

Announcements

BUSINESS HISTORY CONFERENCE for 2004. On 18–20 June 2004, the annual meeting of the Business History Conference, in conjunction with the Académie François Bourdon, will be held in Le Creusot, France. The theme of the conference is “networks.” In the past few years, networks of various kinds have engaged the attention of business historians. Students of the so-called network industries in communications, transportation, energy, and finance have moved beyond the firm and the industry to make networks a focus of inquiry. Other kinds of networks—rooted in geography, professional ties, mutual self-interest, or shared values (such as religious affiliation or educational background)—have figured prominently in recent work on innovation, industrial regions, trade associations, cartels, and enterprises run by women and minorities.

The program committee welcomes proposals that explore business networks, broadly construed. The committee is particularly interested in scholarship that is grounded in research in business archives, trade journals, oral histories, or other primary sources. Presenters might wish to consider the following questions: How and to what extent can a focus on networks illuminate central themes in business history? Complement the traditional preoccupation of business historians with firms and industries? Build bridges between business history and other areas of inquiry? Alter our understanding of the boundaries between business and society?

Note: In keeping with a longstanding tradition of the BHC, the program committee will also entertain submissions on topics that are not directly related to the conference theme.

Prizes: Each year, the Business History Conference awards the Herman E. Krooss Prize to an outstanding dissertation in business history completed in the past three years. The Krooss Prize Committee welcomes submissions from recent Ph.D.'s (2001–4) in history, business administration, the history of science and technology, economics, law, and related fields. If you would like to participate in this competition (and present at the conference), please indicate this in a cover letter and include a one-page vitae and one-page dissertation abstract.

The Business History Conference also awards the K. Austin Kerr Prize for the best first paper presented by a Ph.D. candidate or recent Ph.D. (2001–4). If you wish to participate in this competition, please indicate this in your paper proposal. Proposals accepted for the dissertation session are not eligible for the Kerr Prize.

Submission procedures: Potential presenters may submit proposals either for individual papers or for entire panels. Individual paper

proposals should include a one-page abstract and a one-page curriculum vitae. The abstract should summarize the argument of the paper, the sources on which it is based, and its relation to existing scholarship. Each panel proposal should include a cover letter stating the rationale for the session, a one-page abstract and vitae for *each* proposed paper (up to three), and a list of suggested chairs and commentators.

Graduate students who would like to have their dissertations discussed in an informal yet informed dissertation-in-progress workshop should indicate this in a cover letter and include a one-page vitae and one-page dissertation abstract.

The deadline for the receipt of all proposals is 1 October 2003. All presenters are expected to submit abstracts of their papers for posting on the Business History Conference's Web site. In addition, presenters are encouraged to post electronic versions of their papers prior to the meeting. Graduate students whose papers are accepted for inclusion in the program are eligible for travel grants to help defray the cost of their attendance.

The program committee consists of Richard R. John (chair), University of Illinois at Chicago; Patrick Fridenson, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris; JoAnne Yates, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Reggie Blaszczyk, Chemical Heritage Foundation, Philadelphia; and Philippe Mioche, University of Aix-Marseille I.

The chair of the Krooss Prize Committee is Andrew Godley, University of Reading, United Kingdom. The chair of the Kerr Prize Committee is Janet Greenlees, University of Manchester, United Kingdom.

Please send all proposals to:

Roger Horowitz, Secretary-Treasurer
Business History Conference
P. O. Box 3630, Wilmington, DE 19807, USA
Phone: 302-658-2400; fax: 302-655-3188
E-mail: rh@udel.edu

. . .

THE HAGLEY MUSEUM AND LIBRARY offers short-term grants-in-aid to support visits to the library in Wilmington, Delaware, to conduct scholarly research in the imprint, manuscript, pictorial, and artifact collections. The grants are designed to assist researchers with travel and living expenses while using the research collections. Scholars receive a stipend, make use of the research holdings, and participate in the programs of the Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society. A wide range of American and international topics can be

explored in our printed, manuscript, and pictorial resources, which include business, economic, industrial, technological cultural, architectural, labor, and women's history.

More information on Hagley's research collections may be obtained through our on-line catalog at <http://hagley.org>. Further information on our grants and fellowships can be obtained from the Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society's Web site: <http://www.hagley.lib.de.us/center.html>. Low-cost housing may be available on the museum grounds. Stipends are for a minimum of two weeks, or a maximum of two months, at no more than \$1,400 per month. Remaining deadlines for the year are 28 June and 31 October.

Please contact:

Carol Ressler Lockman
Hagley Museum and Library
PO Box 3630
Wilmington, DE 19807, USA
Telephone: 302-658-2400, ext. 243; fax: 302-655-3188
E-mail: crl@udel.edu

. . .

ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS HISTORIANS Annual Conference for 2004, entitled "Business and Society," will be held at the University of Nottingham International Business History Institute on 25–26 June.

The primary aim of the conference will be to develop business history perspectives on the relation between business and society through a mixture of workshops and sessions. Whether one is considering specific issues like corporate governance, accountability, industrial relations, and politics, or general matters like the interaction of business and society, commentators of every kind have contributed to an extensive debate on this topic. More recently, after the accounting scandals associated with the likes of Enron and WorldCom, even greater concern has been expressed about the inability of society to regulate large-scale business. This debate has also raged whenever bodies like the World Trade Organisation meet to discuss global trading issues.

Organizing a conference with the theme "Business and Society" will consequently prove extremely timely, providing the opportunity for business historians to demonstrate that such debates have a long pedigree. The organizers would also hope to attract other social scientists and practitioners to the conference, thereby stimulating intense and balanced debate about a wide range of issues.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to: the attitude of society toward business; the impact of business on society; business as patron of the arts; corporate social responsibility; corporate governance, and investment trends; accounting and accountability; business and environmental pressures and trends; health and safety; labor exploitation and paternalism; government and public affairs (including political ideologies, lobbying, and the boundaries between states and firms); business reputations and corporate image; imperialism, multi-nationals, and globalization; international organizations and "fair trade."

The organizers welcome papers on any topic related to business history, even where it does not focus on the conference theme. Indeed, the organizers welcome historians and social scientists working in all disciplines and on any time period or country.

Proposals are welcomed for either individual papers or entire sessions (normally one-and-a-half hours). Authors for each paper must provide a title, an abstract of no more than two pages, and a brief vitae. The deadline for submissions is 30 November 2003.

Please send them to:

John Wilson
Nottingham University Business School
Jubilee Campus
Wollaton Road
Nottingham, NG8 1BB, UK
Telephone: 4(0)115-846-7405
E-mail: j.wilson@nottingham.ac.uk

. . .

The FIFTEENTH ACCOUNTING, BUSINESS & FINANCIAL HISTORY CONFERENCE. will be held at Aberdare Hall, Cardiff, on 10–11 September 2003.

The conference provides delegates with the opportunity of presenting and discussing, in an informal setting, papers ranging from early working drafts to fully developed manuscripts. The format of the conference allows approximately forty minutes for presentation and discussion in order to help achieve worthwhile feedback from those attending.

In the past, many papers presented at Cardiff have subsequently appeared in print in *Accounting, Business and Financial History*, edited by John Richard (Dick) Edwards and Trevor Boyns, or in another of the full range of international, refereed academic accounting, business, and economic history journals.

Announcements / 97

The conference will be held at Aberdare Hall, Cathays Park, Cardiff, in the United Kingdom, from lunchtime on Wednesday, 10 September, to mid-afternoon on Thursday, 11 September. The fully inclusive conference fee (covering all meals, the conference dinner on Wednesday, and accommodation) is £100.

For more information, contact:

Debbie Smith

Cardiff Business School

Colum Drive

Cardiff, CF10 3EU, UK

Telephone: +44 (0)29 2087 5730; fax +44 (0)29 2087 4419

E-mail: SmithDL@Cardiff.ac.uk