



# from Fossils to the Genome

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## The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the naming of *Homo neanderthalensis* by William King

Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014

2014 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the coining of the term *Homo neanderthalensis* by William King, Professor of Geology at Queen's College Galway (now NUI Galway), Ireland. King remains the first scientist to ever name a new species of human. To mark this historic event NUI Galway welcomes you to a special international symposium.

### Call for papers:

- The scientific contributions of William King
- Neanderthal palaeoecology & palaeoanthropology
- Palaeolithic to Mesolithic technologies
- Plio-Pleistocene palaeoenvironments, stratigraphy, archaeology & human evolution
- Ancient DNA (including non-human species)
- Human genome evolution
- History of research on human origins

### Meeting Outline

- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>:** - Registration and optional trip to Galway Museum.  
- Evening lectures followed by welcome reception.
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>:** - Oral and poster presentations.  
- Evening keynote lecture (open to public & attended by great grand-daughter of William King).  
- Symposium dinner.
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>:** - Oral and poster presentations.
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup>:** - Optional fieldtrip to Burren in County Clare.

### Keynote Speakers

**David A.T. Harper:** William King, researcher and teacher: The legacy of a 19th Century centre of palaeontological innovation in the West of Ireland

**Peter Andrews:** Human evolution before the Neanderthals

**Ralf W. Schmitz:** New investigations on the Neanderthal type specimen and the finds from the rediscovered cave sediments in the Neander Valley

**Fred H. Smith:** We Have Met the Neandertals and They are Us

**Svante Pääbo:** The Neanderthal Genome

**Joshua Akey:** Excavating Neanderthal DNA from the genomes of modern humans

**Katerina Harvati:** Advances in the study of the Neanderthal fossil record: Understanding our closest relatives

### Meeting contact details

**Webpage:** <http://www.neanderthal150/>

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& Cathal Seoighe.



# Registration

**Registration deadline (including submission of abstracts for presentations) is 5pm Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014.**

Please register online at <http://www.neanderthal150.org/registration/> via the Eventbrite interface. The meeting costs are as follows:

- Symposium registration **€50**
- Symposium dinner (3 course, including wine) **€35** (optional)
- Pre meeting trip to Galway City Museum **Free** (optional; places limited)
- Post meeting fieldtrip to Burren (includes lunch) **€30** (optional)

We will accept payment via **cash or cheque** at registration upon arrival in Galway on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Please make cheques payable to NUI Galway. €

## Instructions for authors

We welcome presentations (oral or poster) on any of the broad symposium themes outlined above. Abstracts for presentations should be submitted in Microsoft Word format via email to [neanderthal150@nuigalway.ie](mailto:neanderthal150@nuigalway.ie) before the registration deadline. The abstract should contain a title followed by the author names (full names, no initials) and their affiliations. Please clearly underline the presenting/corresponding author(s). The main text should not exceed 350 words. Please use Times New Roman 12 point and single line spacing.

### Oral presentations:

Please prepare your talk in PowerPoint or PDF format (whatever is preferable). Talks will be allocated 15 minutes of time, so please produce a **12 minute talk**, to allow 3 minutes for questions afterwards.

### Poster presentations:

Poster Boards are 0.9m wide by 1.2m high and are designed for **A0 Portrait orientation**. Posters should be clear and easy to read. Type size should be sufficiently large to allow people to read from 2m away.

## Pre meeting trip (Friday afternoon, 23<sup>rd</sup> May)

A walking tour of the Medieval parts of Galway City, followed by a guided tour around Galway City Museum (<http://www.galwaycitymuseum.ie/>). Both events will be free of charge – however places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.



## Post meeting fieldtrip (Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> May)

An (optional) 1-day fieldtrip will be run to the **Burren region of County Clare**. This area of outstanding natural beauty provides a spectacular example of a karst landscape and it was recently awarded European Geopark status. The Burren has a rich archaeological history, which will be explored during the day.



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We will visit Poul nabrone Portal Tomb<sup>1</sup> and Caherconnell Stone Fort<sup>2</sup>, before finishing the day at the world famous Cliffs of Moher<sup>3</sup>. The cost of the trip (€30) includes a packed lunch, along with entry to various sites. None of the locations to be visited involve a long hike to get to; however, trip participants are advised to bring a waterproof jacket, trousers and walking shoes. Places on the trip are limited to 50.

Meeting sponsors confirmed thus far:



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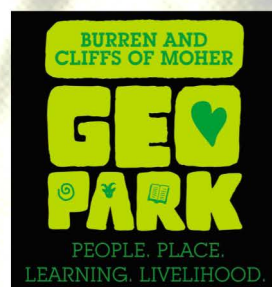
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# Travelling to Galway

Dublin Airport has excellent international flight connections and bus services to Galway. For bus connections from Dublin Airport to Galway please check the following websites :

- Citylink: <http://www.citylink.ie/>
- Gobus: <http://www.gobus.ie/timetable.php>
- Bus Eireann: <http://www.buseireann.ie/>

Shannon Airport is close to Galway and has good international flight connections and bus services to Galway. Please check the bus connection at the website: <http://www.buseireann.ie/>.



## Accommodation in Galway

**On Campus:** Accommodation is available in **Corrib Village** – for further details and to make a booking please see: <http://www.campusaccommodation.ie/summer-visitors/>. The promotional code to use is NSC.

**Off Campus:** Galway City offers a multitude of hotels, B&B's and hostels. Given the relative proximity of NUI Galway to the city centre and its transport links, walking times between city centre, accommodation and the college are usually c.15 minutes.

Numerous Bed & Breakfasts can be found around the NUI Galway campus and particularly further west towards Salthill. A list of some in the city area can be found at: <http://www.bedandbreakfastworld.com/galway/ireland>

The **map of Galway city centre (below)** is marked with a selection of the more popular or appropriately located hotels and hostels:

### Hotels

- The Westwood Hotel ([www.westwoodhousehotel.com](http://www.westwoodhousehotel.com))
- Hotel Meyrick ([www.hotelmeyrick.ie](http://www.hotelmeyrick.ie))
- The House Hotel ([www.thehousehotel.ie](http://www.thehousehotel.ie))
- Radisson Blu ([www.radissonblu.ie/hotel-galway](http://www.radissonblu.ie/hotel-galway))
- Parkhouse Hotel ([www.parkhousehotel.ie](http://www.parkhousehotel.ie))
- Jury's Inn (<http://galwayhotels.jurysinns.com/>)
- The Galway Bay Hotel (<http://www.galwaybayhotel.net/>)

### Hostels

- Kinlay House Hostel ([www.kinlaygalway.ie](http://www.kinlaygalway.ie))
- Barnacles ([www.barnacles.ie](http://www.barnacles.ie))
- Sleepzone ([www.sleepzone.ie](http://www.sleepzone.ie))
- Salmon Weir Hostel ([www.salmonweirhostel.com](http://www.salmonweirhostel.com))

