

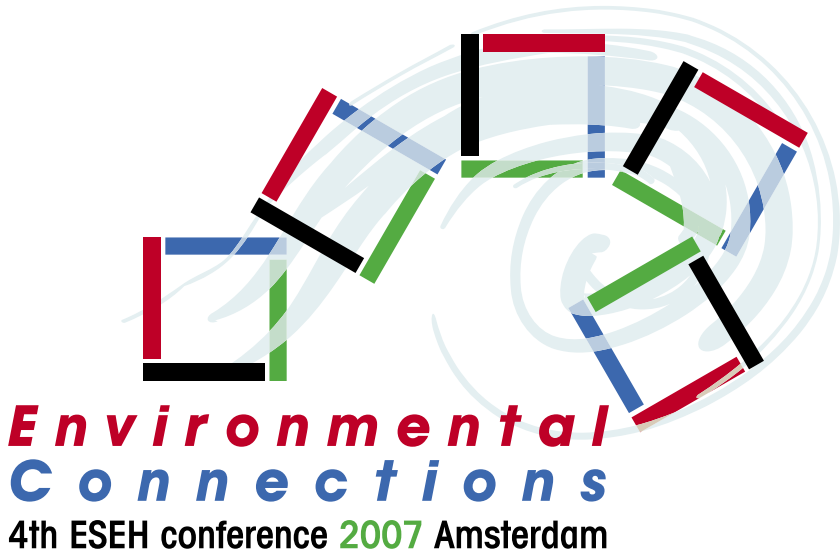
### **From the President's Desk**

An important volume landed on my desk just recently. A special issue of *Globalizations*, a new journal dedicated to opening the widest possible space for discussion of alternatives to a narrow economic understanding of globalization. The special issue, titled 'The Globalization of Environmental Crisis', is edited by Jan Oosthoek, Vice-President of ESEH, and it bears witness to the widening agenda of environmental history. The issue ranges from J. Donald Hughes' long view on global environmental history through studies of international governance, tropical forests and the sustainability debate to questions of leadership, the global role of the European Union, the environmental legacy of Apartheid, and several papers on the Kyoto protocol and beyond. What emerges from this collection of studies is not only the importance of historical understanding of the environment but also the importance of understanding the global interconnectedness of environment issues and governance problems. Environmental historians badly need to develop the study of global interconnectedness and this issue of *Globalizations* takes a very useful step in that direction. Further steps hopefully will be taken next year at the Fourth ESEH conference with the apt title of 'Environmental Connections: Europe and the Wider World'. Paper proposals must be submitted before 1 June 2006 and I encourage all members to consider their research in a global perspective.

Poul Holm  
President ESEH

### **Abstract Submission, Fourth ESEH Conference**

The European Society for Environmental History invites proposals for panels and posters for its upcoming 4th conference in Amsterdam: 'Environmental Connections. Europe and the Wider World', The Netherlands, 5–9 June 2007.



Submission of abstracts started 6 February 2006. **Deadline is 1 June 2006.** You can submit your abstract on-line through the conference website:  
<<http://www.let.vu.nl/conference/eseh/index.html>>

### Launch of Environmental History Podcast

A new podcast (Internet 'radio' programme) about environmental history was launched in early March. *Exploring Environmental History* is the podcast about human societies and the environment in the past. The podcast features interviews with people working in the field, reports on conferences and research and discussions about the use and methods of environmental history. The podcast is part of the *Environmental History Resources website*.

You can subscribe to the *Exploring Environmental History* podcast or download it at <[www.eh-resources.org/podcast/podcast.html](http://www.eh-resources.org/podcast/podcast.html)>.

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