**Cultures of War in Early Modern France workshop**

On Saturday 25 April 2009, a group of twenty scholars gathered together in the Institute for Advanced Studies, Millburn House, for a workshop on ‘Cultures of War in Early Modern France’. The event was organised by Dr Penny Roberts (History) as part of the international and interdisciplinary Cultures of War and Conflict Resolution Research Network, and was sponsored by the Humanities Research Centre, the Centre for Renaissance Studies and the Society for the Study of French History. It was attended by colleagues from several U.K. institutions as well as from France, Ireland, North America and Australia.

The programme included contributions from both historians and literary specialists. The first session on ‘The Arts and Warfare’, chaired by Dr Ingrid De Smet (French Studies), included papers by Dr David Potter (Kent) on ‘Music and war in Renaissance France’ and Dr Sarah Alyn Stacey (Dublin) on ‘Conflicting poetries and identities: representations of the Habsburg-Valois wars’. After lunch, the second session on ‘Warfare and Subterfuge’, chaired by Dr Alan James (King’s College, London), included papers by Dr Pascal Brioist (Tours), on ‘Mathematics and warfare in the Renaissance: embattling an army in sixteenth-century France’ and Dr Kevin Gould (Nottingham Trent) on ‘Exposing the other: subterfuge, symbolism and identity during the French Wars of Religion’. The final session on ‘Religious Violence’ was chaired by Dr Penny Roberts, who also gave the paper sent by Professor Amy Graves (Buffalo, NY) on ‘Violence in print: the stakes of the description of atrocities in the French Wars of Religion’ as Professor Graves was unable to travel from New York State. The Centre for Renaissance Studies hopes to be able to bring Professor Graves over to speak at Warwick at a future date. The final paper was given by Dr Emma Herdman (Oxford) on ‘Massacres and miracles: representations of divine intervention in the French religious wars’. The thematic sessions worked well and generated plenty of lively discussion among the participants which continued over drinks and dinner.