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## **Argentina: Programme of Events 2016**

### **St Patrick's Day/1916 Centenary Commemoration Activities**

#### **16 March**

18.00 Opening of Embassy exhibition on Roger Casement by the Argentine Minister of Human Rights in the Museum of Memory in Buenos Aires [Note: The exhibition is dedicated to the memory of Patrick Rice, Irish human rights defender who was a victim of the military dictatorship in Argentina in the 1970s.]

#### **17 March**

17.30 Ceremony (including reading of the 1916 Proclamation) at statue of Padraig Pearse in *Plaza Irlanda* (Ireland Square) in Buenos Aires. Attendance will be led by the Vice President of Argentina.

18.00 Religious ceremony celebrated by the Cardinal Archbishop of Buenos Aires in the Chapel of St Brigid's College of the Irish Argentine community

19.00 Community Festival with participation by Irish and Irish-Argentine musicians and dancers. Participants will include Comhaltas Ceolteoirí ireann musicians who will travel especially from Westmeath (the county of origin of a large number of Irish Argentines). The Cathaoirleach of Westmeath County Council, Cllr Paul Daly, will attend.

#### **18 March**

18.00 Embassy Reception and 1916 Commemoration Event in the iconic centre-city premises of the Parliament of the City of Buenos Aires (co-hosted by the President of the Parliament)

#### **19 March**

15.00 Parade and outdoor Festival with Irish and Irish Argentine music and dance groups in *Plaza San Martin* in the centre of Buenos Aires, concluding with a dramatized re-enactment of the Rising against the backdrop of the GPO with a reading of the Proclamation

20 March

13.00 Commemoration event and traditional St Patrick's Day luncheon and community Festival with Irish and Irish Argentine music and dance groups in the town of Suipacha in the Province of Buenos Aires, a region (c. 140 km from Buenos Aires) with deep historical connections with Ireland.

7 April

18.00 Inauguration in the National Library in Buenos Aires of a major literary Exhibition portraying cultural links and influences between Argentina and Ireland with publication of an extensive catalogue. The event will include the RIA Exhibition "1916 Portraits and Lives"