200 year old poem republished

A SEMINAR celebrating the republication of a lengthy poem about the Shannon, 200 years after it was composed, is being held next weekend, May 20-21, in Jury's Hotel.

Written by Roscommonborn Micheál O Braonáin in 1794, "Príomhshruth Eireann", now published both in modern Irish and English translation, gives an account of the river, its tributaries and mentions over 350 placenames along its banks.

For these reasons, the Placenames Commission at the Ordnance Survey Office felt that it should be translated and republished and thus made available to the general public.

The basic inclusive fee for delegates at the seminar is

£50, which includes a complimentary copy of "Priomhshruth Eireann". Non-delegates are welcome to the entertainments on Firday night and historical bus tour on Saturday afternoon - subscription £10.

Further information can be had from An tOifigeach Gaeilge at the City Hall.