

Eighth Biennial Report of the European Society for Environmental History, 2015-2017

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General Overview

During the Eighth Ordinary General Meeting of the ESEH on 1 July 2015, in Versailles, France, a new Board for the period 2015–2017, new Regional representatives, and the financial control Committee were elected. Details about the election are available on this website in the OGM's minutes: eseh.org/wp-content/uploads/MinutesOGM08.pdf

A complete list of all Board members and committees for 2015–2017 is also available on the Society's website respectively at <http://eseh.org/about-eseh/board/pastboards/board-2015-2017/> and <http://eseh.org/about-eseh/committees-and-councils/past-committees-and-councils/cc-2015-2017/>

Budget

Income_2015	Kind_of_Income	SummlN	Expenses_2015	Beneficiary	SummEX
from 2014	Giro+PayPal+Savings	12 934,38	Bank Fees esp. intl. transfer fees	Postbank Dortmund	209,26
Savingsbook interests	netto interests 2015	5,92	PayPal Fees (ca. 4,3%)	PayPal	263,41
Membership Fees	via Giro or conf desk	2 722,00	Website Hosting & pay-option fees	Host Europe & Digitalpaym. 6mon.	329,75
Membership Fees	via PayPal	6 100,00	Travel Grants at conference Versailles	14 delegates disadvant. Regions	4 900,00
donations	from ESEH members	20,00	Travel Grants transfer after conference	10 junior delegates Eurozone	2 918,50
	Total_Income_2015	8 847,92	Article prize 2015	prize winner De Groot (+travel US)	1 222,00
	<i>plusCapital2014</i>	<i>21 782,30</i>	Conference RR/Committee honorarium	7 of 25 committee members à 50	350,00
			ESEH Conference travel aid RR	1 of 17 RRs (Romania)	500,00
			Small Workshop co-sponsoring	Mensa Univ. Krakow Poland	464,61
			Summer School co-funding Estonia	travel aid 3 junior participants refund	623,00
			Small Workshop co-sponsoring	Museum Popov Country Seat Ukraine	531,50
			EU Brussels meeting	RR Romania travel	207,15
			Total_Expenses_2015		12 519,18
31.12.2015 Savingsbook	End of Year 2015	5 219,69			
31.12.2015 Giro		3 121,13	Control formula: Again: savings plus total income 2015		21 782,30
31.12.2015 Paypal		922,30	Again: total expenses 2015		12 519,18
31.12.2015 Total		9 263,12	Balance 2015: €		9 263,12
Income_2016	Kind_of_Income	SummlN	Expenses_2016	Beneficiary	SummEX
from 2015	Giro+Savings+PayP2015	9 263,12	Bank Fees	Postbank Dortmund	133,86
Membership Fees	via Giro	1 270,02	PayPal Fees (ca. 4,2%)	PayPal	159,36
Membership Fees	via PayPal	3 790,00	Website Hosting & pay-option fees	Host Europe & Digitalpayment 1yr	689,01
Savingsbook interests	netto interests 2016	0,90	Summerschool Prague	Charles Univ. + travel Jorgensen	588,00
	Total_Income_2016	5 060,92	Small Workshop co-sponsoring France	Univ. Versailles Quenet	500,00
	<i>plusCapital2015</i>	<i>14 324,04</i>	Small Workshop co-sponsoring Austria	Univ. Salzburg Pichler	500,00
			Archival travel grant	Kochetkova incl transfer-fees	518,50
			EU Brussels meeting	RR Romania travel	140,52
			Total_Expenses_2016		3 229,25
31.12.2016 Savingsbook	End of Year 2016	5220,59			
31.12.2016 Giro		3 621,26 €	Control formula: Again: savings plus total income 2014		14 324,04
31.12.2016 Paypal		2 252,94 €	Again: total expenses 2016		3 229,25
31.12.2016 Total		11 094,79	Balance 2016: €		11 094,79



President's REPORT 2015-2017

Presented by Dolly Jørgensen at
ESEH Ordinary General Meeting,
Zagreb, Croatia, 29 June 2017

ESEH Activities, 2015-2017

- **Support for younger scholars**
- **Support for scholarly development**
- **Recognition of outstanding scholarship**
- **Communication**
- **Administration**



SUPPORT FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS

Summer Schools



- ESEH co-sponsors at least one summer school with an environmental history theme each year
- 2016: 'The Undesirable: How Parasites, Diseases, and Pests Shape Our Environments', Prague, Czech Republic, 28-31 August
- 2017: 'Natural and cultural heritage under different governments', Zadar, Croatia, 4-7 July
- Summer School Committee: Patrick Kupper (chair), Roberta Biasillo, Adam Izdebski

Travel grants



- ESEH supports young, unemployed/underemployed, and other low income scholars who need financial assistance to attend the biennial conference
- Selected 29 grant recipients out of 32 applicants
- Grants for €7975 (from €150 to €500 for each)
- Plus travel support for Regional Representatives with financial need
- ESEH Travel Grant Committee: Emily Brock (chair), Yaron Balslev, Ulrich Koppitz

ESEH Research Grant



- New initiative added by the Board from 2015
- To assist outstanding PhD graduate students and recent PhD graduates in completing their research in environmental history
- €500 for research and travel per award
- ESEH Research Grant Committee: Liesbeth van de Grift (chair), Martin Schmid, Agnes Kneitz

ESEH Research Grant



- Research in 2016
 - Elena Kochetkova (Finland), Recycling and Soviet forests: alternative raw materials, wood and timber wastes in Soviet forestry industry, 1950s-1960s
 - Matthew Hannaford (UK), Human responses to past climate change in southeast Africa
- Research in 2017
 - Odinn Melsted (Austria), Icelandic energy regimes during 1940-1990
 - Abigail Agresta (Canada), The Keys to Bread and Wine: An Environmental History of Late Medieval Valencia



**SUPPORT FOR SCHOLARLY
DEVELOPMENT**

Small Conference/Workshop Grants



- Open call for proposals for any environmental history conference/workshop with less than 100 participants
- One of the organizers must be an ESEH member
- €500 granted to each sponsored event
- ESEH Board makes the award

Small Conference/Workshop Grants



- ‘Destruction and conservation in debate: Brazil’s environmental history in a global perspective’, Paris, France, 13-14 October 2016
- ‘Urban society and environmental change in small and mid-size cities, ca. 1700-1900’, Salzburg, Austria, 10-11 March 2017

Book series with Berghahn Press



- Environment in History: International Perspectives
- Cooperation with Rachel Carson Center for Environment & Society
- Editorial Committee: Christof Mauch, Helmuth Trischler, David Moon, Dolly Jørgensen
- 11 volumes in series so far (5 of which came out June 2015 – June 2017)

Biennial conference 2017



- Proposals: 168 individual papers, 72 sessions, 8 roundtables, 2 experimental sessions, 22 posters
- Final scholarship selected by Programme Committee: 100 sessions + plenary speaker + roundtable plenary “Trespassing. Environmental history and the challenges of migrations” + two film showings
- Local Arrangements organized field trips, exhibitors, and social activities
- Local Arrangements Chair: Borna Fuerst-Bjelis
- Programme Committee: Marco Armiero (chair), Elsa Devienne, Carry van Lieshout, Martin Knoll, Ana Isabel Queiroz, Hrvoje Petric

Biennial conference 2019



- Site selection process for 2019 conference
- Five proposals received – all potential for hosting the event
- Selected Tallinn, Estonia, to host 2019 conference with dates August 21-25
- Tentative selection of Bristol, UK, to host 2021 conference
- Site Selection Committee: David Moon (chair), Giacomo Parrinello, Dorothee Brantz



RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP

Turku Book Prize in Environmental History



- The Turku Book Award identifies and encourages innovative and well-written scholarship in the field of environmental history and carries a prize of €3,000
- 45 books submitted for 2017
- Short-list plus winner
- Co-sponsored by Rachel Carson Center for Environment & Society
- RCC members of Committee: Verena Winiwarter (chair), Jane Carruthers, Arielle Helmick
- ESEH members of Committee: Jan-Henrik Meyer, Ellen Arnold

St Andrews Article Prize



- Given an official name for the 2017 award
- To identify and encourage innovative and well written research in the field of environmental history of Europe. Articles on any subject in European environmental history and in any European language are eligible for the award
- €500 plus biennial conference fee
- ESEH Article Prize Committee: Kati Lindström (chair), Peter Coates, Péter Szabó
- 35 articles submitted for 2017

Environment and History poster prize



- First given at 2015 conference
- To encourage and elevate the status of poster presentations at the biennial conference
- White Horse Press is sponsoring the prize
- First and second prizes to be awarded (€100/€50)



COMMUNICATION

ESEH website



- Secretary serves as webmaster
- News added regularly
- Conference information also put onto website

Notepad in journal *Environment & History*



- Each quarterly issue of *Environment & History* features an ESEH Notepad
- Notepads prepared under 2015-17 Board feature European non-English historiography:
 - French, 2016, issue 1
 - Italian, 2016, issue 2
 - Portuguese, 2016, issue 3
 - Estonian, 2016, issue 4
 - Croatian, 2017, issue 1
 - Hungarian, 2017, issue 2
- *Environment & History* liaison: Marcus Hall

Member newsletters



- Newsletters sent quarterly to all members by the President
- Exceptional news sent as appropriate by President or Secretary
- Mailing list includes all ESEH members in good standing and can only be used for official mails from the Board



ADMINISTRATION

Membership



- Membership register handled by the Treasurer, who also handles all money payments
- 1,069 people on our ESEH members list; 359 members currently paid their membership for 2017+

Coordination



- ESEH is a member of the International Consortium for Environmental History Organizations (ICEHO) as a Basic level member
 - ICEHO organizes the World Congress of Environmental History every 5 years; next WCEH is in July 2019 in Brazil
- ESEH is a member of of the European Alliance for Social Sciences & Humanities (EASSH)
 - EASSH has been established as a platform for interaction between fields and associations
 - EASSH advocating SSH in EU research funding strategies

Position statements



- ESEH Statement on Scholarly Mobility, issued 3 February 2017
- Statement of support for Central European University, issued 9 April 2017



**A PERSONAL WORD OF THANKS
FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP DURING
MY TWO TERMS AS PRESIDENT**