

From the secretary's desk

During the summer months the ESEH has made progress in further developing its activities. The Notepad has become an established feature of this journal and as you may have noticed, it is also available on-line on the ESEH website. In addition, our website will be given a facelift during the summer in order to make it more user-friendly for visitors and editors alike.

Beyond cyberspace too, the society is further developing activities and strengthening its presence and co-operation. In discussion with the Program Committee of the next meeting of the American Society for Environmental History, it was agreed that it is desirable to include more European Issues and European Scholars in the program. This is, as ESEH president Verena Winiwarter has put it, a signal of our interest in co-operating, rather than regarding ESEH and ASEH as mutually exclusive or even competing organisations. We hope to make our common interest in world-wide environmental history more visible by the encouragement of European panels.

In Europe, preparations are continuing for our own conference in Prague in September next year. Leos Jelecek, head of the Local Organising Committee, and his team are working hard to make the meeting a smooth, interesting and above all enjoyable event. We encourage scholars from all backgrounds to submit proposals for papers by emailing them as an attachment to the local organising committee at iceseh2003@natur.cuni.cz. More information is available from the conference website at <http://prfdec.natur.cuni.cz/ICESEH2003/>

During the summer we have also received the first annotated entries for inclusion in the Forest History Society Online bibliography. However, we need more annotated references for a test database in order to obtain funding for a larger project. Below you can find more information of how to format and annotate entries for the database.

For many readers the progress ESEH makes is not always that visible, and therefore we hope that the Notepad will give you a glimpse of development of the society, made possible by volunteer work of the board and regional representatives, and financial support from Swedish Research Foundations and the Breuninger Foundation.

On behalf of the ESEH Board,
Jan Oosthoek
Secretary

Change of contact details

Recently the contact email of our regional representative for Spain and Portugal, Mariano Barriendos, has changed. His new email address is mbarrien@am.ub.es.

The email of our Secretary Jan Oosthoek has also changed and his new address is k.j.w.oosthoek@phil.uni-goettingen.de.

We wish to remind all members of ESEH not to forget to report changes in their contact details, especially e-mail. Increasingly we have e-mails returned when we do postings to all our members by e-mail. It is an almost impossible task for us to trace people when they change address. Please report any changes in your contact details to Sofia Åkerberg at sofia.akerberg@histstud.umu.se.

New feature on the website

The editors of Notepad have received a number of requests for announcing new publications in the newsletter. After some discussion we have decided that the newsletter is not the place for such announcements and instead we have created a new feature called 'New in Print' on the ESEH website for announcing new and forthcoming publications. If you want to have your next book announced on the ESEH website, please send details and abstract to Sofia Åkerberg.

European panels at ASEH 2003

The American Society for Environmental History and ESEH aim to link international scholarship and to foster transatlantic communication and co-operation. It was recognised that the next ASEH meeting, to be held in Providence, Rhode Island, would be a good opportunity to demonstrate this. The meeting has been dedicated to the general theme *Mainstreaming the Marginal*. In discussion with the Program Committee Chair, Prof. Ravi Rajan of UC Santa Cruz, we agreed on the desirability of including European Issues and European Scholars in the program. Not only panels, but also round-tables and other suitable forms of presentation and discussion are encouraged. ESEH will endorse all European panels, meaning that the European presenters can use the ESEH homepage to publish their papers electronically either pre- or post-conference, if they wish to do so.

The submission deadline of papers for the ASEH 2003 meeting in Providence is 1 September 2002. More information can be found at www2.h-net.msu.edu/~environ/.

European entries for the FHS bibliography

In the May issue of Notepad we reported the start of a joint project with the Forest History Society to include more European entries in their on-line bibliographical database. To date we have received about five sets of useful entries, but to make this project a success, we need many more annotated references. These are needed for creating a test database in order to obtain funding for a larger project.

If you feel you have the time to write annotations for references you are aware of, either in your native language or in English, please do send them to Jan Oosthoek. The entries should be formatted according to the instruction provided below in order to make inclusion in the database as smooth as possible. We look forward receiving your contributions.

Instructions for formatting entries for ESEH database

Both English and native language titles are welcome. Non-English titles should include an annotation in English which starts with a translation of the title.

Please consider further the following formatting rules:

- a) Full bibliographic data should be included. If a book contains illustrations, notes, bibliography, glossary, index, etc., the entry should list them.
- b) Annotations should be descriptive rather than judgmental (often incomplete sentences are used). Annotations should provide who/what/when/where/why information that is not clearly indicated by the title.
- c) For book entries, include both city and state when listing the place of publication if the state is not indicated by the name of the publisher. 'Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press' is O.K. because the state (N.C.) is indicated by the name of the publisher. 'Chicago: University of Chicago Press' is NOT O.K.; it should be 'Chicago, Ill.: University of Chicago Press' since the state name is not indicated in the name of the publisher.
- d) *Chicago Manual of Style* rules apply to the Bibliography. One example is that numbers are spelled out in annotations: '18th century' is not acceptable; it should be 'eighteenth century'.

For sample style formats used in the bibliography please visit the ESEH website at www.eseh.org and click on bibliography.

Environmental History Summer school

The Central European University, founded in Budapest ten years ago, is dedicated to helping scholars from post-communist countries in Europe in developing democracy. Details can be found at: www.ceu.hu. Apart from the regular MA and PhD programmes, CEU offers SUN, the 'Summer University', with two week intensive courses for both students and professionals. The Department of Medieval Studies this July offered a course entitled 'People and Nature in Historical Perspective'. 26 students from 13 different countries attended the course held under the direction of Prof. József Laszlovszky and coordinated by Péter Szabó. An interdisciplinary team of resource persons, among them archaeologists Grenville Astill and John Chapman, archeozoologist László Bartosiewicz, historians Richard Hoffman and Richard Unger, as well as climatologist Rudolf Brazdil and others delivered lectures and held seminars. Field trips helped the participants to relate theoretical knowledge to actual landscapes, and to learn to interpret their historical features.

As a member of the team of resource persons I was very impressed by the dedication of the students and by their willingness to reach out over the boundaries of their respective fields of expertise.

Within ESEH, the idea of summer schools as a tool for promoting environmental history has been discussed for a long time. While the SUN course was not planned in co-operation with ESEH, it can certainly serve as a model for future initiatives. The course description and an impressive list of links put together for the participants is available at <http://www.consulex.hu/ms/home/index.html>

Verena Winiwarter, Vienna.

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ESEH aims to promote environmental history in Europe, by encouraging and supporting research, teaching and publications in the field. The ESEH maintains its website at <http://www.eseh.org>.

Items for the next Notepad should be sent by 1 October, 2002 to the address below.

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