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

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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)
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
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 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