

**19:15–20:30 Don Whiteside Memorial Lecture**

**Speaker: Sam Allison—*Tracing a Scottish Regiment over Three Countries***

**Chair: Duncan Monkhouse**

Sam discusses many of the problems encountered in writing about soldier-settlers of the 18th century, which genealogists also face in their research. For example, regimental lists are time-sensitive and error-ridden; historical fiction about Highlanders often overwhelms historical facts; and Scottish and American authors have influenced our image of the Highlands. He believes that the “past is a foreign country” where people and events can be easily misinterpreted; we need a healthy dose of scepticism about what is now regarded as “the truth.”