On 25 and 26 March 2014, Ulster-Scots Academy (MAG) and the Ulster Historical Foundation will host a special conference at the Europa Hotel in Belfast which will explore the rich links and myriad connections between Ireland, and more particularly Ulster, and Scotland.

With contributions from notable and accomplished speakers from many different disciplines, the conference will do much to increase our knowledge of Ulster-Scots history and culture and seek to demonstrate the positive contribution that Ulster-Scots can make to a shared inheritance.

This is an important event which promises to be challenging, thought-provoking and entertaining.
CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

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