

ICEHO Bulletin 14



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From the President

Dear colleagues,
As the year draws to a close, it is time for 2017's last Bulletin. It is also an opportunity to thank those engaged in making the Bulletin possible, above all, Libby Robin,



ICEHO secretary Bo Poulsen, and all members who contributed to the issues. THANK YOU!

I am writing to you from a hotel room in Salzburg, Austria, after an evening lecture I was invited to give by the Regional Society for Geography. About



80 people came to hear my talk about eternity costs and pollution legacies, which was my contribution to the debate about sustainable development. The many questions afterwards proved the interest of the audience and the overall feedback was positive. This occasion reminded me of an incident during a public lecture I gave earlier this year. After the lecture, someone came up to me privately, and revealed a deep concern for the environment. However, the family had just returned from a Mediterranean cruise ship tour, and when I as much as raised my eyebrow, the person pointed out that the travellers had chosen the cruise offer only because it met the highest available environmental standards. One visit to a

Mediterranean Island had troubled the environmentally conscious travellers because they noticed the absence of solar panels on the roofs, and were told that this was because a state-owned utility company feared for their market. While I agree with the desirability of such fossil-energy saving devices, and while it may be very true that utility companies protect their own interests, the apparent disconnect between observing others and observing one's own behaviour struck me forcibly.

Further in our conversation, the person concerned emphasized how their household behaviour when it came to garbage was exemplary, indeed for more than four decades the family had been collecting recycling and separating garbage. When I



praised this behaviour, but pointed to the fact that producing less garbage might be even more desirable, I was told that the family simply would not do without their favourite products, even though they did, in fact, produce garbage. They had not even attempted to identify alternative products. The face shrouded: clearly, I had hit a boundary. Thereafter, the person became even more agitated, complaining to me that more and more stuff was found in the communal bin designated for waste paper alone, last week a sack of potatoes had even been found in it! My final attempt was to suggest that while sorting garbage

was surely laudable, and mixing it was not a good idea, voting behaviour was probably of more consequence. Given that Austria's Green Party had lost elections shortly before this conversation, being no longer represented in parliament, finally, we had reached a point of agreement – or perhaps not, as my partner in conversation chose to end our exchange.

This incident, I would like to claim, is more than an anecdote. Over the years I have been speaking in public, I have had many similar conversations. In Austria, where I live and give most of my presentations, sorting garbage is used as the main indicator of an environmentally-friendly life, because it is so easy to achieve and because it creates order (Mary Douglas would have something to say about that) and because it allows for social control at the communal bin and is an opportunity for blaming others. It acts as a stabilizer of environmentally dubious behaviour, because of the self-deception it makes possible, in a kind of psychological rebound-effect.

Talking about environmental history, as I often do, brings one into the desired contact with people who care about the environment and allows us to engage with people outside academic circles. While this is great, it brings me (and perhaps some of you, too) into conversations outside of my competence (I would not claim to have data on the rebound-effect) where I act as concerned citizen rather than as scholar. I sometimes leave such exchanges with the eerie feeling that I might be part of a larger project of appeasement rather than an agent of change. Because people come and spend an evening listening to the environmental legacies of Plutonium production, soil degradation and soil loss, themes I frequently allude to, they are then almost “entitled” to book the next cruise



(and the cruise is just a symbol here – exchange it for flights to Malaysia for New Year's Eve or buying SUVs etc.). While I hoped to be the child in the King's New Clothes-fairy tale, exposing the King's nudity, I might actually be the court jester stabilizing the reigning monarch acting as the safety valve voicing critique. When Bill Cronon wrote about how to tell environmental histories so that his students would be engaged rather than frustrated many years ago, he pointed to a related question in our scholarly pursuit.

With the World Environmental History Congress coming up in 2019, I would very much like us to engage in a conversation about the downsides of being visible in the public sphere. I hope that some of you out there would be willing to organize a panel on such issues. I would also like to print a few short case stories in this Bulletin. Our common knowledge pool might enable us to develop rhetorical strategies and narratives lending themselves less easily to being turned into tools to stabilize environmentally problematic behaviour. I can also offer a counter-example: Whenever I am confronted with listeners who raise their voices against “the multinationals”, I try to make our own involvement in their ability to influence politics visible by pointing out that we all want jobs. This has proven very effective over the years.

My aim is not to blame those who listen to us (rather, I would like to have even more reason to praise them), my aim is to help environmental historians worldwide to communicate not just facts, but also the messages arising from these facts successfully and reflect upon their role as stabilizers of environmentally problematic behaviour. In discussing the issues arising from speaking in public, we should engage, as “the field” has done so well over decades, in pointing to the context, to the structural ramifications of consumer choices. Comparative panels on any of the issues that concern you, dear colleagues, in your life as scholars and concerned citizens of a finite world, would make the huge effort of organizing such a conference even more worthwhile!

With my best wishes for the coming festive season

**Verena Winiwarter,
President**

On the way to WCEH 2019 ...

NOTE: This will be a regular feature of the Bulletin until 2019 from now on– if you have information to share or reflection to contribute, please do so by contacting Libby, the Bulletin editor, at libby.robin@anu.edu.au

World Congress to Feature Robert Bilott *Environmental Attorney and Activist*



The World Congress in Florianópolis, Brazil will feature two plenary talks: one from Brigitte Baptiste, Colombian biologist, and one from Robert Bilott, an activist environmental lawyer. The program committee is enthused about including these two highly-acclaimed professionals, who will explain how their research informs policy and public discussions of environmental and social issues. This issue of *On the way to WCEH2019* features Robert Bilott, an attorney with the U.S. law firm Taft Stettinius & Hollister. In 2017, he received the Right Livelihood Award for exposing a decades-long history of chemical pollution, mobilizing local voices, and strengthening U.S. regulation on hazardous substances. Bilott's involvement in the case against DuPont Chemical started years ago when a West Virginia farmer

contacted him to report dead cattle afflicted with bloody lesions, hair loss, malformed hooves, and eyes glazed with an unnatural shade of blue.

Bilott was a corporate attorney very familiar with Environmental Protection Agency regulations from his work defending companies accused of land and water contamination. At the outset, he seemed an unlikely advocate for water protection and justice for local residents affected by toxic materials. After listening to the farmer, however, he took the case because it looked like "there's something really bad going on here" and it was "the right thing to do." He used his knowledge of corporate environmental law to investigate and prosecute DuPont, finding that the chemical company's landfill had discharged perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), a little-known and unregulated substance used to make Teflon (a coating), into a local creek. The case went on for years, and Bilott's work expanded to include thousands of individuals with disease claims attributable to their exposure to PFOA released into their drinking water by DuPont.*

Bilott's investigation not only exposed DuPont's contamination but also alerted the public to the dangers that unregulated substances pose. The Right Livelihood Award, which encourages people to make their living in an ethical way that respects the natural world, seems well-deserved in Bilott's case.

We invite you to mark your calendars and join us in Florianópolis (22-26 July 2019) to hear more about how this inspiring speaker researched the history of a contaminated site and ended up changing U.S. environmental regulations.

We will tell you more about the other speaker **Brigitte Baptiste** in the next Bulletin.

***Lisa Mighetto and Stefania Gallini,
Co-Chairs WCEH2019 Committee***

* For more information, see Nathaniel Rich, "The Lawyer Who Became DuPont's Worst Nightmare," *The New York Times Magazine*, January 6, 2016.

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Reminder: At the ASEH conference in Riverside, California in March 2018, we will hold another charity sale and ask you to consider donating to our WCEH2019 fund-raising efforts. There will be more socks for sale! They will be there because I love knitting and I also love wearing hand-made socks from natural materials and want you to enjoy this warm, cosy feeling yourself. If you tweet a picture of you or your beloved ones wearing them, my joy will be even greater.

Verena Winiwarter, President and Champion Knitter



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FOR THE NEXT BULLETIN 31 March 2018

Please send contributions
for next Bulletin to
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Bulletin Editor



Libby Robin



Solcha and Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica invite you to present a paper at the IX Symposium to be held in Liberia, Costa Rica, July 16-20, 2018. Although most papers are delivered in Spanish and Portuguese, presentations in English are also welcome. Submissions deadline: 31 December 2017



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News from around the World

From Brazil:

III Solcha Graduate School,

Anápolis, Brazil, October 24-27, 2017

SOLCHA (Latin American Society for Environmental History)

For Solcha's III Graduate School we convened in Anápolis, state of Goiás, Brazil, thanks to Sandro Dutra da Silva and Natasha Sophie Pereira, professor and graduate student at UniEvangelica, who organized this encounter. We had a particularly large group (partly because the school was organized together with the VIII National



Hike in the Cerrado

Symposium of Science and the Environment): 20 professors coming from various regions of Brazil, plus a few from Argentina, Cuba, Colombia, and the US. There were 22 students whose texts we discussed, plus 10 others who attended, 25 of which came from Brazil, one from Argentina, one from Chile, one from Mexico, and four from the US. Besides discussing students' work, we had two talks and two round tables, plus a visit to a historic *fazenda* and two hikes in the beautiful Cerrado biome, which in recent years has been transformed rapidly to large-scale agriculture. The hikes, plus the accommodation, and general spirit of the meeting allowed for much integration among all present.



Hike to the "cachoeira"

The words of Leonardo Lignani, one of the students (from Casa de Oswaldo Cruz in Rio), are telling about the meaning and feelings we shared in this meeting: "To participate in Solcha's III Graduate School was, certainly, a key moment in my studies. The exchanges we had with professors and students during our working group discussions and in all the other activities were very fruitful. It was a wonderful opportunity to think about our research and establish new friendships for future projects."

For more in Spanish see:

<http://solcha.org/index.php/escuela-de-posgrados>

Claudia Leal

From the USA:

No-mans-land as Nature Preserve:

The Strange Case of Cold War Conservation



Lisa Brady:
Presents the
2017 Lynn
W. Day
Distinguished
Lectureship in
Forest and
Conservation
History.

As Editor-in-Chief of *Environmental History* (published on behalf of the American Society for Environmental History and the Forest History Society), Lisa Brady is a familiar figure in ICEHO circles. She is also well known to those who attend the ASEH and other regular conferences. Lisa has been at Boise State University since 2003, where she teaches courses in Environmental, US and World History.

The invitation to deliver the 2017 Lynn W. Day Distinguished Lectureship in Forest and Conservation History, at Duke University's Environment Hall on 12

October, is an honour for Lisa that we can share through watching her lecture on the Forest History Society's YouTube Channel on the Lecture Series Page. The title of Lisa's lecture is 'No-mans-land as Nature Preserve: The Strange Case of Cold War Conservation'. It reflects her current interest in war and the environment, research that stretches from the American Civil War into the modern age. Her presentation covers a number of No-mans-lands and demilitarized zones around the world, including Korea, Asia, the South Pacific and the US Rocky Mountains, and provides a fascinating analysis of a little explored consequence of the Cold War. Lisa explains how and why these areas became ecozones, what ecologists and others can and have learnt from them, and how these places may play a part in healing the wounds of war. Lisa's lecture is delivered with professional panache and will prove extremely interesting to all environmental historians and also to scholars with leanings towards topics like rewilding, wilderness and military history.

Listen here:

<https://foresthistory.org/education/distinguished-lectureship-forest-conservation-history/2017-lecture/>

Through the Lynn W. Day Endowment, the Forest History Society sponsors these prestigious lectures, that have, over the years included many renowned environmental historians (see the FHS website for videos and details). Additional support comes from the Nicholas School of the Environment and the Department of History of Duke University. The Forest History Society, led by President and CEO *Steven Anderson*, is a founder and major sponsor of ICEHO and its assistance with the administration of the Consortium is greatly appreciated.

Jane Carruthers

From South Africa

Disputed Pasts, Fractured Futures and the Work of History: Perspectives from Southern Africa



Muchaparara Musemwa gives Presidential Address, SAHS conference

The **Southern African Historical Society** (SAHS) held its 26th Biennial Conference, on June 21-23, 2017 hosted by the Department of History, University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) Johannesburg, South Africa.

The conference was anchored on the overarching theme: *Disputed Pasts, Fractured Futures and the Work of History* – so framed by the conference steering committee because of the uncertainty and

unpredictability of the ways in which peoples, ideas, structures of power and institutions are being redefined as southern Africa and, indeed, the world at large approaches the culmination of what has been decidedly a tempestuous decade. **As public debates intensify, the past itself has become disputed, with historiographical orthodoxies, even the academy itself, questioned and sometimes abandoned. Yet, the work of history and historians – putting the past and present into dialogue – is vital for imagining possible futures for our world.** Thus, this SAHS conference sought to raise questions about the capacity of history and the making of historical epistemology to 'work with or against new economic, political and cultural forces'.

This was no ordinary conference: the Wits History Department was celebrating its centenary, themed 'Wits History @ 100', and the Wits History Workshop, commemorated its 40th anniversary, providing conference with moments to reflect on how, for all these years, Wits University had shaped history in southern Africa.

It was also a moment to reflect on the #FeesMustFall student protests at Wits and their clarion call for 'curriculum transformation' has been received by the History Department as an opportunity for self-introspection and re-calibration of course offerings. The conference was attended by 330 delegates (42% of whom were graduate students) from southern Africa, Europe and the US. The thirteen panels explored different themes related to the primary conference theme. For instance, one panel explored Sol Plaatje's magisterial monograph, *Native Life in South Africa* published over a century ago, and mapped out the multiple contestations over its origins, legacy and modern interpretations by both historians and literary scholars extracting ideas from the new edited collection, *Sol Plaatje's Native Life in South Africa* (Wits University Press, 2016). While one panel boldly sought to re-examine the new histories of KwaZulu-Natal province, another went back in time to rethink 'tribalised perspectives on the past and the stubborn 'persistence of the precolonial'. A panel on 'people's power' and anti-apartheid resistance struggles of the 1980s examined their impact on contemporary political dynamics in South Africa as did the panel on 'genocidal violence' which considered this phenomenon across Africa.

ICEHO bulletin readers will be pleased to know that 'environmental history' had a strong showing at the conference. A panel session on 'knowing the environment', chaired by socio-environmental historian and my predecessor, former President of SAHS, Sandra Swart, explored, for example, 'the origins of popular climatology in southern Africa', 'colonial medicine', conservation of indigenous species/histories of animal translocations in southern Africa and the Zambezi River

as both enabler and inhibitor for guerrilla movements during Zimbabwe's armed struggle. Sandra Swart's own paper, 'Blood, Bones and Baboons – Ways of Knowing in South Africa's Environmental History', may have seemed lost among papers in a panel focusing on fresh ways of historicizing, but it showed why the field of environmental history continues to offer novel ways of reading history.

My address as outgoing President of SAHS *Flows of water/flows of power/flows of history; Current trends and transdisciplinary insights and future directions* built on calls by Jane Carruthers, to blur or break boundaries both physical and disciplinary that divide the southern African region and the historical canon. In a region almost always in the grip of perennial droughts and water crises (both anthropogenic and biophysical), water scarcity has a *history*: its existence can never be taken for granted. Dialogue between historians of water history in Africa and other disciplines is important since water scarcity has multiple, intertwined meanings. My address called for the minting of a new cadre of 'historians without borders'. Whether we have 'disputed pasts' or 'fractured futures' it is up to historians, especially *environmental* historians, to tell these stories. I am sure, those who attended the 26th Biennial SAHS Conference, will agree.

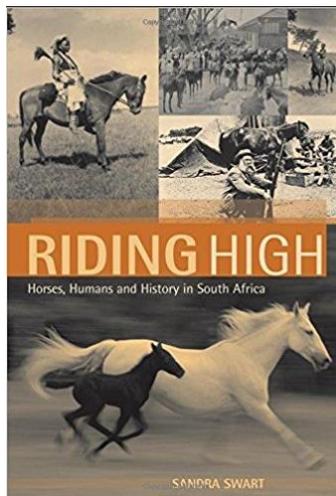
Muchaparara Musemwa

Muchaparara Musemwa is an associate professor of history and head of the School of Social Sciences at the University of the Witwatersrand. He is the immediate past president of the Southern African Historical Society and was chair of the Wits Steering Committee of the 26th Biennial conference

Also from South Africa:

Sandra Swart

a South African environmental historian whose work focusses on the shifting relationships between humans and other animals, is well known to many in the international ICEHO community. She is the author of *Riding High: Horses, Humans and History in South Africa* (2010).



Her promotion to full Professor at the University of Stellenbosch, demanded – as is the tradition – an inaugural lecture on 9 October.

Given Sandra's historical interest, and her sense of including animals in the fun, she arranged to be accompanied by a guard of honour, with a full



parade, taking the University to the streets of Stellenbosch in celebration. Her horse, *Aztec*, is on the left, and she is in the front with the red academic gown.

Sandra's lecture was entitled '**The Lion's Historian: Animal Histories from the South**', taking its cue from the West African epigram, 'Until the lion has an historian of his own, the tale of the hunt will always glorify the hunter'. Her topic was primates, and she expanded on the lively presentation she gave at the 2017 ESEH conference in Zagreb. Dealing with baboons – a species common, and troublesome to humans in the Western Cape and elsewhere – in a complex and nuanced address, Sandra surveyed the scope and findings of primatology from the 1930s to the present. In beautifully constructed prose, she presented a history of detailed scientific studies that, later, were found to have no basis in fact, but she also spoke tellingly of the role of historians in human, and non-human, society.

Jane Carruthers

Other News from Members



Routledge Environmental Humanities Series has new editors: Libby Robin continues, and is now joined by **Paul Warde**. We express our thanks to outgoing editor Iain McCalman, who co-founded the series in 2014 with Libby.

Please contact the Managing Editor, Charlotte Endersby Charlotte.Endersby@tandf.co.uk to submit book proposals from all humanities and social sciences disciplines for an inclusive and interdisciplinary series. As our series shows, we publish manuscripts aimed at an international readership, written in a lively and accessible style.



<http://aseh.net/conference-workshops/2018-conference-riverside-ca>

The American Society for Environmental History's next conference will be held in Riverside, California 14-18 March 2018.

Spring is a perfect time to visit Southern California - and the conference will include more than 100 sessions, a plenary talk on the border, workshops on water archives and oral



Joshua Tree National Park. Photo: Lisa Mighetto

history, a poster session, a book exhibit, and field trips exploring the citrus industry, coastal development, **Joshua Tree National Park**, the Huntington Library, and more. For additional information, see: <http://aseh.net/conference-workshops/2018-conference-riverside-ca>

Lisa Mighetto

African Network of Environmental Humanities

Congratulations to ANEH member, **Abosedé**

Babatunde, who has been selected to be a fellow of the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society (RCC), Munich, Germany in 2017. Her project is 'Environmental Change, Traditional Institutions and Security in Nigeria's Oil-rich Niger Delta'. Dr



Abosedé's research interests include conflict resolution resources governance, human rights and security. Until recently, she was a Fellow of the Brown International Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI), Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island (2017). Abosedé Omowumi Babatunde lectures at the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, Nigeria. She holds a PhD degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

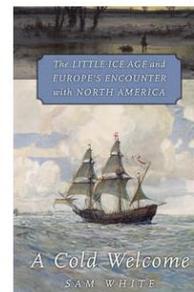
John Agbonifo,

Osun State University, Nigeria

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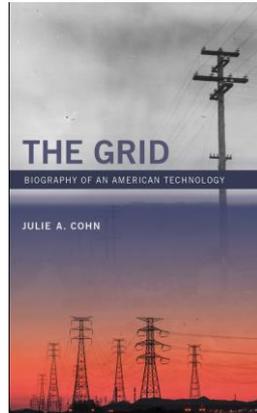
New Worlds of Climate Change: The Little Ice Age and the Colonization of America.

November 11, 2017

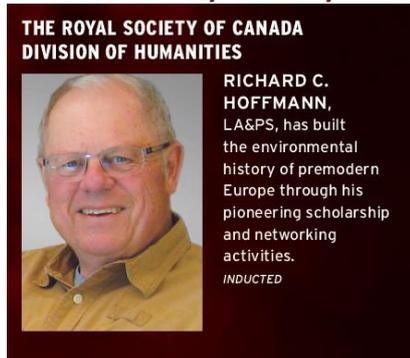
Sam White's new book *A Cold Welcome: The Little Ice Age and Europe's Encounter with North America* explores how the Little Ice Age impacted the first centuries of European exploration and colonization in North America, narrating the stories of Spanish, English, and French who ventured there. Find out more about the book here, in a new post by the author at historicalclimatology.com

Congratulations

Julie Cohn chair,
**Women's Environmental
 History Network** has a new
 book:
***The Grid: Biography of
 an American
 Technology*** (MIT
 Press, November 2017)
<https://mitpress.mit.edu/books/grid>



Richard Hoffman
 Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada



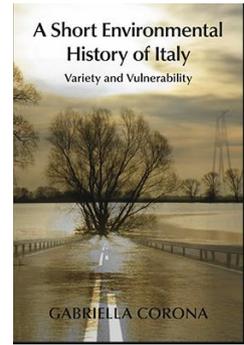
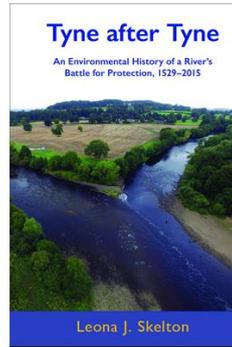
John McNeill

Elected Fellow of **American
 Academy of Arts and
 Sciences (History)**
 April 2017



The White Horse Press has published several new environmental history titles in recent months, including Leona Skelton's [Tyne after Tyne: An Environmental History of a River's Battle for Protection 1529-2015](#) (ISBN 978-1-874267-95-9), which offers a template for a future body of work on British rivers beyond the Thames and undermines traditional approaches to rivers as passive backdrops of human activities; and Gabriella Corona's [A Short Environmental History of Italy: Variety and Vulnerability](#) (ISBN 9781-

874267-973), translated from the original Italian by Federico Poole.



We are delighted that our twice-yearly journal *Global Environment* is now indexed in Clarivate's Emerging Sources Citation Index. Subscriptions start at only £40/\$65 (print and online) and £25/\$40 (online only)

We launched our first ever virtual edition of *Environment and History* in advance of the ESEH conference in Zagreb. Reflecting the conference's 'Natures in Between' theme, it has attracted considerable attention and is available FREE online at <http://www.whp-journals.co.uk/EH.html> Finally, we have now been running a White Horse Press blog for a year - featuring informal pieces by scholars who have worked with us, it may be found at <https://whitehorsepress.blog> and we are always seeking stimulating contributions.

Dr Sarah Johnson, Partner and Publisher, [The White Horse Press](#)

**Minutes of the
 ICEHO General
 Assembly**
 From Secretary **Bo
 Poulsen**



**Minutes of ICEHO Ordinary General Meeting @
 ESEH conference, Zagreb, 28 June 2017**
 11:00-12:30, Room GEO-2, Marulic Square 19.

Attendance:	Organization:
Marco Armiero	KTH, Stockholm
Ellen Arnold	International Water History Association
Jane Carruthers	Southern African History Society
Stefania Gallini	Ex Officio Co-Chair Program Committee, WCEH2019
Shen Hou,	Center for Ecological History, Renmin University of China
Dolly Jørgensen	ESEH
Claudia Leal	SOLCHA
Gregg Mitman	ASEH (until Lisa's plane arrived); University of Wisconsin – Center for Culture, History, and Environment
Christof Mauch	Co-Director, Rachel Carson Center

Lisa Mighetto	ASEH, Women in Environmental History Network (WEHN)
Eunice Nodari	<i>Ex Officio</i> Local Committee WCEH 2019 Chair
Bo Poulsen (Secretary)	Department of Culture and Global Studies, Aalborg University
Libby Robin	Australian and New Zealand Environmental History Network (EHN), Centre for Environmental History at the Australian National University, National Museum of Australia
Michael Shiyung Liu	Association of East Asian Environmental History
Richard Tucker	War and Environment Network
Verena Winiwarter (President)	EHCA, ZUG

Agenda:

1. **The attendees approved the minutes from the last ICEHO meeting in Chicago, March 2017.**
2. **Changes in the board.**

Dagomar Degroot had asked to be relieved of the duties of Secretary due to having too many other commitments professionally and private. **Bo Poulsen** was nominated as his replacement. This was approved by the GA by acclamation. ICEHO treasurer Steven Anderson sent apologies for his absence, but expressed his willingness to serve another term as treasury. This was approved by the general assembly.

The president thanked Dagomar for his work and welcomed Bo to the board. She expressed her gratitude that Steven would continue his service as treasurer.

3. **Updates concerning the 3rd World Congress of Environmental History to be held in Florianopolis, Brazil in 2019**

3.1 Local Organizing Committee WCEH2019

Eunice Nodari, who is chair of the Local Organizing Committee of WCEH, and Verena Winiwarter reported about recent progress, such as website construction.



Florianopolis is on an island. We will be there in the off season so the prices will be very reasonable. The venue can accommodate up to 1700 participants. Realistically we expect the conference

to attract c. 450-650 participants. This is based on the figures of the previous conferences in the Copenhagen/Malmö and Guimarães, as well as the inclusion of the **International Water History Association**, who will forego having their own conference this year to take part in WCEH2019. The program committee is co-chaired by Lisa Mighetto and Stefania Gallini. The chairs are tasked with forming a committee of the right size and expertise. This needs to accommodate diversity in professional expertise as well as geographical background and representation by the major organizations in ICEHO. The program committee has now been formed, and the names appear in this bulletin and on the website. In each of the upcoming issues of the ICEHO Bulletin there will be at least one news item on the WCEH2019

3.2 Financial concerns in relation to diversifying attendance

We try to accommodate that the World consist of scholars with very different financial means. In the past, procuring enough stipends (or 'bursaries') has been difficult. The charity sale and a potential silent auction or something similar at ASEH Riverside is one way to raise funds for this. Verena calls for action to have the member organizations to volunteer to sponsor sessions etc. at the upcoming WCEH to fund bursaries. The main issue is (air) travel.

Following the discussion in Chicago, several options were identified to fund the bursaries:

Organizations could sponsor their own members with travel grants, e.g. ESEH could do that for 2-3 people. It remains to be decided if each member organization pay their own people, or we team up to create a joint bursary fund, where the ICEHO would match the funds by the member organizations to create an incentive.

The conference registration could have a built-in contribution towards a bursary fund.

Sessions could be sponsored by members of ICEHO, but also by external sponsors. The sponsors of sessions could be listed in the program.

Ellen moved to have bursaries listed in the program, but in a way so the individual recipient of a bursary was not exposed.

This was agreed upon, and a list of all sponsors will be printed in the program, with logos, if appropriate.

Jane moved that a small sum dedicated to bursaries is added to the registration fee.

This was agreed upon.

3.3 Amount to be set aside for bursaries

Verena: Regarding the number of bursaries needed, 50 was agreed to be a reasonable number. They would have to be around 1000 Euros to really help. Conference registration would be waived in addition, and meals would be covered by tokens for the university cafeteria.

Some of the funds should be raised through registration fee, while additional funds will come from member organizations.

Who will be responsible for selection: a bursary fund committee made up of senior international scholars.

Ellen: At least one person should have experience as a treasurer.



L-R Dolly, Ellen, Claudia, Stefania, Christof, Richard

3.4. How to ensure that sponsored people actually come and participate?

Dolly: People need to show up to be able to be refunded.

Verena: Could work with a travel agency to pre-book flights for the people who need it. Would require a visa etc. The attendees with bursaries could be invited to publish in a book format.

Ellen: Conference proceedings perhaps not an option.

Marco: Risky, if people just sign up with an abstract

Eunice: Website of the conference could be used to advertise an e-book.

Gregg: might be too much work for something not peer reviewed.

Lisa: putting it on the website might provide an incentive for people to actually show up.

Verena: Could have an early deadline for inclusion in an online repository.

Christoph: should be clear that it is a generous amount, and 1000 euro is generous.

Dolly: recommends a very strict refund policy.

Verena: From the discussion, a combination of personal collection of travel monies with flights paid directly rather than offering money upfront, with some social pressure by phrasing the application form is our only option. A conference

volume will not do the trick and create extra work. But for whatever we do, visa problems might still compromise success. We need to identify persons in need, while maintaining privacy.

Action items:

The executive board (EB) of ICEHO will create a bursary fund targeted at helping 50 conference attendants. EB will liaise with LOC of WCEH2019 to fit part of this into the registration fee considering the necessity to keep fees as low as possible. ICEHO will identify suitable persons to form a bursary fund committee, charged with identifying bursary recipients from those that have been accepted by the program committee.

4. Should ICEHO join CISH?

(<http://www.cish.org/index.php/en/>)

A discussion followed, where the *reasons for joining* centered on the possibility of more visibility by having a special string of sessions at the CISH congresses (1 every 4 years). Sentiments *against* joining CISH centered on the expensive fee of 650 Swiss Francs a year, which, speakers argued, ICEHO could spend more wisely in other ways.

Motion: ICEHO will not join CISH at this point but may choose to discuss the matter again at a later date. 16 votes for the motion, 1 against. Motion passed.

Action arising:

Secretary (Bo) to contact Michael, on the question of how we can help create contact in between different organizations in East Asia.



L-R Marco, Gregg, Jane, Lisa M (obscured), Eunice, Shen, Lisa Brady, Michael, Dolly, Richard, Ellen, + Local Organisers (Photo: Libby Robin)

5. Co-funding regional conferences

ICEHO encourages member organizations to come up with suggestions for regional workshops. We will work with individual workshops about potential sponsorship.

6. Financial report:

Report by treasurer, Steven Anderson (read in his absence by Verena)

The balance in the ICEHO account as of January 1, 2017 was \$25,755.13. Through May 31, 2017 we received \$5,650 in membership revenue. Expenses totaled \$369.82 including \$153.82 in bank charges and \$216.00 for website

domain registration. The available balance at the end of May 31, 2017 was \$31,035.31.

Verena would like to have discretion fund of a few thousand USD to facilitate WCEH.

This was agreed upon.

Jane proposed the motion that 12.000 USD should be dedicated for bursaries from the 2017 budget, and Libby seconded.

Jane also moved that 2000 USD should go to the WCEH discretion fund to be decided upon by Verena as seen fit in making the WCEH feasible.

Both motions carried unanimously.

AOB:

The member organizations are very active with upcoming conferences, research projects, education & outreach and major publications.

Bulletin editor Libby Robin asked that members submit newsworthy items to her at libby.robin@anu.edu.au for inclusion in the ICEHO bulletin.

The next general meeting of ICEHO will take place during the 2018 ASEH conference in Riverside, California, USA.

**On behalf of ICEHO,
Bo Poulsen (secretary)**
Meeting 28 June 2017, Zagreb



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