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## President's Message Board

Dear Fellow Environmental Historians,

We are very happy to announce that an old project of the Society is now back on track: from this summer onwards, the ESEH will offer an annual European Summer School in environmental history. The call for applications to the 2010 School will already be closed by the time this Notepad is published; however most of you should have seen it on either H-Environment or on the society website. If you are a member of the ESEH, then you were also informed via email. This series of Summer Schools aims at making European environmental history an even livelier and more productive field. The annual gathering of young researchers, both doctoral students and post-docs, for one week of intensive training and exchanges based around a relevant, rotating topic will help create a strong network between the new European generation of environmental historians.

The first European Summer School, 'Events, Disasters, Narratives and Temporalities in Environmental History', will be held at the Musée national de Port Royal des Champs in France from 28 June to 2 July. It is being organised by our colleagues at Kindunos and is being sponsored by the following: History of Science chair of the Parisian School of Political Sciences, « Sciences Po », the Canadian network NiCHE, the French Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) and the French Ministry of Ecology, Energy and Sustainable Development. Further information on the Summer School is available on the ESEH website. Next year, the ESEH Summer School will be held at the European University in Budapest. The third one will be organised by the Rachel Carson Center in a yet to be determined location. We are convinced that these Schools will be an excellent experience for those who attend them and hope that many of you will be able to participate.

Our next ESEH conference will be held from 28 June to 2 July 2011 at the University of Turku and Åbo Akademi University in Finland and is being organized by Prof. Timo Myllyntaus. Please remember that the deadline to submit papers, proposals for sessions or posters is 3 May 2010. This conference will feature innovative formats which will encourage more interaction and intellectual discussion. For more information, please see the conference website: <http://www.eseh2011.utu.fi>.

In other news, our prize for the best article in European environmental history will now be joined by another prize – an award for the best book in European environmental history which is being sponsored by the Rachel Carson Center in Munich. The name for this new RCC/ESEH prize will soon be announced.

We will be asking for applications for both prizes shortly and hope to receive many submissions.

Finally, the website has been a topic of concern for the Board over the last few months. We will soon launch an updated site which will be much more interactive and lively. It will include a larger section for publications, and regional initiatives which will include content directly from the Regional Representatives.

We hope that this notepad will motivate you to become more involved with the many upcoming events and programs of the ESEH.

With our best wishes,

Geneviève Massard-Guilbaud, President;  
Christof Mauch and Petra Van Dam, Vice-Presidents.  
Paris, Munich and Amsterdam, March 2010

### **Online Submission Form for ESEH Conference, Finland 28 June – 2 July 2011**

An online submission form for proposals to the 6th ESEH Conference has been opened at: <http://eseh2011.utu.fi/cfp>

The 2011 midsummer conference in Turku will be an innovative and new type of environmental meeting. The aim is to make this conference analytic, interactive and conversational. Welcome are proposals on complete sessions, individual papers and posters. Complimenting the traditional session programme with consecutive short talks, this conference provides four other session formats. As a result, there are the following five session alternatives:

- Sessions with successive paper presentations
- Roundtables on themes formulated in advance
- Debates between several participants on environmental issues
- Contests between two debaters
- Sessions with commented visualisations, such as paintings, drawings, photos or films.

We conference organisers encourage you choosing freely from these alternatives and submitting complete session proposals especially. Nevertheless, individual paper and poster proposals are also welcome. A paper proposal is expected to include an abstract of an oral presentation of about 20 minutes, whereas a poster proposal should contain an abstract aiming at portraying a graphic view and written synopsis of a research project on paper, ready for display on a stand at the conference.

The theme of the conference is *Encounters of Sea and Land*, and under this umbrella theme there are twenty subthemes, which are listed in the Call for Papers section on the conference website. Neither the main theme nor subthemes are binding; suggestions on other themes of environmental history are welcome.

The conference covers all time periods and geographical areas of the globe. In keeping with a cherished tradition of the field, the conference is open to scholars from any discipline, background and continent.

Proposals must be written in English, the conference language, and submitted via the online submission form. The submitter should first register into the submission system and follow the instructions of the submission form, which contains boxes for personal data, abstracts and CVs.

**The deadline for all types of submissions is Monday, 3 May 2010.**

Sessions, papers and posters to the conferences will be selected by the members of an international Scientific Committee of ESEH, who will announce the decisions in early autumn 2010.

The conference will also include a social programme consisting of receptions, field trips and a banquet. Furthermore, in Finland the days are long in late June: darkness will not hinder your intentions to explore Turku.

If you have any questions related to submissions or formats of sessions, please, do not hesitate to contact the chair of the SC, Frank Uekötter (Frank.Uekoetter@carsoncenter.lmu.de) or the chair of the Local Organising Committee, Timo Myllyntaus (timmyl@utu.fi).

On behalf of the LOC,

Timo Myllyntaus

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