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## Newsletter March 2017

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### A word from the President, Professor Malcolm Tull

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the International Maritime History Association. I would like to thank Professor Ingo Heidbrink and his assistant Dr Bri McKenzie (Murdoch University) for producing the Newsletter. A major challenge for them was coaxing news from the membership, so if you have news (publications, conferences and other events etc.) please send it to them!

At our AGM in Perth last year I was honoured to be elected as the IMHA's President. I look forward to working with you all. Key priorities for the new Executive include: boosting membership; establishing links with national associations previously part of the ICMH; updating the website; and supporting and maintaining the publications of the Association.

Please contact me if you have any suggestions for improving or contributing to the IMHA.

## Profile of one of IMHA's founders: Franklin J.A. Broeze



No individual made a greater contribution to maritime history since 1970 than the late Frank Broeze. As a teacher, scholar, and innovator, his accomplishments were crucial to the development of maritime history as a respected international field of study.

His premature death in 2001 robbed maritime history of one of its most dynamic and creative thinkers, as well as one of its most enthusiastic promoters.

After completing his PhD at Leiden University, Frank took up an appointment at the University of Western Australia which became his intellectual home for the rest of his life. As an enthusiastic teacher, he launched a number of new courses, including several with significant maritime components. Notably, all Frank's courses were taught from a broad international perspective, which was a trait that was also central to his scholarship.

His scholarly contributions were impressive. He was the author of more than two dozen significant essays and three books: *Mr. Brooks and the Australian Trade: Imperial Business in the Nineteenth Century* (1995); *Island Nation: A History of Australians and the Sea* (1998); and *The Globalisation of the Oceans: Containerisation from the 1950s to the Present* (2002, No. 23 in the "Research in Maritime History" series, available from Liverpool University Press). He also edited three seminal collections of essays: "Brides of the Sea: Port Cities of Asia from the 16th to the 20th Centuries" (1989); "Maritime History at the Crossroads: A Critical View of Recent Historiography" (1995, available as "Research in Maritime History" No. 9); and "Gateways of Asia: Port Cities of Asia in the 13th-20th Centuries" (1996).

Frank was also the founding editor in 1979 of *The Great Circle*, the journal of the Australian Association for Maritime History (AAMH) and the model on which the *International Journal of Maritime History* (IJMH) is based. But perhaps his most important scholarly contribution to maritime history was his definition of the subject as the relationship between man and the sea, a broad but brilliant formulation that has since become accepted by most scholars.

Professor Broeze was honoured during his lifetime by a personal chair at the University of Western Australia and election to the prestigious Australian Academy of Humanities. After his death the AAMH, an organization of which he was co-founder and later president, established the Frank Broeze Lecture series. To commemorate his special interest in promoting the work of junior scholars, the IMEHA set up the Frank Broeze Prize, which was presented to the author of the best maritime history thesis defended in a four-year period.

Frank's contribution to maritime history also included an impressive amount of service. In addition to the presidency of the AAMH, he was one of the six original members of the steering committee that founded the IMEHA. He served as president of the International Commission for Maritime History (1990-1995), vice president of the IMEHA (1996-2001), and was a long-time member of the editorial board of the IJMH. It was typical of him to place service to others high on his list of priorities.

In summing up his career, the editors of the IJMH concluded in 2002 that his "contribution to maritime history has been singular and his impact incalculable." They urged maritime historians "to remember...the role that Frank Broeze played in elevating their sub-discipline to the stature it enjoys today." This plea still rings true.

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## **Coming events: Mutiny: Recreating Captain Bligh's epic voyage of survival**

Join Conrad Humphreys as he shares his experience of recreating Captain Bligh's epic voyage of survival. After the successful series on Channel 4, Conrad will talk about his greatest challenge yet on the high seas, with the talk followed by questions and answers.

Using traditional navigation equipment and surviving off the same meagre rations as Bligh, a team of nine men (led by SAS: Who Dares Wins frontman Anthony Middleton) were cast adrift 35 miles to the south of Tofua near the Kingdom of Tonga in a replica 23ft open keel-less boat. Their mission: to survive and safely navigate across 4000 miles of open ocean to Kupang, Timor and recreate one of the world's greatest open boat voyages of British history.

For more information on this event please visit the event web page:

<https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/whats-on/mutiny-recreating-captain-blighs-epic-voyage-of-survival>

If you have any questions about this event please email [events@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:events@exeter.ac.uk)

**Venue:**

Alumni Auditorium, The Forum  
University of Exeter, Streatham Campus

**Date and time:**

Monday 27 March 2017, 19.00 - 20.30

A video link will be available at the Penryn Campus at a venue TBC.

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## **Conference Information**

### Oceans Past VI: Sesimbra, Portugal, 16-18 May 2017

You can follow all the news regarding Oceans Past VI at <http://www.escolademar.pt/oceanspastvi/>, as well as in the OPI Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/122288493384/>.

### III CHAM International Conference, Lisbon, July 2017

The main theme of this conference is "Oceans and Shores: Heritage, People and Environment". Visit the conference website for more information:

<http://www.nomadit.co.uk/cham/cham2017/index>

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## **New Members: Bob Wilson**

This month we welcome Bob Wilson to the IMHA. Bob is a retired Royal Navy hydrographic specialist who served in various appointments and locations during his 36 years of service. Before taking up work in civilian life he gained an MA in Maritime History at the University of Exeter during which he studied coaling the Victorian navy for his dissertation, 'Fuelling the Steam Navy: Naval coal supplies in the early steam period, 1820-1870'.

On completion of his late entry into academic study he joined the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) as the International Hydrographic Projects Manager, an appointment which permitted yet more world travel. In his time at UKHO he developed an interest in the relationship between the Royal navy and slavery in the eighteenth-century. Returning to Exeter University in 2013, he took up this theme to develop a PhD with a working title of 'The Navy, State, and Slavery in the Caribbean: African-Caribbeans in the Foreign Yards of the British Navy, 1700 – 1834'.

Now on a break from study he is also investigating the government control of shipping during WWI, in particular building a defence of the Admiralty Transport Department. Bob has dabbled in publishing with the following chapters published under his name:

'The Journal of Lieutenant Charles Knowles in the River Niger, 1864' in *Naval Miscellany*, Vol. 7 (Aldershot, 2008), 273-326.

'Fuelling the Victorian Steam Navy' in *Warship*, 2009 (London, 2009), 10-21.

'Surveying the Sea' in *Routledge Handbook of Ocean Resources and Management*, (London, 2015), 462-75.

Bob is a welcome addition to our ranks and we wish him all the best with his future endeavours.

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## **Journal news – *The Great Circle***

The first *The Great Circle* issue for 2017 (Vol.39:1) will be published in June and will be followed by the launch of Vol. 39:2 in September. This second issue will be a *French Exploration Special* to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the departure of Louis de Freycinet's French scientific expedition from Australia on board the *Uranie*. Keep an eye out for these volumes over the coming months.

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## **Call for Nominations – Maritime History Prizes**

In 2017 the Australian Association of Maritime History together with the Australian National Maritime Museum will sponsor two prizes:

*Frank Broeze Memorial Maritime History Prize - \$4000*

*Australian Community Maritime History Prize - \$1000*

The Frank Broeze Memorial Maritime History Prize is awarded for a book focusing on any area of maritime history relating to or affecting Australia, which has been written or co-authored by an Australian citizen or permanent resident and published between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2016.

The Australian Community Maritime History Prize is awarded to an Australian regional or local historical society or museum to provide a public resource – such as a book, educational kit, DVD, website or database – that relates to an aspect of maritime history unique to that region or community.

Both the AAMH and the ANMM award these prizes as a way to support organisations and individuals in their promotion of a broader view of maritime history in Australia.

For more information on how to nominate and details of the judging process please visit:

[www.anmm.gov.au/historyprizes](http://www.anmm.gov.au/historyprizes)

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## **About the IMHA Newsletter**

The IMHA Newsletter is published by the International Maritime History Association (IMHA) with the aim of promoting maritime history globally and strengthening collaboration between maritime researchers. Edited by the Executive Board of IMHA, the Newsletter features brief news on upcoming conferences, book releases, scholarships, job announcements etc. within the field of maritime history. The Newsletter appears a few times per year.

All scholars who wish to make announcements to colleagues about maritime history issues are encouraged to do so through the IMHA Newsletter. If you have news that you would like to share, please provide this by email to the Newsletter co-editor Bri McKenzie at [brimck1@iprimus.com.au](mailto:brimck1@iprimus.com.au).

The Newsletter is also available on LinkedIn, where the IMHA hosts a group under the name of the International Maritime History Association. Scholars with an interest in the maritime world are also encouraged to sign up for free to the LinkedIn group.