

## NOTICEBOARD

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### **Biennial Prize for young scholars working in the field of European banking history**

The European Association for Banking History has inaugurated a prize of 2,500 Ecus to be awarded for the first time in 1995 to any individual scholar, or to a team of no more than three individuals, for the production of a study in the field of banking history. Entries for the prize should be concerned with *either* an institutional, economic or social aspect of European banking, *or* may be a biography of a European banker or banking dynasty. Such studies should be scholarly works, be unpublished, and of 80–120,000 words in length. Applicants for the prize must be not more than 35 years of age at the time of the submission of their manuscripts. Entries may be in any European language, but must be accompanied by an abstract of 3000 words written in English. Together with awarding the prize, the EABH undertakes to publish the successful study. The closing date for the receipt of entries for the 1995 prize is 31 December 1994. Further details can be obtained from Professor Dr Manfred Pohl, European Association for Banking History e.V., Alte Rothofstraße 2–4, D-60313 Frankfurt-a.-M., Germany; tel: (69) 131 0231; fax: (69) 29 50 74.

### **Business Archives Council: Sixtieth Anniversary 1994**

The Business Archives Council, which can claim to be the senior organisation devoted specifically to the preservation of business archives, reaches its 60th anniversary in 1994. Financial historians will be interested in the Council's special residential conference and annual general meeting, to be held at Downing College, Cambridge, on 19 and 20 July 1994 (by kind permission of Dr Peter Mathias, President of the Council and a Patron of the EABH).

The conference will also celebrate the 150th birthday of the 1844 Joint Stock Companies Act in the United Kingdom, a key event in business history. The main conference papers will review the impact of company legislation and regulation on national and international business history and on business archives. Speakers will include Professors Peter Payne, Leslie Hannah, Michael Moss and Philip Cottrell. There will also be speakers from Companies House and from the EU directives agency. Those wishing to attend should register their names with: Sharon Quinn-Robinson, Business Archives Council, Clove Building, 4 Maguire Street, London SE1 2NQ; tel: 071 407 6110.

### **Caixa Geral de Depositos: a history**

Caixa Geral de Depositos, Portugal's largest bank, has commissioned Pedro Lains, a research fellow at the Instituto de Ciências Sociais, to write its history. The Caixa was founded in 1876 as a national savings bank.

### **Eleventh International Economic Congress, Milan, 12–17 September 1994**

Amongst the many sessions to be held, the following may be of particular interest to financial historians:

A2 Global enterprise: big business and the wealth of nations in the past century 1880s–1980s. F. Amatori (Italy), A. D. Chandler (USA) and P. Fridenson (France).

B10 Foreign investment in Latin America: impact on economic development 1850–1930. C. Marichal (Mexico).

B12 The evolution of modern financial institutions in the 20th century. G. D. Feldman (USA), U. Olsson (Sweden) M. Bordo (USA) and Y. Cassis (Switzerland).

B14 Management, finance and industrial relations in the maritime industry. S. P. Ville (Australia) and D. Williams (UK).

C13 Comparative history of European stock exchanges. R. Michie (UK) and S. Baia Curioni (Italy).

C20 Capital flows and entrepreneurial strategies in southern Europe and the Balkans. G. Dertilis (Greece).

C35 Le financement de l'entreprise au fil de l'industrialisation (Milieu XVIIIe–milieu XXe siècles). Ph. Jobert (France), A. Plessis (France) and M. Moss (UK).

C39 Saharian business and merchant capital in 19th century international commerce. E. McDougall (Canada) and R. Austen (USA).

C48 West meets east: Pacific banking, 1859–1959. N. Tamaki and S. Nishimura (Japan).

C50 The free standing company within the international economy. H. Schroeter (Germany).

### **Research project – A history of the French Treasury from 1870 to the present**

This major project intends to lay the foundations for the writing of a history of the French Treasury. A series of nine seminars, to be held between October 1993 and June 1994, will explore various aspects of this institution's historical development (such as its relations with external finance and the banking sector, the role of the Treasury in the financing of the economy, and discussion of controversies which have surrounded it). The results will be considered at a workshop to take place in October 1994. This project has the intention of

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bringing together the efforts of young researchers, experienced academics and senior civil servants. The organisers are also interested in comparisons with other European countries. Further information can be obtained from Florence Descamps, Secrétaire scientifique, Comité pour l'Histoire Économique et Financière, 6 Avenue de l'Opéra, 75001 Paris, France.