

Newsletter April 2004

Dear colleague,

This letter is to inform you about the work of the International Economic History Association.

First, you will have noticed that preparations for the 14th Economic History World Congress in Helsinki (21-25 August 2006) are in full swing. The first brochure was published a few weeks ago. If you have not received the brochure yet, or you want additional copies, please contact: jaana.gluschkoff@helsinki.fi.

Second, I want to draw your attention to the second call for session proposals that will be published shortly via EH net, the congress webpage, and the usual distribution lists of IEHA. Please note that the deadline for submission of new proposals will be January 31 2005.

Third, the executive committee would like to repeat its invitation to the member organizations of the IEHA to nominate candidates for the executive committee. In August 2006, at least six seats on the Committee will become vacant. In addition the position of Secretary General will become vacant. Therefore the IEHA is looking for:

a SECRETARY GENERAL for (in principle) two terms. Each member organization is allowed to nominate one person under the rules adopted in Buenos Aires.

a SITTING MEMBER for (in principle) two terms; eight. Each member organization is according to the new rules allowed to nominate one person.

We would like to invite your organization to nominate two persons, not necessarily persons from your own country or organization: one for the executive committee and one for the Secretary General position. Candidates for the general secretary may come from within or outside the present executive committee. Nominations should be sent to the IEHA Office before October 30, 2004. Please include relevant information for the persons that you wish to nominate. This should include the position they hold in their respective countries, a list of published books and articles, and

information about governing positions held within their university or other institutions.

We would like to add that, according to the new statutes, the executive committee should reflect "the diversity of scholars of all member societies and of economic history in its broadest sense". This we interpret also to relate to a more balanced composition of the committee in terms of age groups and sex.

In accordance with the statutes, the executive committee will prepare a slate of endorsed nominees for the available positions from the persons that were nominated by the member organizations. For further details about the nominating procedure and the composition of the current Executive Committee, please check other pages on this website.

Fourth and finally, I would like to draw your attention to two documents, now available on the congress webpage:

Call for host cities As a result of the discussions mentioned the IEHA issues a call for host cities for the 15th Congress to be held in 2009. Please consider the possibility of hosting the congress in your country. The deadline for submission of a proposal to host the congress is October 30, 2004.

Call for dissertations In 2006 three dissertation prizes (pre-industrial, 19th and 20th century) will be awarded. Enclosed you find a call for submissions of PhD theses for the dissertation sessions. The deadline for submission of dissertations is December 31, 2004. Please use the call to inform your members about our dissertation competition.

With kind regards,

Jan Luiten van Zanden, Secretary General