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<p>a. Overview</p> <p>The University of Wales: Trinity Saint David was created through the merger of Trinity University College, Carmarthen and the University of Wales, Lampeter by Royal Charter in November 2010. Subsequently a further merger with Swansea Metropolitan University was completed in December 2012. All ten members of staff within the Classics cluster are based on the Lampeter campus. Classical antiquity, which has been a key focus of study since the very inception of the University of Wales, Lampeter, has continued to play a major role through this time of transition, and during the REF period there has been substantial growth in the delivery of courses related to the ancient world. This is reflected in the increase of staff submitted from 7 (6.2 FTE) in the 2008 RAE to 10 (9.5 FTE). In this context the cluster has seen substantial staff changes during the REF cycle, as early career and senior appointments have been made in response to both teaching and research demands. The cluster brings together members of different schools, and this is a grouping which reflects the interdisciplinary nature of the research undertaken by the cluster.</p>
<p>b. Research strategy</p> <p>Strategy identified in RAE2008. Research has continued in areas of particular strength, namely KYKNOS (ancient narrative) and Republican Rome, and research in these areas has now been enhanced by recent appointments as detailed below. Staff have organised and participated in a number of internal and external conferences and workshops as part of the KYKNOS network, while research in Republican Rome has also resulted in a number of international conferences. This research area has been further enhanced by the <i>City of Rome Project</i> which was established in 2011. New appointments during the REF period have resulted in the development of strong research links with the School of Archaeology, History and Anthropology (submitted in UoA17), strengthening the overall research culture and facilitating cross-disciplinary activities, in particular in the areas of the ancient Near East and the ancient economy. During the REF period the cluster has been successful in attracting external funding from the AHRC, and other academic funding bodies, both national and international.</p> <p>Strategy since 2008. Research in the cluster is organised around four key strands: i) Narrative, ii) Rome and the West, iii) Economy and Materiality, and iv) the Ancient Near East. Each of which will continue to be broad foci for research during the next funding period. Every member of staff in the cluster is research active and is engaged in one or more of these strands, reflecting the collaborative nature of the research. The cluster's strengths in these research areas have been informed by the University's key strategic priorities around issues of cultural heritage and languages. These are priorities for research and knowledge transfer with stakeholders such as museums, heritage and cultural tourism agencies (e.g. the National Botanic Gardens of Wales, the Cyfarthfa Castle Museum, the National Library of Wales, the Cypriot Department of Antiquities). In addition, important work has been completed during the REF cycle in the area of the reception of the classical world through, for example, the cluster's involvement in the <i>Imagines</i> network, an interdisciplinary research group which links UWTSD with universities in the UK and Europe. A brief overview of these four key research strands follows.</p> <p>i) Narrative. This strand encompasses research on narratological concerns and a variety of narrative forms, including Greek fiction (Erickson), epistolary literature and historiography (Bissa, Richardson), and epic (Öhrman, Parkes). It continues to build upon the foundations laid by KYKNOS, the Swansea and Lampeter Centre for Research on the Narrative Literatures of the Ancient World, which was founded in 2004. Staff have been active in organising and participating in various KYKNOS conference panels, such as the Cork Celtic Classics conference in 2008, and panels at the annual Classical Association meetings. In addition to these panels, the cluster hosted four international KYKNOS conferences in 2008 and 2009 (<i>Fragmented Narrative: the Narratology of the Letter and Epistolary Literature in Ancient Greek</i> (2008), <i>Hymns as Narrative and the Narratology of Hymns</i> (2009), <i>The Erotics of Narrative</i> (2009), <i>Asterisks and Obelisks: Classical Receptions in Children's Literature</i> (2009)) and two workshops (<i>History and Narrative in Hellenistic</i></p>

Historiography and The literary ambitions of the 'pre-sophistic' novels) in 2011 and 2012. Recent appointments will allow the evolution of new research within the cluster during 2014 and beyond. The cluster has also encouraged, and continues to encourage, research in the field through its organization of numerous research seminars under the aegis of KYKNOS. The dynamics of the research grouping have led to numerous journal articles as well as books, such as *Playing the Man: Performing Masculinities in the Ancient Greek Novel* (Jones, OUP, 2012) and *The Alexander Romance in Persia and the East* (Erickson et al., Ancient Narrative supplementum 15, 2012). The presence of a Leverhulme International Research Fellow (Meeus) complemented staff interests in historiography. Historiography remains a major interest within the narrative strand and research in this area has resulted in the publication of various articles and books, such as Richardson's *The Fabii and the Gauls: Studies in Historical Thought and Historiography in Republican Rome* (Historia Einzelschrift 222, 2012). Research in narrative has been stimulated and expanded by the contributions of new staff (Öhrman, Parkes). Here work has been completed on Augustan narrative texts and Flavian and late Antique epics; publications include *Varying Virtue. Mythological Paragons of Wifely Virtues in Roman Elegy* (Öhrman, Lund, 2008) and *Statius, Thebaid IV* (Parkes, OUP, 2012). Latin poetic narrative will remain a key focus for future work: in the nascent stages are a project on textiles and Latin literature (Öhrman) and a commentary on Claudian's epic *De Bello Gildonico* (Parkes).

ii) Rome and the West. The cluster has continued to develop its strong research strand in Roman history; this has recently been augmented by the appointment of three Roman historians (Cobb, Draycott, Häussler). Research in the cluster has focused on two main areas: the influence which Roman historical and political thought and ideology had on the formation of Roman power; and the formation of the Roman state and constitution. Richardson has organised several major international conferences under this strand, all of which were held at Lampeter (outlined below). Research in this area also led to the foundation of the international *City of Rome Project* research network. The new appointments create further capacity and also expand research in this area to include Imperial Rome (Draycott, Häussler), the provinces and trade networks of the Roman Empire (Cobb, Häussler), identity and religion (Häussler), and health and healing (Draycott). A major project on religion in Roman Britain (Häussler) is already underway in the cluster, with a workshop planned for 2014/15 and a monograph on the inscriptional evidence to be published in the near future as part of the international and interdisciplinary project F.E.R.C.AN. (Fontes Epigraphici Religionum Celticarum Antiquarum); two further monographs on sacred landscapes in Southern Gaul are nearing completion, work which has synergies with the *Sacred Ways: Trade, Routes and Cults in the Ancient World* project of the Economy and Materiality research strand; and an edited volume on religious individualisation will soon go to press. Research linking the National Botanic Gardens of Wales with our understanding of Roman houses and gardens (Draycott) is in progress. Work will continue on the development of the Roman state and Roman citizenship, and Roman historical traditions, with an edited volume to be published in 2014 (Richardson).

iii) Economy and Materiality. Our staffing strategy has strengthened the development of interdisciplinary research in the areas of economy, trade and materiality. The cluster has had a long standing interest in the economy of the ancient world which led to the hosting of the *Wealth in the Ancient World* (2009) conference and has resulted in several monographs including *Governmental Intervention in Foreign Trade in Archaic and Classical Greece* (Bissa, Brill, 2009) and *Materiality and Consumption in the Ancient Mediterranean* (Steel, British Archaeological Reports, 2012). New directions taken by members of the cluster have led to the development of several projects. These include *Sacred Ways* (Cobb, Draycott, Erickson, Häussler, Steel, Zinn), an interdisciplinary network with members in institutions in Spain, Germany and the UK which focuses on interactions between economic and religious activity in the ancient world. The next meeting of the network is being organised for 2014 and will concentrate on sacred landscapes in the western Roman provinces, while another meeting on trade and healing materials in the eastern Mediterranean and India is also being planned. Two further projects in this strand explore the materiality of objects. One focuses on recently discovered Egyptian material from the *Major Harry Hartley Southey Collection*, Cyfarthfa Castle (Zinn). This will be part of the University's Wales Heritage Academy for the next funding cycle, and has a strong impact on the local communities of Merthyr Tydfil and Lampeter. A new project with links with the Centre for Textile Research at

Copenhagen is in its formative stages (Ohman); this will examine weaving from literary, cultural and material perspectives.

iv) Ancient Near East. This strand brings together those engaged in the disciplines of archaeology, ancient history, and Egyptology. The flagship project, *Exploring a Rural Community in Late Bronze Age Cyprus* (Steel), which examines the economy of a hinterland community on the island, is affiliated with the American Schools of Oriental Research and has recently been awarded an AHRC grant to engage the local community in their archaeology and heritage (as outlined in REF3b). A second major project is the development of the international *Seleucid Study Network* (Erickson). This has held a series of four workshops (2011-2013), including one organised by the cluster at the *Celtic Conference in Classics* in Bordeaux (2012). A series of publications resulting from these workshops is in progress. A further series of bi-annual international conferences is being organised: for instance, at Université Libre de Bruxelles (2015) and Nipissing University, Canada (2017). A third major area of research focuses on Pharaonic and Graeco-Roman Egypt with Draycott working on two projects. The first 'The Gardens of Hygieia: the Role of the *Hortus* in Roman Domestic Medical Practice' examines the extent to which the *hortus* was used to provide not only the ingredients for medicinal remedies, but also as a location for a range of therapeutic activities. The project is considering the manner in which they were designed to ensure not only the maintenance of good health but also the improvement of poor health, thus maximising the family's physical, mental, social and economic potential. The second project involving a conference, 'Bodies of Evidence: Re-defining Approaches to the Anatomical Votive' (2012), is a collaborative venture with the Open University and explores the continuous role that anatomical votives performed in ritual and healing practices from Pharaonic Egypt to Roman Italy, and from Classical Greece to the Byzantine world. The project brings together scholars working on anatomical offerings as a distinctive form of artefact, in the context of both sanctuary and museum assemblages as well as from the perspective of body theory and reception studies.

c. People, including:

Staffing strategy and staff development. The University has since the 2009 restructuring developed a robust and successful Research & Development Office (RDO). Given the large number of early career researchers in the cluster, an important function of the RDO has been to oversee the implementation of the principles outlined in The Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers, under which it organises training sessions based on the Vitae Researcher Development Framework. In addition several members of the cluster have received support from the QR financed Pump Priming Research Fund which has funded workshops (*Sacred Ways* and *Diwylliant Pethau [Culture of Objects]* within the Economy and Materiality theme), post-excavation work at *Arediou Vouppes* (Ancient Near East) and two conferences (the *Andreas Alföldi* conference and the *City of Rome Project* conference *Ruin or Renewal?*). The RDO also supports the development of research and knowledge transfer in the cluster and assists in grant capture to enable this. A sabbatical scheme is in operation and periods of research leave have also been made available to staff in the cluster. Several members of the cluster have benefitted from these schemes with García Morcillo, Hanesworth, Hodgkinson, Richardson, and Steel receiving awards to develop their respective projects during the period. The cluster has also taken advantage of the University's policy of actively supporting staff, through the RDO, to seek grant funding for research leave and fellowships. This has seen an increase in staff involvement in bids to grant awarding bodies, including the AHRC, the British Academy, Leverhulme, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, and the European Commission.

Since 2008, the Cluster has seen significant changes in personnel with the former Head of School moving into a management position (Plantinga), and several staff taking up positions elsewhere. The effects of this have been mitigated by investment in new staff and with the creation of additional lectureships to respond to strategic research priorities and the significant growth of the School of Classics' undergraduate provision. Early career development opportunities have seen the promotion of temporary lecturers to permanent lecturing posts (Cobb, Erickson). This staffing policy has ensured the replacement of the departing chair with two additional Senior Lecturer appointments (Parkes, Häussler). Staff development in this area has seen a targeted expansion of research capacity by linking Early Career Researchers into international research networks.

Research supervisory capacity is being expanded by the use of supervisory teams through which the cluster's staff receive mentoring and training from experienced research supervisors. The cluster has maintained an annual programme of seminars over the REF cycle, where papers are delivered by staff, doctoral students and invited speakers. This has become an essential part of the research culture of the cluster promoting enhanced engagement with public-facing organisations and participation in external conferences.

Research students. The cluster has a strong tradition of running Taught Masters programmes and is currently developing new several new Research Masters programmes to add to its postgraduate portfolio. Alongside these schemes the cluster is building up supervisory capacity with the aim of expanding its current postgraduate research environment and will continue to offer PhD bursaries, particularly in conjunction with its research projects. For example, the cluster is part of a newly-formed consortium of twelve higher education institutions across the UK that has been awarded funding of £1.8 million over 5 years by the AHRC. This will establish a collaborative Doctoral Training Centre in the Celtic Languages and will offer doctoral studentships and support the training of students in a new, collaborative fashion. Häussler will work with the University's School of Welsh and Bilingual Studies, alongside the University of Wales Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies and the wider consortium (Aberdeen, Bangor, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Oxford, Queens University Belfast, Swansea, the University of Ulster, the University of the Highlands and Islands/Sabhal Mòr Ostaig), to develop new training programmes in the Celtic Languages. As projects such as this demonstrate, the cluster has a high regard for the integration of research students within its activities through robust supervision by academic staff of the cluster and through the support of the RDO and the Postgraduate Research Office. The latter is responsible for the administration of the University's postgraduate research provision, and supports students through their period of candidature, but especially during the important processes of their study including applications, re-enrolment, annual reviews, transfer from MPhil to PhD, extension requests, submission of thesis and viva examinations. All PhD students are actively encouraged to attend the rolling RDF programme, where they are engaged with CPD activities alongside early career research staff in the University. Such a 'levelling' experience has worked well to raise the esteem and aspirations of late stage PhD students as they conclude their studies and prepare for their careers. The University's annual Graduate Summer School is popular and well attended by research students. Postgraduate research students are also given the opportunity to teach as well as gain a Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education through the University.

The cluster is actively developing the research culture on campus, to which end it has recently had three visiting PhD students. Two of these were working within the Narrative research strand, one from Lund for a month (2011) and from Ioannina for three months (2012). The other student, who was working in the Ancient Near East research strand, came from Chieti for six months in 2013. The cluster's doctoral students have given papers at the University's annual research conference, at the *Ruin or Renewal?* conference, as well as at a variety of external conferences including the British Association for Near Eastern Archaeology. Additionally, all postgraduate students are encouraged to attend and/or organise conferences and seminars (e.g. a conference on Roman warfare was held in 2013; another on Material Worlds, also in 2013). Students are helped to apply for a range of available bursaries to attend conferences, such as the Classical Association and Hellenic Society bursaries. Students are also encouraged to attend the cluster's research seminar series (and where appropriate those in the Schools of Archaeology, History and Anthropology and Theology, Religious and Islamic Studies), the Faculty Research Seminars, and the University-wide Graduate Summer School. These offer good opportunities for students to present papers, chair sessions, and obtain training in presentation skills. Within the cluster, a pilot is currently being conducted with the pod-casting of research seminars and the establishment of a postgraduate VLE in order to create an inclusive research community for those students that follow their programmes by distance learning. In addition to opportunities for students within the cluster, we are also working to develop collaborative opportunities across Wales. The research institute of the ancient historians and classicists at Cardiff, Swansea and UWTSU, and the Universities in Wales, Institute of Classics and Ancient History (UWICAH) already has an annual meeting at Gregynog. In addition, now holds an annual postgraduate conference. Further opportunities for research students will be provided by a planned digitisation project in conjunction with the National Library of Wales.

d. Income, infrastructure and facilities

Research Support and Infrastructure. The cluster is supported by the RDO which provides considerable support in the development, management, and ongoing delivery of research projects. Through the RDO, support is given in the preparation of applications for grant funding, research leave and fellowships. The cluster has made use of this central support to apply for collaborative research and knowledge transfer projects and has received funding from the AHRC, Council for British Research in the Levant, Prehistoric Society, Institute for Aegean Prehistory, the Institute for Classical Studies, Welsh Strategic Insight Programme and the Society of Antiquaries of London.

Research Income. The cluster has a solid research and scholarship infrastructure and has successfully been able to source externally generated funding from academic bodies in the UK and overseas, including the AHRC and Council for British Research in the Levant (*Arediou Vouppes*), EU (*Imagines*), SSHRC (Seleucid Study Network), and the Wenner-Gren (in conjunction with the School of Archaeology, History and Anthropology). Support was also received for the *Andreas Alföldi* conference from the Hungarian Cultural Centre. The cluster will continue to align its research to areas identified as priorities by the 2014-20 European funding round, in particular, those under the sixth societal challenge of Europe in a changing World by addressing themes of cultural heritage, language and identity; and those of the AHRC, not only through responsive mode grants but also through the themes of translating cultures and connected communities through which Steel's REF3b impact case study was funded.

Applications have been made to other grant awarding bodies, such as the British Academy (Richardson, Mid-Career Fellowship and conference support grant; Erickson, Conference Support Grant; and Zinn, Small Research Grant), the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (García Morcillo, Hodkinson), HEFCW Strategic Insight Programme (Erickson, collaboration with British Institute at Ankara; Hanesworth, collaboration with the British Film Institute), and the Leverhulme Trust which saw the appointment of Meeus as Visiting Research Fellow during 2010/11. Applications are currently being developed in the research strands, as well as for a new project on Ancient Languages of the Roman Provinces. These will include applications to the AHRC networking grant scheme, the Wellcome Trust under the medical humanities scheme, and H2020 / Marie Curie Actions funding with the Centre for Textile Research (Copenhagen). A key theme of the cluster's research strategy is to increase grant capture and as noted above this is embedded in the staff development strategy and is a key performance indicator in the staff appraisal system. As noted above, Häussler will also contribute to the recently awarded AHRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Celtic Languages.

Facilities. The University's Roderic Bowen Library and Archives contains numerous unique manuscripts and artefacts, many of which are second only to the British Library in London. It houses the Special Collections of the UWTSD, our oldest printed books, manuscripts and archives and is one of the principal resources for academic research in Wales. Acquired over the last 200 years, largely by bequest and donation, the Special Collections include over 35,000 printed works, 8 medieval manuscripts, around 100 post-medieval manuscripts, and 69 incunabula. Research within all four strands is enhanced by this collection, as, for example, the *City of Rome Project* exhibition in 2011 which digitised and made publically available illustrations of Roman monuments from the early printed books. The cluster plans to seek external funding to mount more significant exhibitions in the future. The appointment of a Reader (Marx) to develop cross-faculty collaborative research projects using the materials in the Archives and to apply for funding through JISC and the AHRC will further enhance this resource. In addition to this material, a memorandum of agreement with Cyfarthfa Castle Museums and Art Gallery, Merthyr Tydfil, allows access to Egyptian objects through a loan scheme with the *Major Harry Hartley Southey Collection*. The associated research is identified as a future flagship project for the next funding cycle and is relevant to both the Economy and Materiality and the Ancient Near East research strands.

e. Collaboration or contribution to the discipline or research base

Support for interdisciplinary and collaborative research. The cluster has been active in developing collaborative research and building up strong partnerships which it aims to sustain and expand over the next funding period. Participation in such research networks is supported by the University's conference attendance policy as well as strategic support through the University's pump priming funding. All members of the cluster are members of international collaborative networks, which is particularly important for the development of the ECRs. These networks include interdisciplinary collaborations with Universities throughout the UK and abroad, as well as various museums and educational establishments. Beyond the links within the individual strands, research connections have been established with the Catalan Institute of Archaeology through ERASMUS, while the *Imagines* network connected the cluster with the Universities of Barcelona, Bristol, La Rioja, Mainz, and the Libera Università di Lingue e Comunicazione (IULM) of Milan. Members of the cluster in the Narrative strand are active in the KYKNOS network. A recent appointment has also brought ties to the Flavian epic network. The *City of Rome Project* is most significant in the Rome and the West, based on a research network which fosters collaborative research with the Universities of Barcelona, Mainz, Molise, Newcastle, Paris-Sorbonne, Queensland, Roehampton, Roma – Sapienza, and São Paulo (www.city-of-rome.org). Members of the cluster have likewise established research links with colleagues at the Universities of Winchester and Osnabruck and are involved in *ArchaEpigraph* at Besançon, and coordinate the *epigraphie spatiale* in the UK for the international F.E.R.C.AN. Project. This strand also has strong links to Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies (submitted in UoA28) which have been strengthened by the recent AHRC DTC grant. Within the Economy and Materiality strand, staff are active in the *Sacred Ways: Trade, Routes and Cults in the Ancient World* project. A recent initiative, this brought together colleagues from across the Faculty of Humanities and the Universities of Exeter, Heidelberg, Leicester, and Reading in a workshop in 2011. A follow-on workshop is planned for 2014 (*Sacred Landscapes*), drawing on the new expertise within the cluster and strengthening links with other institutions including the Free University in Berlin, the Open University and the British Institute at Ankara, and incorporating our postgraduate students. Future initiatives include the further embedding of research links with staff submitted in UoA17 through the Consuming Materialities research network, most notably with the *FoodStuffs* conference, with participants from the UK, Europe, Israel, US, and Canada. Within the Ancient Near East strand, the project of Arediou *Vouppes* has involved collaborative work with colleagues at UCL, and the Universities of San Antonio (Texas) and Cyprus. This is also affiliated with the American Schools of Oriental Research. New ventures include a collaborative research project: the Seleucid Study network which is organised in conjunction with the University of Waterloo and the Université Libre de Bruxelles. Meetings of this network have already been held at the Universities of Exeter, Waterloo, Bordeaux and McGill.

Esteem indicators. Members of staff in the cluster have continued to make important contributions to their disciplines through, *inter alia*, membership of Research Councils, professional subject associations, learned societies, editorial committees for journal and series publications, HEI consultancies and work as external examiners for higher degrees. Members of the cluster serve on the AHRC Peer Review panel and the AHRC Archaeology & Heritage Panel, and have reviewed projects for the European Research Council and the European Research Council Synergy Research panel. Staff in the cluster are active in learned societies such as the British School at Rome; the Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies; Accordia; European Association of Archaeology; British Epigraphy Society; Association Internationale d'Épigraphie Grecque et Latine; Altetumsverein Worms; and the American Schools of Oriental Research. Editorial positions include: co-editorship of the Latin Literature section of the online Literary Encyclopedia (<http://www.litencyc.com>) and of the *City of Rome Project* monograph series. Staff are also active in peer review of publications for journals such as the *American Journal of Philology*, *Classical Quarterly*, *Historia: Zeitschrift für alte Geschichte*, *Journal of Hellenic Studies*, *Anzeiger der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften*, *Philosophisch-Historische Klasse*, *Phoenix*, *Classics Ireland*, *Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology*, *Journal of American Archaeology*, *Greece and Rome*, *Israel Exploration Journal*, *Bulletin for the American Schools of Oriental Research* and *Journal of Social Archaeology*. Furthermore, members of the cluster have also reviewed books and

book proposals for Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, the *Mnemosyne* Supplement series, and the American Schools of Oriental Research.

Leadership positions and awards. Leadership in the field is demonstrated by HEI consultancies (including periodic review of the classics department at KCL and review of the new MRes in Rhetoric at Royal Holloway) and involvement in the appointment of chairs of Archaeology and Ancient History in Osnabruck (2008 and 2009). Staff have also acted as External Examiners for two doctorates and two MPhils in the UK, at Edinburgh, Glasgow, Liverpool, and Manchester as well as on PhD panels at Uppsala, Sweden. Scholarly awards include a two month research fellowship at the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (2008), a Humboldt fellowship (2011-12) which led to the publication of a monograph, a Humboldt Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers (2012-13), and an Honorary Research Fellowship at Swansea University (2012-14). The cluster also hosted a one-year Leverhulme postdoctoral fellowship in 2010-11 (Narratives strand).

Conference organisation. The cluster is strongly represented at conferences and takes an active role in their organisation. Members of the cluster have organised the following international conferences: *Just for Show? Displaying Wealth and Performing Status from Antiquity to the Middle Ages* (Bristol 2009), *Imagines II: Seduction and Power* (Bristol 2010); and at Lampeter three conferences related to the Roman research strand: *Priests and State in the Roman World* (2008), *Andreas Alföldi in the Twenty-First Century* (2011), supported by the Hungarian Cultural Centre and the Institute of Classical Studies, *Ruin or Renewal? Places and the Transformations of Memory in the City of Rome* (2012). Members of cluster also organised a conference panel at the CA (2011). The cluster also organised and hosted several KYKNOS conferences: *Fragmented Narrative: the Narratology of the Letter and Epistolary Literature in Ancient Greek* (2008), *Hymns as Narrative and the Narratology of Hymns* (2009), *The Erotics of Narrative* (2009), *Asterisks and Obelisks: Classical Receptions in Children's Literature* (2009) as well as a panel at the Cork Celtic Classics Conference (2008). Under the Economics and Materiality strand, several interdisciplinary workshops were organised and hosted at Lampeter including *Sacred Ways* (2011) and *Diwylliant Pethau* (2011) as well as the international conference, *Wealth in the Ancient World* (2009), which was hosted at Gregynog. Under the Ancient Near East strand, a panel at the Bordeaux Celtic Classics Conference (2012) was organised. More recently, staff have been engaged in organising the UWICAH conference, *Surprise, Shock, Terror and Triumph in the Ancient World* (2013), *FoodStuffs* (together with the cluster UoA17 [2014]), and a second workshop for the *Sacred Ways* network (*Sacred Landscapes* [2014]). The School also hosts an annual research seminar series which attracts researchers both from the UK and overseas (including the Universities of Columbia, Heidelberg, The Simon Dubnov Institute, Cologne, Lund, Trier), as well as an annual public lecture series connected with the *City of Rome Project*.

Conference participation. Research leadership and esteem in the cluster have been acknowledged through invited conference presentations, session chairs, panel membership and invitations to national and international keynote addresses. Staff were invited speakers at the Manchester Classical Association Branch (2011), the Bangor Classical Association Branch (2013), the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution (2012), the Universities of Cardiff (2012), Newcastle (2012), Reading (2012), Manchester (2012), Trinity College Dublin (2012), Waterloo (2010, 2011), Hamburg (2008) Fokus Rom, Lund University (2009), Institute of Classical Studies Ancient History Seminars (2010, 2011) and Barcelona (2011). Invited conference presentations include keynote speakers at the Bi-Annual Conference of Philology, Uppsala (2012), the *Schweizerischen Gesellschaft für Orientalische Altertumswissenschaften*, Bern (2011), *Annual Meeting of Postgraduates in Ancient Literature at St. Andrews* (2013); and papers at the *Ancient Levant Workshop*, UCL (2008), *Regionalism in Bronze Age Cyprus Workshop* at the Cyprological Congress, Nicosia (2008), a one-day conference on literary theory and the interpretation of Classical literature at Uppsala University (2011), the *Gift Economy conference*, Heidelberg (2012).