

# Newsletter n° 11

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## The Society

#### From the Editor

Dear friends of the ESHS,

Please continue to send information on conferences, grants, jobs, fellowships, and any other news you may think requisite to the European Society Newsletter. If possible, please send announcements at least two months before they are due to take place or in advance of their deadlines. This will give readers plenty of opportunity to participate or apply. I look forward to your contributions, and will do my best to make this newsletter a forum fitting to the goals of the ESHS and improved communication amongst Europe's diverse communities in the History of Science,

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### 4th International Conference of the European Society for the History of Science

Barcelona, 18-20 November 2010, Institut d'Estudis Catalans (Carme, 47 - Barcelona)

Hosted by Societat Catalana d'Història de la Ciència i de la Tècnica (SCHCT)

Website: http://4eshs.iec.cat

#### THE CIRCULATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Historiography has recently acknowledged that circulation of ideas and techniques plays a central role in the understanding of their evolution. Given that science and technology are international achievements, their dissemination could be the most distinctive element in their construction. Circulation is not a simple change of geographical place; it carries with it epistemological and philosophical changes as a result of the crossing of cultural and political boundaries. Networks cover a wide range of local settings, actors, institutions and interests, both in the production of new science and technology, and in the reception and appropriation of known science and technology.

The conference should stimulate studies and debates about the dissemination of science and technology: first, the circulation of ideas, theories, methods and practices; second, of objects, instruments, machines, artefacts, seeds, plants, minerals, drawings, illustrations, inscriptions, paintings...; third, of texts: manuscripts, printed books, textbooks, journals, letters, book notes; fourth, of scientists and technicians around the world in "grand tours", trips for leisure, lecturing, business and industrial espionage; and fifth, of information about institutional organization, transmission of knowledge and the influence of local contexts, among others.

#### 1. Plenary Lectures

The following plenary lectures have been confirmed:

Efthymios Nicolaidis (National Hellenic Research Foundation): Science and the Eastern Orthodox Church during the 17th-19th Centuries.

Julio Samsó (University of Barcelona): Ibn al-Zargalluh's Astronomical Doctrines on Both Sides of the Mediterranean.

Sona Strbanova (Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic): Scientific Objects and Scientific Identity of a City. Prague as a 'Chemical City'.

## 2. Registration

Both on-line and off-line registrations will be open in January 2010.

Registration fees:

150 € Before May 31st 2010 225 € After May 31st 2010

#### 3. Grants

The Local Organizing Committee will provide free registration or accommodation grants to some participants. In allocating this support, preference will be given to applicants facing economic difficulties, as well as young scholars.

Under no circumstances will the LOC contribute to travel expenses. Applicants should send their Curriculum Vitae and an explanatory letter to the Conference Secretariat before February 1st 2010. Successful applicants will be informed by May 3rd 2010.

## 4. Important Dates

Deadline for grant application	February 1st 2010
Deadline for abstract submission	February 1st 2010
Deadline for confirmation of grant applications	May 3rd 2010
Deadline for confirmation of accepted papers	May 3rd 2010
Deadline for early registration	May 31st 2010
3rd Circular (Schedule, Preliminary Program)	October 18th 2010
Abstracts on the web	October 18th 2010
Opening of the Conference	November 18th 2010

## 5. Preliminarily Accepted Symposia

A list of the accepted symposia for the Conference is available on the ESHS website:

http://4eshs.iec.cat/entrada.asp?epigraf\_contingut=8

#### 6. Accommodation

The Conference has no designated hotel, but there are many hotels close to the conference venue. A map of the venue and hotels is available on the ESHS website (address above).

Please consult the ESHS website for updates on the conference.

#### How to become a member of the ESHS

In order to become a member you will have to do two things:

## 1. Application

Complete the application form (at the end of the newsletter) and send it to the secretary by e-mail or postal mail at the following address:

Dr. Leonardo Gariboldi

Università degli Studi di Milano Istituto di Fisica Generale Applicata Via Brera 28,

20121 Milano - ITALIA e-mail: secretary@eshs.org

Do not forget to clearly indicate the method of payment (of the membership fees) you have chosen

#### 2. Payment

Pay your membership fees. The amount of the annual fees is:

- \* 200 Euros (minimum) for Supporting Members
- \* 100 Euros for Friends of the ESHS
- \* 100 Euros for Institutional Members (i.e. for an institution like a museum, a society, or any corporate body)
- \* 20 Euros for Individual Members. In order to have the bank transfer charges reduced, you are allowed to pay your membership fees for three years in advance in a single payment (which amounts for example to 60 Euros for individual members for the years 2005, 2006 and 2007).

#### Centaurus

Thanks to an agreement with Blackwell, a subscription to Centaurus is offered to individual members at a very discounted price. For 2010, the price for the joint ESHS membership + Centaurus subscription is as follows:

€ 25,00 for an on-line only Centaurus subscription, plus ESHS membership for 2010.

€ 45,00 for the print version and on-line Centaurus subscription, plus ESHS membership for 2010.

If you would like to join the society and subscribe to Centaurus, please, write to the secretary: leonardo.gariboldi@unimi.it

For payments via a British account, the sterling equivalents are:

- membership only: £18.00 or 20 euros,
- membership and on-line only Centaurus subscription £22.50 or 25 euros,

- membership, plus print and on-line Centaurus subscription £40.00 or 45 euros.

# How to pay:

Depending of your country of residence, you will have to choose one of the following ways of payment:

a. **Eurozone residents**. You can transfer money at the following

account in Germany (in Euros):

Bank: Sparkasse Hochrhein, 684 522 90

Bank Code (BIC): SOLADES1WHT

Beneficiary: Prof. Dr. Erwin Neuenschwander (ESHS)

Bank Account Number (IBAN): DE41 6845 2290 1000 1445 17

This solution of payment may be the less expensive one for beholders of an account inside the Euro zone. All charges for the transfer must be paid by the member i. e. by the ordering customer and not by the beneficiary. The ESHS cannot help with this. These charges are different from country to country and from bank to bank. They can sometimes be very high. Each member will have to ask his/her bank carefully how much the charges amount to in his/her case BEFORE to do the transfer.

b. For holders of sterling accounts with UK banks, the simplest method of payment will be by cheque in Sterling made payable to 'ESHS' sent to Robert Fox with a copy of the application form completed and enclosed at the following address:

Professor Robert Fox Modern History Faculty Broad Street Oxford OX1 3BD

The annual amounts in sterling are:

£14.50 for individual members,

£72.50 for friends of the Society and institutional members

£145 for supporting members

c. **Swizerland residents**. You can transfer money at the following account (in Euros):

Beneficiary: Erwin Neuenschwander (ESHS) Account number: CH06 0483 5069 2208 9200 0

Bank: CRESCHZZ80A

Name of the Bank: Credit Suisse

Address of the Bank: Postfach CH-8070 Zürich

All charges for the transfer must be paid by the member i. e. by the ordering customer and not by the beneficiary. The ESHS cannot help with

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d. **Participants in the ESHS Conference.** If you attend the ESHS Conference, you will be able to pay your fees there (cash) directly to our treasurer Erwin Neuenschwander. This is of course the cheapest and simplest way of payment, because it has no transfer charge.

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Any question regarding the payment of the fees should be adressed to the Treasurer Erwin Neuenschwander at the following adress:

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MN Fakultät, Geschichte der Naturwissenschaften,

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## II. News

Note to contributors: In order to ensure the ESHS newsletter is as up-to-date as possible, please make sure that any announcements for conferences, events, grants, award, jobs etc. are submitted at least two months in advance of their deadline. Submissions with deadlines prior to this cannot be included. In the case of conference calls for papers, if the paper submission deadline has passed, the conference announcement will be included if two months remain before the conference is due to take place.

# i. Fellowships, Studentships and Job Opportunities

#### Germany

Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin

**Unsolicited Applications** 

In conjunction with ongoing research projects, a small number of Visiting Scholars are invited to the MPIWG for stays ranging from several weeks to several months. In addition, scholars whose work is directly relevant to these research projects and who are supported by external funds may also apply to spend time working with one of the Institute's research units.

The number of such places for external applicants is extremely limited; they are awarded on the basis of the qualifications of the applicant and the fit of the proposed research to ongoing projects. Both junior (predocs, postdocs) and senior scholars may apply. Such applications should include: formal letter of application, stating dates of desired stay and source of funding; a curriculum vitae, including publication list; and a brief research proposal (maximum 1000 words) in which the relationship to an ongoing Institute project is made clear. Decisions will be made twice a year on the basis of the applications received since the previous deadline.

Applications should be sent by 1 October or 1 May to:

Max Planck Institute for the History of Science Administration Boltzmannstraße 22 14195 Berlin Germany

# European Astroculture and Extraterrestrial Life in the 20th Century: PhD Position, Freie Universitaet Berlin

The DFG-funded Emmy Noether junior research group "The Future in the Stars: European Astroculture and Extraterrestrial Life in the 20th Century" invites applications for a two-year PhD position. Salary according to BAT IIa/2.

Candidates should have completed their post-graduate studies in History or Cultural Studies with a specialization in History of Science, History of Technology, Cultural History or Art History by the time the appointment begins. Applicants should be fluent in English. The ability to work in German would be an asset. Applicants without any knowledge of German are expected, if appointed, to acquire within one year a sufficient level of proficiency.

The successful candidate will be expected to conceptualize and compose a dissertation that is related to the research field of the group. Furthermore, she/he will be actively engaged in all activities relevant to the research group including the organization and realization of workshops and conferences as well as the participation in its operation and activities. Applicants are asked to outline a proposed dissertation project related to the History of European Astroculture in the twentieth century that they wish to realize as members of this junior research group at the Friedrich-Meinecke-Institut of the Freie Universität Berlin.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, a recent curriculum vitae, a list of publications (if any), copies of all relevant academic certificates and transcripts, a research proposal of no more than 3000 words, and names and contact information for two academic references.

Applications (marked 02-FMI-2010-Geppert) should be addressed to Dr. Alexander C.T. Geppert Friedrich-Meinecke-Institut Freie Universität Berlin Koserstrasse 20 D-14195 Berlin Germany.

Application deadline is 22 March 2010. Electronic submissions will not be considered. The search will remain open until the position is filled.

Women and minority candidates are especially encouraged to apply. If equally qualified, persons with severe disabilities will be preferred. Unfortunately, travel expenses cannot be reimbursed. Since application files will not be returned to applicants, original documents must not be included.

Queries about the position should be directed to Dr. Alexander Geppert, head of the junior research group, at alexander.geppert@fu-berlin.de. Prospective applicants are invited to consult www.geschkult.fu-berlin.de/astrofuturism for further information.

# Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitaet Muenchen - Postdoctoral and Senior Fellowships for 2010-2011, Rachel Carson Center

The Rachel Carson Center is a joint initiative of Ludwig Maximilian University Munich and the Deutsches Museum. Generously supported by the German Ministry for Research and Education (Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung), the Rachel Carson Center's major goal is to further research and discussion in the field of international environmental studies and to strengthen the role of the humanities in the current political and scientific debates about the environment. Special emphasis is being placed on international, comparative and historical perspectives. The Center is designed to bring together academics from all over the world who work on the complex relationship of nature and culture across disciplines. Individual projects will focus on different time periods and different geographic areas. The institute is conceived as a national and international think tank that discusses and analyzes the role of human actors and the role of nature in this relationship.

The Rachel Carson Center invites applications for its 2010-11 class of postdoctoral and senior fellows. The program, directed by Professor Christof Mauch of Munich University and Professor Helmuth Trischler of the Deutsches Museum is designed to bring to Munich a cohort of excellent scholars working in environmental history and related professional disciplines.

The Center will award fellowships to scholars from around the globe and from a variety of disciplines. Research and writing of applicants should pertain to one (or more) of the topics that will be at the core of the Center's 2010-2011 research agenda:

#### - Resource Use and Conservation

- Transformation of Landscapes
- Knowledge and Knowledge Societies
- Natural Disasters and Cultures of Risk

The fellowships will usually be granted for periods of 6, 9 or 12 months but they can also be granted for 3 months or be broken up into individual 3 month periods. Fellows are expected to be in residence and to work on a major research project as well as to engage within peers and senior fellows at the Carson Center, and to contribute to programs at the Center.

The Carson Center will pay for a replacement of the successful candidate at his or her home institution; alternatively it will pay a fellowship that is commensurate with experience and current employment.

The deadline for applications is March 15, 2010. Applications should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, a copy of your last diploma, project description (3,000 word maximum), research schedule for the fellowship period, and the names of three scholars who might serve as references. While applicants may write in either English or German, we recommend that they use the language in which they are most proficient. They will be notified about the outcome within approximately two months of the deadline given above. Please send applications electronically (only!) in PDF or Word format via e-mail or mail copies.

Rachel Carson Center Postdoctoral and Senior Fellowships Leopoldstraße 11a 80802 München Germany

Email: CarsonCenter@lmu.de Phone: (0049) 89 2180 72352 Fax: (0049) 89 2180 72353

Website: http://www.carsoncenter.uni-muenchen.de

#### **United States**

## Joseph J. Kinyoun, MD (1860-1919): Historical/Archival Research Project

The Office of History and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are looking for an early career historian to work on the recently discovered papers of Joseph J. Kinyoun.

Kinyoun was a key figure in the history of late 19th and early 20th century American life sciences. From his base in the Marine Hospital Service (MHS), in 1887 Kinyoun, then a young MHS physician trained in the new bacteriological methods, set up a one-room laboratory in the Marine Hospital at Stapleton, Staten Island, New York, commonly regarded as the forerunner of the NIH and NIAID. Kinyoun called this facility a "laboratory of hygiene" in imitation of German facilities, and to indicate that the laboratory's purpose was to serve the public's health. Within a few months, Kinyoun had identified the cholera bacillus in suspicious cases and used his Zeiss microscope to demonstrate it to his colleagues as confirmation of their clinical diagnoses. "As the symptoms . . . were by no means well defined," he wrote, "the examinations were confirmatory evidence of the value of bacteria cultivation as a means of positive diagnosis." Kinyoun went on to play major roles in other epidemics, notably of bubonic plague in San Francisco. He helped to establish scientific infectious disease control and microbiology in the U.S.

The goal of the project is two-fold: 1) to assemble in a systematic manner the major repository for primary sources related to Kinyoun and his work; 2) to develop Web-based exhibits on Kinyoun, his career, and his life and times. The historian would be supervised by Robert Martensen, MD, PhD and David Cantor, PhD, respectively Director and Deputy Director of the Office of NIH History & Museum. The incumbent would also work closely

with History Office Archivist Barbara Harkins and Hank Grasso, who is responsible for Museum

interpretive materials. At NIAID, the incumbent would work with David M. Morens, MD (OD/NIAID).

The incumbent will be expected to present his/her findings in public presentations (including the 125th anniversary of NIAID and NIH in 2012) and to publish his/her findings in appropriate venues, such as the American Journal of Public Health. She/he would participate in the active seminar program of the History

Office: http://history.nih.gov/about/seminars.html.

The appointment would be for two years, subject to review after the first 12 months. Support would be based on the IRTA scale for post-doctoral appointments and be provided by NIAID. The successful applicant should have their PhD or equivalent by the time he/she takes up the appointment.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 26, 2010

Instructions

Send the following materials via email to David Cantor, PhD - cantord@mail.nih.gov.

#### Mellon Assistant Professor in Residence at UCLA: Environmental History

The Department of History at UCLA invites applications for the position of Assistant Professor in Residence, in the area of environmental history, for a 3-year term beginning in the fall of 2010. The successful candidate must have earned a doctoral degree no earlier than January 2004 and no later than June 2010. UCLA welcomes a variety of methodological and epistemological approaches to the field, and applicants should demonstrate an engagement in the field's changing dynamics from a transnational perspective. Applicants working on any geographical area of the world (Asia, Africa, the Americas, and Europe) are encouraged to apply. The successful candidate should be able to teach comparatively and will be required to teach courses at the undergraduate level and a graduate level course on methodology and historiography in the field.

The Mellon Assistant Professor in Residence position carries a salary of \$53,000 a year, standard fringe benefits, a one-time moving allowance of \$1,500, plus a research budget of \$2,000.

Applicants should send a cover letter, a description (no more than 1500 words) of the applicant's major scholarly project, a CV, a writing sample of no more than 25 pages, and three letters of recommendation by March 19, 2010 to Edward A. Alpers, Chair, Department of History, UCLA, Box 951473, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1473.

UCLA is an Affirmative Action/ Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

#### **Grants and Prizes**

#### Scientific Instrument Society research grants

The Scientific Instrument Society awards small grants for research on the history of scientific instruments.

The grants are worth up to £500 each, and the Society will commit a maximum of £1,500 in the calendar year. Grants may be used to cover any costs of research, including travel and photography. They should enable new research, rather than funding activities to which the applicant is already committed; they are not intended to support conference travel, unless

there is a specific research dimension.

The grants are open to all applicants without restriction: both members and non-members may apply. Applications can be submitted at any time and will be reviewed by the Society's Committee, whose decision is final.

Successful applicants are expected to report on the results of their research to the Society, either at a meeting or through publication in the Society's Bulletin.

Application forms and further details are available on the Society's website at www.sis.org.uk/grants.htm

# Beckman Center Visiting Scholar Program Travel Grants (No Deadline) (Chemical Heritage Foundation)

The CHF Beckman Center Visiting Scholar Program offers grants to help defray the direct costs of conducting research in the CHF's Othmer Library and archival, artifact, and art collections in Philadelphia. Travel Grants of approximately \$750 per week can be used to cover travel, lodging, and other research expenses including photocopying. Applicants must electronically submit a CV, a one-page statement outlining the research project, the amount of time they will need, and materials to be used, and one letter of reference sent directly from the source to CHF. There is no deadline for applications; they will be accepted throughout the year and reviewed as they arrive. See our website at the link below or contact travelgrants@chemheritage.org for more information.

#### **BSHS Grants**

The British Society for the History of Science operates the following grants schemes:

- \* Master's Degree Bursaries: bursaries of £1,000 to support students taking taught Master's courses in the history of science or technology. Non-members of the Society are eligible. Deadline: 30 September each year.
- \* Research Grants: small grants for specific research purposes, from £50 to £500. There are two cycles per year. Only members of the Society are eligible. Deadlines: 30 September and 31 March each year.
- \* Butler-Eyles Travel Grants: grants of up to £100 to assist with the travel costs of attending a BSHS conference. Only student members of the Society are eligible. There are multiple cycles: candidates should apply by the registration deadline for the relevant conference.
- \* Special Projects Grants: grants, usually from £50 to £1500 in value, to fund 'special projects' which promote the general aims of the BSHS. There are two cycles per year. Only members of the Society are eligible. Deadlines: 30 September and 31 March each year.
  - Care Grants: grants of up to £100 towards delegates' care arrangements during the BSHS Annual Conference.

For more information go to: http://www.bshs.org.uk/bshs/grants/index.html

### **Thackray Medical Research Trust Grants**

The Thackray Medical Research Trust offers awards for research into the History of Medicine. Projects may be wide-ranging in scope, and applications from the humanities,

scientific and medical professions will be equally considered. Awards up to £30,000 in any one year may be offered for exceptional projects but it is expected that most will be in the region of £5,000 to £10,000.

For further information please contact Dr Stanley Warren: sewarren@blueyonder.co.uk http://www.tmrt.co.uk/

# Call for nominations: Dibner Award for Excellence in Museum Exhibits (Society for the History of Technology)

Attention to interested parties in the museum field, submit nominations for the Society for the History of Technology's Dibner Award for Excellence in Museum Exhibits. To qualify they must have opened to the public in the last 24 months an exhibit that interprets "the history of technology, industry, and engineering to the general public." The deadline is April 1. Please visit SHOT's Dibner Award webpage for more information and the link to the PDF nomination form:

http://www.historyoftechnology.org/awards/dibner.html.

# Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Life Members' Prize in Electrical History

The IEEE Life Members' Prize in Electrical History, supported by the IEEE Life Members' Fund and administered by the Society for the History of Technology (SHOT), is awarded annually to the best paper in the history of electrotechnology power, electronics, telecommunications, and computer science published during the preceding year.

Any article published in a learned periodical is eligible if it treats the art or engineering aspects of electrotechnology and its practitioners. The article must be written in English, although the journal or periodical in which it appears may be a foreign language publication.

The prize consists of a cash award of \$500 and a certificate. To nominate an article, please send a copy (paper or electronic) of the article to each member of the prize committee.

Deadline for the 2009 prize is 15 April 2010.

Further Information: http://abutrica@earthlink.net

#### Computer History Museum Book Prize

(Northwestern University)

The Computer History Museum Prize is awarded to the author of an outstanding book in the history of computing broadly conceived, published during the prior three years. Books published in 2007-2009 are now eligible for the 2010 award. Books in translation are eligible for three years following the date of their publication in English. The prize of \$1000, established through the generosity of an anonymous donor who wishes to honor the Computer History Museum, is administered by SIGCIS, the special interest group for computers, information and society organized by the Society for the History of Technology. Publishers, authors, and other interested members of the computer history community are invited to nominate books. Send one copy of the nominated title to each of the committee members listed below. To be considered, book submissions must be postmarked by 15 April 2010. For more information, please contact the prize committee chair.

Further Information: http://light@northwestern.edu