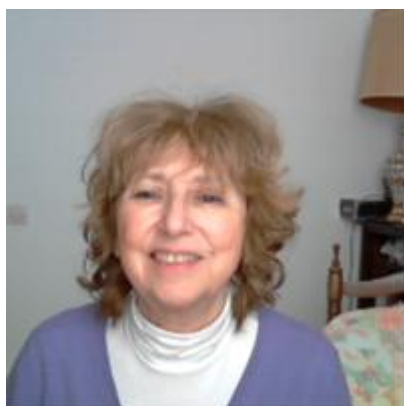


## Mrs Kathleen Ann O'Donnell - Biography 2013



Mrs Kathleen Ann O'Donnell, an independent scholar, has been affiliated to the British School at Athens, Greece since 2001. She obtained her M.A. entitled 'The Poems of Ossian and the Quest for Unity in the South-Eastern Balkans and Asia Minor in the Nineteenth Century' by research, from the National University of Ireland, Galway in 2005. In September 2006, she presented a paper entitled 'Ossian in the Greek-Speaking World' at the 'Scottish Romanticism in World Literature' Conference at the University of Berkeley, California. The following year she attended the first international conference on the History of Freemasonry in Edinburgh presenting her paper 'The Poems of Ossian and the Masonic Utilisation in Federalist Movements in the South Eastern Balkans'. In 2009, she took part in the 35<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Byron held in Athens and Messolonghi. The title of her paper was 'Byron and the Ossian Impact on Nineteenth Century South Eastern Balkans and the Democratic Eastern Federation.' In 2012 she presented a paper entitled 'Nineteenth Century Cycladic Warriors: Celtic Heroes' at a conference on the Mediterranean held in Athens by the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER) which was published on line. Later that year, she participated in an international conference 'Freedom, come all ye...' held by the French Society for Scottish Studies at La Coruna, Galicia, Spain. Her paper was entitled 'How was the symbolism of 'The Poems of Ossian' by James Macpherson used in both Athens and Bucharest?' She is a member of the French Society for Scottish Studies.

In 1991, she majored in English literature and Philosophy at the American College of Greece, Athens. After two summer courses in Irish Studies at the National University of Galway, Ireland, she began her

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