

ESEH Notepad

President's Message Board

We are excited to report that the 2011 ESEH Conference, titled 'Encounters of Sea and Land' in Turku, Finland (28 June–2 July 2011) has accepted a record number of 323 papers. Upon the suggestion of Vice-President Petra van Dam, the board has decided to set up a travel fund that will help presenters who are in need of funding to attend future ESEH conferences. It is the hope of the board that funds can be raised through private sources. This program is part of an ongoing endeavour of the society to bring more younger scholars into our society and to the ESEH conferences.

At the forthcoming Turku meeting, elections will be held for the new board. David Moon, the Chair of the Nominating Committee, is asking all members to make suggestions for the positions of Vice-President (successor to Petra van Dam) and for President (successor to Geneviève Massard-Guilbaud): email david.moon@durham.ac.uk.

While the summer school that was supposed to be hosted in Hungary in 2011 had to be called off by the organizers, a new ESEH summer school will be organized by Christof Mauch of the Rachel Carson Center on the topic of 'Water-Culture-Politics: Persepectives in Environmental History' in Venice, Italy, 20–25 June 2011.

Furthermore, we are happy to let you know that a new arrangement has been introduced by Geneviève Massard-Guilbaud and Sarah Johnson of White Horse Press, who have drafted an agreement that will allow all ESEH members to subscribe to the journal *Environment and History* at a student rate (see www. whpress.co.uk/Turpin.html).

Last but not least, we are glad that the society and its activities keep growing. More than a dozen new members have joined the society, and six new regional representatives have been nominated to represent the society in various regions around the globe. They include Tom Brooking, University of Otago, New Zealand (Australasia), Hrvoje Petric, University of Zagreb (Croatia), Vaso Seirinidou, University of Athens (Greece), Tomasz Samojlik, Mammal Research Institute, Polish Academy of Sciences, Bialowieza (Poland), Jelena Mrgic, University of Belgrade (Serbia), and Sandra Swart, University of Stellebosh (South Africa).

Details on the Turku conference, the travel fund, and the summer school can be found through links on the ESEH website at www.eseh.org

> Geneviève Massard-Guilbaud, President Christof Mauch and Petra Van Dam, Vice-Presidents Paris, Munich and Amsterdam, January 2011

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Second ESEH Summer School, Venice (Italy) 20–25 June 2011

Sponsored by the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society

The European Society for Environmental History will hold its second summer school for doctoral students from 20–25 June 2011, this time in Italy at the Centro Tedesco di Studi Veneziani (Palazzo Barbarigo della Terrazza) in Venice.

The topic of this summer school will be:

Water-Culture-Politics: Perspectives in Environmental History

Up to 18 doctoral students from within Europe will be invited to discuss their work in environmental history and related disciplines with specialists and peers. The summer school will offer lectures by distinguished scholars as well as excursions and guided tours around Venice.

Any doctoral student who is affiliated with a university in Europe and whose work touches on the general topic of the summer school ('Water-Culture-Politics: Perspectives in Environmental History') is invited to apply, regardless of the time period or geographical location of their research. Issues that can be discussed at the summer school may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Sinking cities
- Water degradation and pollution
- Water conservation
- The politics of water-engineering and water-management
- Environmentalism in water history
- Cultural aspects of waterways and lakes in Europe

Application

Applicants are asked to submit a proposal for a paper to be discussed at the summer school (400–500 words) by **20 February 2011** along with a short CV and the names of two references via email (only!) to CarsonCenter@lmu.de (subject line: ESEH summer school 2011).

Preference will be given to doctoral students who have completed most of their archival research and have started to write.

Participation

Successful applicants will need to submit their paper (5,000–7,000 words including footnotes) by 27 May 2011. At the summer school, the group will discuss each paper and each student will present formal comments on the paper of a fellow participant.

The Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society will organize the event and cover travel costs (within Europe) and hotel accommodation in Venice.

Please send specific inquiries to Christof Mauch (mauch@lmu.de).

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