



Newsletter October 2015

Travel Awards for Postgraduate Students to ICMH7 - 7th IMEHA International Congress of Maritime History

The Organising Committee for ICMH7 will offer a number of awards to assist postgraduate students with the costs of travel and accommodation in connection with the conference.

Up to 5 awards of up to US\$1,000 (for overseas citizens) and \$AUD500 (for Australian residents) will be offered to postgraduate students. In addition, registration fees will also be waived for recipients of the awards.

Awards will be paid following attendance at the conference. Successful applicants will be required to provide receipts for their expenses to the conference organizers for the payment to be processed.

Applicants for a travel award need to supply:

- A paper abstract
 - A brief CV
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- A short statement (one page max) that indicates how the award will be used to facilitate attendance at the conference and includes the name and contact details one referee

Submit to ICMH7@murdoch.edu.au by no later than 30 November 2015. Recipients will be notified no later than 30 January 2016.

For more information, please contact the conference organisers at ICMH7@murdoch.edu.au.



Reminder: Deadline for proposals for ICMH7 is 31 October 2015

Abstracts should be emailed to: ICMH7@murdoch.edu.au

For more information see: www.icmh7.com.au

Call for host: ICMH8 – 8th IMEHA Congress of Maritime History (2020)

The IMEHA (International Maritime Economic History Association) holds a Conference every four years which allows all of its members to share with the overall academic and non-academic community scientific and applied results in the field of maritime history, taken in its broadest sense encompassing all kind of

relations that connect mankind with the sea. Political, economic, social, cultural and environmental history approaches are welcome, within a frame of interdisciplinary approaches running within a large scope of time (from Antiquity to the present) and space (micro, local, regional, global, world history).

The Conference was held on Corfu, Greece in 2004; Greenwich (UK) in 2008; Ghent (Belgium) in 2012 and will take place in Perth (Australia) in 2016. The Executive Board of IMEHA now launches an open call for proposals for the next Congress (2020). The proposals will be presented to the General Assembly of the Conference in Perth, where a decision on the location of the 2020 conference will be made.

Who can apply?

1. Academic and research institutions from all over the world that can guarantee compliance with the items listed below as selective pre-conditions.
Submissions should be accompanied by an institutional statement of approval and commitment of the host institution.
2. Non-academic institutions, whose interests are connected with maritime research and have a track record of Conference organisations, preferably connected with research institutions. An institutional declaration of commitment is also required.

Academic standards

1. Discussion of cutting-edge topics on the field of Maritime History and its connections with other disciplinary fields.
2. High scientific standards offered by thematic panels organised by coordinators.
3. Submission of individual paper proposals organised into thematic panels under nominated coordinators.

Requirements for the IMEHA Congress

1. A conference of at least three and a half days, including a General Assembly of the Association, a session to distribute awards, a general round table and at least two key-note speeches.
2. A venue involving between 150 and 200 attendants coming from all over the world, mostly from Europe and North America.

3. Adequate facilities able to accommodate, preferably in the same building, 3 to 5 simultaneous sessions.
4. Registration fees that should be consistent with the non-profit nature of the organisation.
5. Total organisation of the Conference, including all of the logistics and financial support and means.
6. Permanent liaison with the Executive Board of IMEHA.
7. Sound institutional background able to provide facilities, staff and funding.
8. Specialised and committed staff (including volunteers supporting the sessions).
9. Adequate scheduling, beginning at least two years in advance
10. Construction and access to the Conference webpage, including a remote platform of payment.

What should be provided by the Organising Institution

1. An organising committee and staff.
2. The payment of the travel and accommodation costs of at least two key-note speakers, one of which is potentially from overseas.
3. A welcome reception to all the Conference attendants
4. A Conference Dinner
5. Coffee breaks and lunches for the three days of the Conference and all the attendants
6. The dissemination of publicity about the Conference (networks, webpages, press releases, publicity in other Conferences etc.
7. Fellowships to post-graduate students to attend the Conference and/or exemption from the registration fee.

Preferential criteria

1. A city of a medium range with an international airport (ground travel should be minimised for those coming from abroad).
2. A city with an historical and cultural heritage, preferably connected with the sea and maritime experiences.
3. Ample and diversified accommodation in terms of quality and prices.
4. High quality conference venue facilities
5. Experience with the organisation of large international Conferences

The IMEHA Executive Board is expected to have a preferential vote on key-aspects:

1. The main subject of the Conference
2. The registration fee and its modalities (full payment; discount for associates; discount to students)
3. The key-speakers
4. The scientific board constitution
5. The wording of the call for papers
6. The scientific programme

In order to make this feasible, at least three members of the Executive Board must be on the organising and/or the scientific board

Final remarks

The Host Institution will commit to promote the IMEHA and its Journal, the IJM, during the process of the Conference organisation.

The financial administration of the process is totally under the responsibility of the host institution. IMEHA should not be expected to input or receive any financial resources.

Submission deadline: Submission of proposals will be accepted until March 31, 2016, by email sent to IMEHA Executive Board Secretary, René Taudal Poulsen, rtp.ino@cbs.dk

Sound Toll Registers Online looking for volunteers

This is a call for volunteers to complete Sound Toll Registers Online (STRO).

STRO is the open access online electronic database of the complete Sound Toll Registers (STR) at www.soundtoll.nl. It is realized by the University of Groningen and Tresoar, the Frisian Historical and Literary Centre in Leeuwarden, both in The Netherlands, with support of the Danish National Archives.

The STR are a vital source for the maritime and economic history of Europe. They are the records of the toll the King of Denmark levied from ships passing the Øresund, the strait connecting the Baltic Sea and the North Sea, from 1497 to 1857. The records have been preserved from 1497 with initial gaps but practically uninterrupted from 1574 to 1857. The entries include per passage the date, the name and domicile of the shipmaster, the ports of departure and destination, the cargo and the toll payed.

STRO now includes the registrations of almost 1.5 million Sound passages from the period 1633-1857.

We are looking for volunteers to enter the data of the remaining 300 thousand passages of before 1633 – which incidentally involve about 750 thousand entries.

Participants enter the STR registrations at home – or any other place -, on their own computers, via the internet, from the scans which have been taken from the STR microfilms. They receive access to small batches of scans, enter the data, upload the batch and fetch the next batch.

This is not an easy job. The Sound Toll Registers are written by hand in Danish. The handwriting is often hard to read and the format of the entries varies.

Prior knowledge is not necessary but participants must be ready to learn to read the handwriting and to enter the data. They do not need to know Danish as the language of the Sound Toll Registers can generally be quickly understood.

By clicking the 'volunteers' tab on www.soundtoll.nl you will find the 'Sound Toll Volunteers Online' website with many documents which will help you to teach yourself to read the Sound Toll Registers and access to a Forum where you can post your questions.

Please, register as a participant at stro4all@tresoar.nl

Or contact Jan Willem Veluwenkamp at j.w.veluwenkamp@rug.nl
(<http://www.rug.nl/staff/j.w.veluwenkamp>)

UNCTAD Review of Maritime Transport 2015 available

Free download at: <http://unctad.org/en/Pages/Publications/Review-of-Maritime-Transport-%28Series%29.aspx>

Colloquium: Historic harbour cranes - Restoration and re-use of a living monumental heritage

International colloquium

November 13th, 2015

MAS, Antwerp, Belgium

Historic harbour cranes - Restoration and re-use of a living monumental heritage

For centuries, harbour cranes played a key role in the growing efficiency of seaports, certainly since the breakthrough of steam technology. Their dimensions and their number made harbour cranes iconic for harbours and harbour cities. The historic cranes that have been conserved up to the present day have become a very specific and monumental 'engineering heritage'. In addition to their function as a landmark or a museum piece, they have also a contemporary destination.

This international congress aims to address professionals and volunteers in the world of Industrial Heritage, researchers, urban planners and historic preservation workers.

During this congress international experts will delve deeply into the value of historic harbour cranes and the position of this 'monumental heritage' in contemporary harbours.

Based on cases from different countries, the pros and cons of operating historic cranes are explained. What does it mean to keep operating cranes, with steam power, hydraulic power or with historic electric installations?

Finally, crane drivers – traditionally – play an essential role. Where do we find the operators for historic cranes? How do we secure their knowledge and experience? How do we train them for the future?

More information and programme:

http://www.mas.be/Museum_MAS_EN/MASEN/Activities/Congress--Historic-harbour-cranes.html

Registration

Registration before October 31 2015

Email name, organisation, function at harbourcranes@stad.antwerpen.be

Your registration will only be valid after transfer of 20 EUR to BE42-4097 5857 0154 of 'Antwerpen Kunstenstad' mentioning "harbour cranes"

More information: harbourcranes@stad.antwerpen.be

About the IMEHA Newsletter

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

All scholars who wish to make announcements to colleagues about maritime history issues are encouraged to do so through the IMEHA Newsletter. If you have news that you would like to share, please provide this by e-mail to IMEHA Executive Board Secretary René Taudal Poulsen at rtp.ino@cbs.dk

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

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