/Coffee and Posters

Landscape and Environment
(chaired by Prof. Tadhg O'Keefe)

11.30 – 11.50

Climate Change and the Adoption of Agriculture in Ireland: current research in North Mayo

(IRCHSS)

Dr Graeme Warren, Dr Stephen Davis and Dr Naomi Holmes, UCD School of Archaeology

11.50 – 12.10

The Boyne Landscape Project (INSTAR): Recent Research

(Heritage Council INSTAR)

Dr Helen Lewis, Dr Colman Gallagher, Dr Stephen Davis, Dr Jonathan Turner, Dr Gez Foster, Dr Loreta Guinan, Dr Conor Brady, Dr Thomas Cummins, Dr C. Langdon, Dr R. Scaife, Dr Naomi Holmes, M. Allen, Dr R. Meehan, Gary Mulrooney, Prof. Anthony Brown

UCD School of Archaeology; UCD School of Geography, Planning & Environmental Policy; Meath County Council; DKIT; UCD School of Agriculture, Food Science & Veterinary Medicine; Allen Environmental Archaeology; Talamh Ireland; University of Southampton

12.10 – 12.30

The Fergus estuary and its islands: a maritime historic landscape in Co. Clare

(The Heritage Council; IRCHSS/Égide Ulysses; UCD Humanities Institute of Ireland)

Dr Aidan O'Sullivan, Mary Dillon, Conor McDermott, Dr Rob Sands, UCD School of Archaeology

12.30 – 2.50

Fishy stories: the environmental analysis of a late medieval century shipwreck from Drogheda

(Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government)

Dr Stephen Davis, UCD School of Archaeology

12.50 – 1.10

Investigating the ancient landscapes of Crete

(IRCHSS)

Dr Alan Peatfield and Will Megarry, UCD School of Archaeology

1.10 – 1.15 Discussion

1.15 – 2.15 Lunch

During the lunch break attendees are invited to view the research posters on display and to discuss the projects with the authors

Materialising Identities
(Chaired by Dr Joanna Brück)

2.15 – 2.30

Keeping - making archaeology relevant

(UCD John Hume Institute for Global Irish Studies)

Dr Thomas Kador

UCD School of Archaeology

2.30 – 2.50

Glendalough Valley Project: research and teaching in the Wicklow Mountains

(UCD; Office of Public Works)

Conor McDermott & Dr Graeme Warren

UCD School of Archaeology

2.50 – 3.10

Viking graves? Death, burial and identity

(IRCHSS)

Dr Stephen Harrison

UCD School of Archaeology

3.10 – 3.30 Coffee Break and Posters

3.30 – 3.50

Exploring the early medieval west coast: time for a new vocabulary

(IRCHSS)

Sharon Greene

UCD School of Archaeology

3.50 – 4.10

Historicising identity: the reinvention of Lohort Castle in the 18th century

(UCD)

Prof. Tadhg O’Keeffe

UCD School of Archaeology

4.10 – 4.20 Session Discussion

4.20 – 4.45 Final Discussion and Prospects for 2010

5.00 Formal end of seminar

**5.30–7.00pm All welcome to a wine reception in UCD Common Room,
Newman Building, UCD**

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XXXVIII Annual Conference on Computer Applications and Quantitative Methods in Archaeology

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Conference: CAA 2010
XXXVIII Annual Conference on Computer Applications and Quantitative Methods in Archaeology
"Fusion of Cultures"

Conference Dates: April 6-9, 2010
Conference Location: Granada, Spain
URL: [2] <http://www.caa2010.org>

Upcoming Deadlines:

Extended abstract of papers submission, up to December 15, 2009

"The XXXVIII Annual CAA Conference will be held in Granada, Spain, from April 6 to 9, 2010 and is expected to bring together archaeologist, computer scientist and mathematicians to explore and exchange knowledge in order to enhance our understanding of the past. Classical disciplines like archaeology, anthropology or geography, and more modern ones like computer science, geomatics or museology exchange their most recent advances during the conference."

"CAA 2010 is inspired in the concept *Fusion of Cultures* that identifies the scope of the conference and the spirit of the historical city of Granada. The aim of the conference is to create an collaborative atmosphere among all disciplines, by participating via papers, posters, round tables, workshops, short papers and a novel virtual theatre non-stop show."

[3] [Session](#) already defined:

1. 3D Information Systems: Documenting the past
2. Agent-Based Social Simulation in Archeology
3. Analysis and Interpretation of Ancient Art
4. Analytical GIS
5. Archaeological Architecture: a challenging fusion of scientific cultures
6. Archaeology-based videogames
7. Augmented Reality in Archaeology
8. Databases: how to make them attractive for external users and contributors
9. From new generations of Web services (Web 2.0; Semantic Web, Web3D) to Archaeological Knowledge...
10. Human evolution, a long trip without end: The application of data recovery, data management and computer analysis in Paleolithic sites.
11. Integrating and comparing technologies for archaeological applications
12. Issues in Least-Cost Analysis
13. New technologies in Archaeological Museums
14. New technologies in Archaeology higher education
15. Open Source in Archaeology
16. Recording, Interpretation and Evaluation of High Definition 3D Surface
17. Data in Arts and Cultural Heritage, Archaeology and Anthropology
18. Reference collections on the Web
19. Refining Remote Sensing for archaeological environments : image processing techniques compared
20. Semantic Infrastructures in Archaeology
21. Taking the long view: putting sustainability at the heart of data creation

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Early Medieval Archaeology Student Symposium 19-20 May 2010 – Call For Papers

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The Early Medieval Archaeology Student Symposium

is an interactive forum run for and by graduate research students who focus on the archaeology of the Early Medieval period, roughly the period between the 4th-12th centuries AD. EMASS aims to provide a constructive and interdisciplinary forum to facilitate discussion and debate between researchers from different institutions and specialities, in a friendly and helpful environment. The annual EMASS conference, previously held in Cardiff, Exeter, and Sheffield is the primary venue for this discussion.

The group is not restricted to students who are in full-time education and would like to invite early career researchers to join in the discussion. We also welcome early medieval researchers from across the globe and from any discipline to become involved! Check out the [\[2\] EMASS website](#) for more information, including the EMASS manifesto, the mailing list, and previous publications.

EMASS 2010 – Call For Papers

EMASS are pleased to announce that the 4th annual Early Medieval Archaeology Student Symposium will be held in University College Dublin on the 19-20 May 2010.

EMASS would like to invite submissions for papers of c.20 minutes duration on any aspect of the early medieval period (400-1200AD) from any part of the world. In keeping with EMASS tradition, there is no set theme for the symposium but papers addressing theory in the early medieval period are particularly welcome, as are papers addressing other approaches such as experimental archaeology. As this is the first time that EMASS will visit Ireland, we also invite papers addressing ideas of regionality and difference in the early medieval period

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