

**TWELFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON THE LITERATURE OF REGION AND NATION.**

**University of Aberdeen,
Wednesday 30 July - Saturday 2 August 2008**

First Circular and Call for Papers.

For the twelfth conference in this long-running and highly successful series, we are returning to the University where the saga began in 1986. Aberdeen University is situated in the heart of a region with one of the most distinctive and best-preserved local cultural traditions in Scotland: fittingly, therefore, a main theme of the conference will be

Local voices: dialect and folk-speech in regional literatures.

It is also renowned for its pre-eminence as a centre for Scottish and Irish studies: another theme which will receive special prominence will therefore be

Exile and homeland: the preservation of identity in diaspora literature.

But of course, papers on any aspect of regional and national literatures, from any part of the world, will be welcome. This conference has now been held at venues in the British Isles, Continental Europe, North America and Africa, and Japan is the planned site for a future event: our cosmopolitan credentials are well established, and will assuredly be upheld by the 2008 gathering.

Offers of papers are cordially invited, and should be sent by **Monday 31 December 2007**, by e-mail or by post to the following address:

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Details regarding conference fees, accommodation arrangements and the social programme will be announced in future circulars, and on the conference web site which will be opened in the early summer.

The RNLA Committee looks forward to hearing from you, and to welcoming you to Aberdeen next year.

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