

## Series Editor's Introduction

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When the Forum for Research on the Languages of Scotland and Ulster first considered starting a free-to-download but rigorously peer-reviewed series, our primary intention was to concentrate our efforts in the direction of publishing selected papers from FRLSU-sponsored conferences and symposia. Right from the beginning, however, there was an understanding that work of other types – monographs, editions, translations, and so on – which suited the organisation's primary interests would also be considered.

This volume, Colm Ó Baoill's edition and analysis of *Scottish Gaelic in Wagner's Survey of Irish Dialects*, is the first publication of the latter type in the series and is a particularly good example of why the series is important to the scholarly community. What is contained in it probably only immediately interests a relatively small number of scholars; conventional publication would either be prohibitively expensive or even impossible. But on-line publication means that the scholarship involved is free to anyone, at any stage in his or her scholarly career, anywhere in the world. I would encourage anyone who has similar projects ongoing but with serious issues in relation to publication to get in touch with me on [r.millar@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:r.millar@abdn.ac.uk).

As ever, I would like to thank the Advisory Board of the PFRLSU and the Committee of the FRLSU for their willingness to give me opinions on publications at times which may not always be suitable for them. Most of all, my thanks go to Colm, who has put up with my perpetual editorial vagaries with great good humour.