



## Newsletter n° 12

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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-Zarqalluh'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](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](mailto: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  
Museum of the History of Science  
Broad Street  
Oxford  
OX1 3AZ  
England

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. **Switzerland 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 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 (in your enquiry to your bank, please don't forget that Switzerland is outside of the Euro zone although this account is in Euro).

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 addressed to the Treasurer Erwin Neuenschwander at the following address :  
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Winterthurerstrasse 190, CH-8057 Zürich,  
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## **Steering Committee**

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- Prof. Henrique Leitão (University of Lisbon)
- Prof. Antoni Roca-Rosell (Universitat Polytechnica de Catalunya, Barcelona)
- Prof. Eva Vamos (Hungarian Museum for Science and Technology, Budapest) And the Officers

## 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

#### United Kingdom

##### **Teaching fellow job for 1 year at STS, UCL, London: history and philosophy of biology and medicine**

The Department of Science and Technology Studies, UCL seeks to appoint a Teaching Fellow to cover the following modules during the 2010-11 session:  
HPSC1007 Research Methods in STS (half of the Term 2 portion of the module only)  
HPSC2005 Philosophy of Biology  
HPSC3027 Evolution in Science and Culture  
SSC0187 Philosophy, Medicine and Society

For all courses (other than HPSC1007 where the workload is shared) the work consists of approximately 20 contact hours plus assessment (including setting and marking exams as appropriate), regular office hours, and related course administration. The appointment will be for one year, beginning 1st September 2010. Pay is on a 0.3 FTE basis (i.e. roughly one third of a full time position). This is a fixed term contract; no renewal is planned.

Details:

[https://atsv7.wcn.co.uk/search\\_engine/jobs.cgi?owner=5041178&ownertype=fair&jcode=1148738](https://atsv7.wcn.co.uk/search_engine/jobs.cgi?owner=5041178&ownertype=fair&jcode=1148738)

Informal enquiries may be made to Dr Andrew Gregory (A.Gregory@ucl.ac.uk) or Dr Joe Cain (J.Cain@ucl.ac.uk). If you have any queries regarding the vacancy or the application process, please contact Kate Hickson, Departmental Administrator (email k.hickson@ucl.ac.uk, tel +44 (0)20 7679 4371). Please quote reference 1148738 in all correspondence.

Closing Date 29 Jul 2010

Latest time for the submission of applications 5pm

Interview date w/c 2 Aug 2010

### United States

#### **Harvey Mudd College - Assistant Professor of History of Science and/or Technology (tenure track)**

Harvey Mudd College invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in the History of Science and/or Technology beginning Fall 2011. We are conducting a broad search, but the successful candidate will be expected to teach the modern segment of the three-course sequence on the history of science and technology. Candidates should have completed the Ph.D. degree and be able to provide evidence of excellence in teaching and promise of significant scholarship.

HMC is a highly selective institution that offers majors in the sciences, mathematics, and engineering. The position is in the Department of Humanities, Social Sciences, and the Arts, an interdisciplinary department supporting a broad-based liberal arts program, and the teaching load is five semester-courses per year, including a writing-intensive first-year seminar. HMC's membership in the Claremont consortium offers significant opportunities for cooperation and collaboration with disciplinary colleagues at the Claremont Colleges and the Claremont Graduate University as well as participation in the Intercollegiate Program in Science, Technology, and Society. Situated approximately 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, HMC offers easy access to LA's vibrant cultural scene and is also convenient to the Huntington Library, which includes the Burndy Library and other collections in the field.

Applicants should send a letter of application, CV, a sample of scholarly work (no more than 35 pp.), three letters of recommendation, course evaluations, a statement of teaching philosophy, and syllabi of three proposed courses to: Professor Hal S. Barron, Chair, History of Science and/or Technology Search Committee, Department of Humanities, Social Sciences, and the Arts, Harvey Mudd College, 301 Platt Blvd., Claremont, CA 91711-5990. If possible, submit these materials electronically to: hal\_barron@hmc.edu. Please include in the cover letter a statement about working in and promoting diverse academic environments. Applicants should indicate whether they plan to attend the SHOT meeting in Tacoma and/or the History of Science meeting in Montreal. While applications will be considered until the position is filled, we plan to conduct preliminary interviews at both meetings and files received by September 16 will be given preferred consideration.

Harvey Mudd College, an Equal Opportunity Employer, is committed to the recruitment of candidates historically underrepresented on college faculties. Experience with or demonstrated ability to effectively teach students from diverse backgrounds will be considered among criteria for appointment.

Contact Info:

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Website: <http://www.hmc.edu/academicsclinicresearch/academicdepartments/humanitiesandsocialsciences.html>

## ***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](http://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](mailto: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.bsbs.org.uk/bsbs/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](mailto:sewarren@blueyonder.co.uk)

<http://www.tmr.co.uk/>

## **Annals of Science best paper prize 2010**

Submissions are being accepted for the Annals of Science best paper prize 2010. This prize is now awarded annually to the author of an original, unpublished essay in the history of science or technology, which is not under consideration for publication elsewhere.

The prize, which is supported by Taylor & Francis, is intended for those who are currently doctoral students, or have been awarded their doctorate within the past four years. Essays should be submitted to the Editor in a form acceptable for publication in Annals of Science (see the Journal's webpage for a style guide, [www.tandf.co.uk/journals/authors/tascauth.asp](http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/authors/tascauth.asp)).

The winning essay will be published in the Journal, and the author will be awarded US\$500 and a free subscription to Annals of Science! Papers should be submitted by 30th September 2010, with the winner being notified by 31st December 2010. The Editor's decision is final.

For more information please go to:

[http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/pdf/competitions/tasc\\_2010.pdf](http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/pdf/competitions/tasc_2010.pdf)