Kilruddery has the best surviving early formal gardens in Ireland. Begun by the fourth earl of Meath in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century, they were improved by the sixth earl in the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century. Two 170m long parallel canals extend into the distance from the house nearby. Hedges of lime, hornbeam, yew and beech, known as the 'Angles', lie to the side of the canals. A ride between a long double lime avenue leads the eye to the distant hills. Additions were made in the 19<sup>th</sup> century when the house was remodelled, including a conservatory by Richard Turner, the domed roof of which has recently been restored, as has the fine collection of statuary.





Áras an Uachtaráin (House of the President) in the Phoenix Park, is the official residence of the President of the Republic of Ireland. Built in 1751-2 for Nathaniel Clements, deputy vicetreasurer of Ireland and originally within a formal landscape which was linked to a large wilderness wood, with a central rond intersected with glades and described in 1730 as a 'resort of the beaux and belles (of Dublin) in fair weather'. In 1782 the house became the Viceregal Lodge and its landscape was altered by James Donnell in the naturalistic manner. with belts, clumps and a serpentine lake. In the 1840s formal gardens were laid down by Ninian Niven and Decimus Burton. Their spacious parterres, now crisply mown lawns, were edged with sentinel Irish yew and surrounded with balustraded terraces, decorated with vases.

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Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September (pm), Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> & Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

2005

## **BOOKING FORM**

Conference fee:-

£210
€300
including coffee/teas, lunches, dinner at Dublin Castle & coach for visit to Kilruddery

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Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Registration from 5.30pm 6.00pm Reception given by Tom Parlon TD, Minister of State

Terence Reeves-Smyth, Early Formal Gardens & Landscapes in Ireland

Saturday 1st October

9.30am David Jacques, Formal Parks & Landscapes as Symbols of Power 10.30am tea/coffee

11.00am Finola O'Kane, 'Securing Grounds & Gardens': Robert Molesworth's early 18<sup>th</sup> century Landscape at Breckdenston, Swords, Co.Dublin

11.45am Sarah Couch, Avenues & Avenue Planting

12.30pm Finola Reid, Kilruddery, Co. Wicklow

1.15pm lunch

2.15pm depart by coach for Kilruddery

8.00pm dinner at Dublin Castle John Sales, Restoration: is there too much of it? Sunday 2nd October

9.30am Jerry Green, Management, Plants & Planting at Westbury

Court, Glos. 10.15am tea/coffee

10.45am Brian Dix, Archaeology & the Restoration of Formal Gardens

11.30am Ruairí O'Baoill & Jackie Harte, Excavation & Restoration of the 17<sup>th</sup> century Terraced Gardens at Lisburn Castle, Co.Antrim

12.15pm Belinda Jupp Planting with Precision : Original & Replica

1.00pm lunch 2.00pm depart for Áras an Uachtaráin



