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Newsletter February 2018

From the President

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2018.

I have some very sad news about our founding member and long-time Editor-in-Chief of the IJMH, Professor Skip Fischer. Skip, who has long been suffering from a serious illness, passed away on Sunday 11th February. On your behalf, I would like to offer the IMHA's condolences to Skip's wife Maggie and his children. A full obituary will be included in the next Newsletter.

The executive is aware that many younger scholars are not members. To help increase the relevance of the IMHA to younger scholars the Executive proposes to set up a sub-committee of Young Maritime Historians. If you would like to be on the Committee please send me an email with a brief CV. Existing members please pass this message on to suitable scholars.

In this newsletter, we have included a notice about the Frank Broeze Prize for the Outstanding Doctoral Thesis in Maritime History. The Prize is 500 Euros and free registration at our next conference in Porto in 2020. Supervisors please encourage your eligible students to submit.

I remind members that the 2018 membership is now due and if you have not already done so, you can renew at <http://shop.hull.ac.uk/product-catalogue/faculty-of-arts-social-sciences/history-department>.

I am sorry to report that this will be the last Newsletter edited by Bri McKenzie. Bri has done a great job and I wish her well in her future endeavours. Remember our Newsletter depends on members supplying us with their news so keep the contributions coming.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any suggestions for improving or contributing to the IMHA.

Conference News

Society and the Sea Conference, Thursday 6 and Friday 7 September 2018, University of Greenwich, London, UK

The Greenwich Maritime Centre in partnership with National Maritime is pleased to announce its second Society and the Sea conference: "The Values of the Ocean and Coasts for Sustainable Development". News stories about the ocean and the coasts regularly make the headlines yet paradoxically there are also concerns that sea-blindness is a problem and people are not aware of the fundamental importance of the sea. The GMC in partnership with National Maritime is convening an international conference that will bring together industry and academia to explore the values of the ocean, key challenges being faced and opportunities for future development of the blue economy. The conference is encouraging a broad multi-disciplinary engagement with contributions from industry, science, social science and the arts and humanities to help understand the multiple ways the ocean and coasts are important for sustainable development.

The Call for Papers is now open and the deadline for receipt of abstracts and proposals is Friday 16th February 2018. If you are interested in submitting a proposal for a session, paper or poster, please visit our Call-for-Papers page at: <http://www.gre.ac.uk/society-and-the-sea/home/call-for-papers>

The deadline is Friday 16th February 2018 and all submissions are via Google Form, which you can go directly to here: <http://bit.ly/2zLacWQ>

Please direct any queries to: societyandthesea@greenwich.ac.uk. There will be a fee for the conference which will be listed here ASAP.

The First World War at Sea: Conflict, Culture and Commemoration Conference, 8-10 November 2018, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

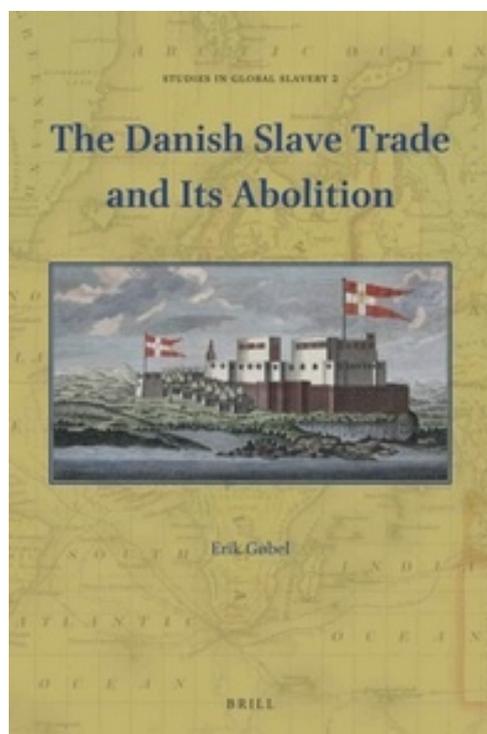
This conference will explore the First World War at sea through wide-ranging themes designed to provide a forum for interdisciplinary research and new perspectives on the subject. Focused on both naval and mercantile contexts, the conference will also place the experience of the maritime war within the historical setting of the years preceding and following the conflict. The aim of the event is to foreground a wide range of social, cultural, gender-related, material culture, national, imperial and international perspectives on the conflict and, equally, to place the maritime war in the broader context of the broader periods before 1914 and after 1918.

Calls for papers close March 1st 2018. For more information visit:

<https://www.rmg.co.uk/discover/researchers/opportunities-events/first-world-war-sea-conflict-culture-and-commemoration-call-papers>

Recent Publications

We welcome news of our members' recent publications. This month we feature the work of member Erik Gobel. Erik's recent book *The Danish Slave Trade and Its Abolition* offers an



account of the well-documented Danish transatlantic slave trade. Denmark was the seventh-largest slave-trading nation with forts and factories on the Gold Coast and a colony in the Virgin Islands. The comprehensive Danish archival material provides the basis for Gobel's descriptions of the volume and composition of the slave trade and trade cargoes, as well as the shipping and conditions on board along the Middle Passage. Attention is also paid to the 1791 Danish Slave Trade Commission report and the final decision to abolish the slave trade altogether.

News and Opportunities

Transoceanic Cooperation, Public Policies, and Iberoamerican Sociocultural Community

The outlining of public policies, supported by strategies of cooperation and transfer of knowledge, is the focus of this network. The aim is to create models of good practises adaptable to the socio-cultural diversity of the Ibero-American space. Supported by an interdisciplinary team, the project aims to contribute to the social and reproductive use of shared memories. Aimed at cultural industries and tourism, using new technologies, the network intends to promote projects linked to the new economies, aimed at activities such as tourism, preservation of heritage and the environment, contributing to the construction of knowledge societies. According to COOPMAR, long-term historical dynamics created by the sea and around the sea have the capacity to reactivate collaborative potential in Ibero-America and contribute to the reinforcement of convergent policies and initiatives with mutual advantages.

A course on “Good Practises on Public Policies of Science, Memory and Heritage in City-ports” has been created by the network and is available to stream open access from this site: <https://canal.uned.es/mmobj/index/id/59798> Please note that the presentation is in Spanish and Portuguese.

For more information about the network visit: <https://coopmarcooperation.wordpress.com/> or visit the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RedeCYTED/>

From Perth With Love: the final chapter in the tale of the *Tranby*

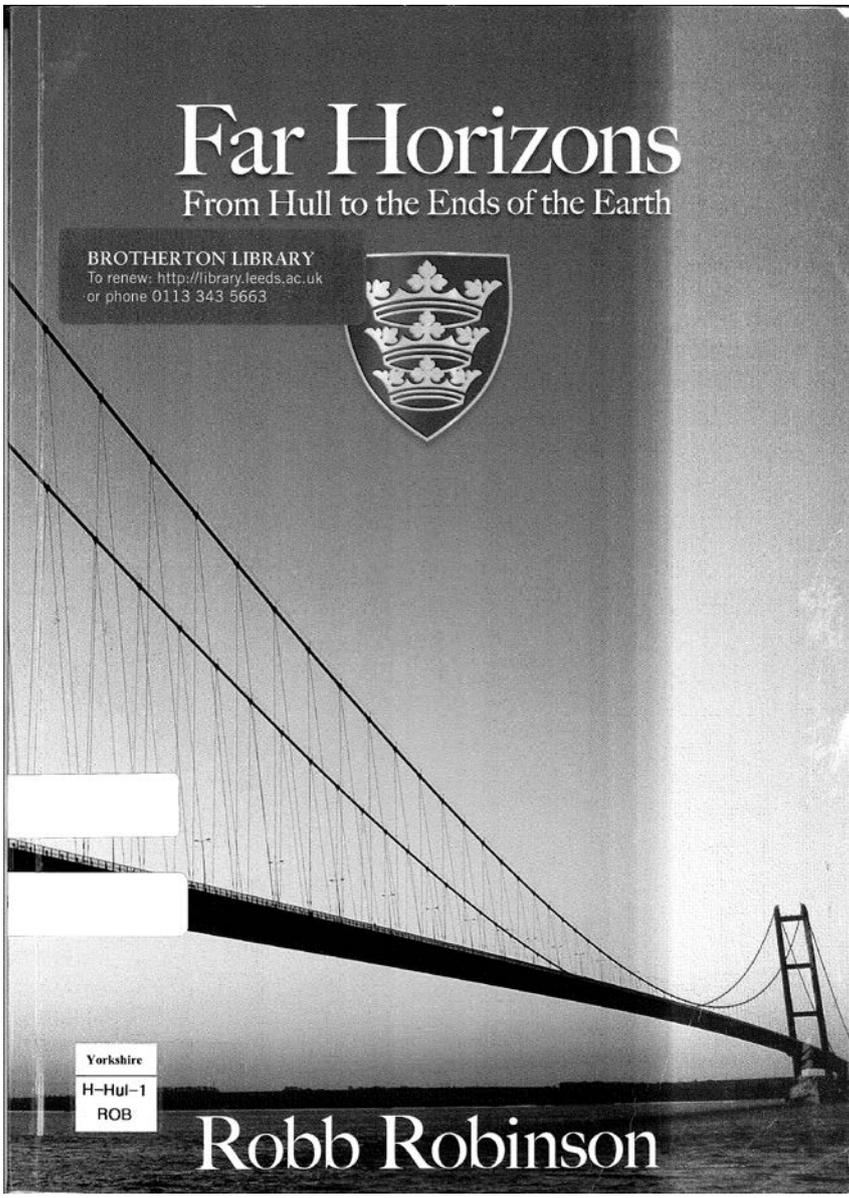
An oak tree grown from an acorn flown over from Perth, Australia has been planted in the grounds of the University of Hull. The tree was the last to be put in the ground of six oaks germinated from acorns sent over from Tranby House, which was built by the Hardey family on the banks of the Swan River.

The acorns came from two giant oaks which were planted at Tranby House using acorns taken over from East Yorkshire by the early settlers from this area. Tranby House was named after the ship which took the settlers from this region to settle Western Australia.

The *Tranby* sailed from the dock, which is now Queen’s Gardens, in September 1829. The vessel carried 39 passengers and 14 crew, as well as farm animals and all their agricultural equipment. Eight months later, the *Tranby* docked at Gage Road on the mouth of the Swan River where some of the first settlers to Western Australia unloaded their worldly belongings. They also carried acorns, brought from back home.

Tranby House is now owned and looked after by the National Trust of Western Australia.

Our thanks to Robb Robinson for this update. Robb's book *Far Horizons: From Hull to the Ends of the Earth* tells the history of the *Tranby's* voyage.



International Maritime History Association
Frank Broeze Prize for
Outstanding Doctoral Thesis in Maritime History

Professor Frank Broeze was one of the leading maritime historians of his generation. In his honour, the International Maritime History Association has instituted the **Frank Broeze Prize** to be awarded to the author of a doctoral thesis which, in the opinion of the panel, makes the most outstanding contribution to the study of maritime history. As befitting Frank's visionary approach to the field, maritime history encompasses all aspects of the historical interaction of human societies and the sea. The panel of judges will therefore consider works that focus on the maritime dimensions of economic, social, cultural, political, technological and environmental history.

The **Frank Broeze Prize** carries with it a cash award of 500 Euros and free registration at the Eighth International Congress of Maritime History in Porto, Portugal, 2020. To be considered for this prestigious award, those who have completed a doctoral thesis between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2019 are invited to submit a copy of their thesis for consideration. If the thesis is written in a language other than English, the entrant should provide a summary of their work (minimum 10,000 words) in English.

The judges will apply the following criteria in deciding the winner of the prize:

- Contribution to knowledge and understanding of the maritime past;
- Originality of approach, source material and/or findings;
- Depth and coherence of argument;
- Choice and application of methodology;
- Presentational and stylistic quality.

Eligible candidates should submit their entries, including a letter of support from their supervisor, via e-mail attachment to each of the panel members no later than 15 September 2019. The winner will be notified as early as possible in 2020, and the prize will be awarded at the Congress in Porto.

For this competition, there will be a panel of five judges:

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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. 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 Malcolm Tull at M.Tull@murdoch.edu.au