



2020 Newsletter

Statement from the Secretary-General

I hope you have had a productive and safe 2020 as we did at the International Economic History Association (IEHA). My apologies for sending this newsletter so late in the year, but I have had some professional and personal matters take up a lot of my time.

This newsletter contains a report of the Executive Committee's (EC) actions this year, since we want to keep our members informed of our activities. And I would cordially ask for responses from the national (and other) organizations that you have received this information, i.e. to acknowledge it with a reply to yours truly. We appreciate the support of our member organizations, and our activities reflect the wishes of our members, as well as our longstanding principles.

I also wanted to provide a quick personal update relating to international events, especially since we are a truly global organization. In fact, global reach and international collaboration are the very reasons for the IEHA's existence, and we will try to honor those principles in our activities. We will do our utmost to make sure this continues. Many of us have become used to, even though it has been difficult, to distance teaching and not being able to see our peers. Scholarly networks and collaboration makes our profession better every day. Unfortunately, the current epidemic has made our interactions much harder, along with a lot of potential grief and misery. I hope you are all still safe and healthy, first of all. Some of you in the USA, UK, and Europe have been able to receive at least one dose of the vaccine, but I also recognize that that is not the case everywhere. Second, as you have seen, many conferences and university activities have been cancelled or put online. Things are only slowly improving, and this impacts all of us at least until the end of the year. Third, on a related note, many pre-conferences and events that could have hosted such sessions have been moved online. There will be many of those in the coming months in 2021 and early 2022.

With the XIXth World Economic History Congress (WEHC) (Paris, July 25–30, 2022) a little over a year half away, I am pleased to inform you that the preparations are proceeding well. The organizers did a great job in moving the conference to 2022 early enough for us to adjust to that, as well as securing similar facilities and funding as we had in place for 2021. The first round of proposals were accepted in November 2019, and the second round in January 2021. Also, you will find details on the posters and dissertations below. The deadlines for those proposals have been extended as follows: December 1, 2020 for dissertations, and January 31, 2021 for posters. Please pass along this information to your colleagues, students, and among your personal scholarly networks. Moreover, we are now actively soliciting bids for the 2025 World Congress, and I am aware of several efforts in this regard. However, please get in touch with me about 2025 (or future dates) if you have ideas for bids.

For me, IEHA stands for collegiality, international collaboration, global unity, and interdisciplinary openness. I think we are doing well in this vein, and we will certainly keep these principles alive going forward, especially during such challenging times. Please keep your colleagues and friends in your thoughts, and let's hope this epidemic passes soon.

Here's to a year of recovery for all of us!
Jari Eloranta, Secretary-General of the IEHA

IEHA MATTERS

Session proposals

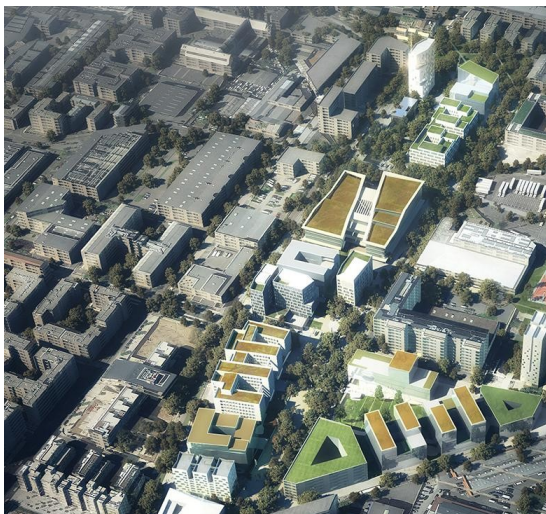
We are very pleased that the second call for session proposals in 2020 brought in a very large number of proposals. A record of 207 proposals were submitted covering a diverse range of themes, approaches and geographic coverage. In addition to a strong showing of submissions from Western Europe and North America, similar to Boston and Kyoto, we are very heartened by many good quality proposals (and expected participation) from Asia, notably from Japan and China, as well as Latin America. 95 session proposals were accepted, along with nearly a hundred from the first round. Thus, our 2022 World Congress promises to be a great meeting with numerous interesting sessions!

IEHA Executive Council Deliberations in January

Here you can find a *summary* of the actions the Executive Council took in their meetings on January 6-7, 2021 online.

First, IEHA President Anne McCants opened the meeting, and then the EC approved the minutes of their previous meeting in Paris in 2019. This was followed by reports from the Secretary-General Eloranta, Treasurer Marjolein t'Hart, and an extensive report by the Paris organizing team. The move to 2022 and the preparations for the conference were proceeding well. Then the EC discussed potential future locations, including also European options, given the uncertainty arising from the Covid-19 outbreak and other financial considerations.

After that, the EC began deliberating on the 2nd round proposals, which continued during the second day. In addition, the EC discussed again future locations as well as whether a three- or four-year rotation makes more sense. There was no unanimity among the EC members, thus we would like to hear from the national organizations on the matter, i.e. would you prefer a three- or four-year cycle for the world congresses?



Campus Condorcet, Paris, France (which has now been completed)

CALL FOR PAPERS, POSTERS, AND DISSERTATIONS

Call for Papers: 2nd Round (NOW COMPLETE)

You can check out the accepted proposals on the World Congress website: <https://wehc2021.sciencesconf.org/>. Please note that many accepted sessions are still looking for participants, so keep track of EH.News lists, Facebook groups (for the World Congress, as well as Economic and Business History News), and other social media. Moreover, if you see a session that your research would fit well into, you should contact the session organizers directly to see if there is room for one more paper.

Call for Poster Submissions (EXTENDED)

PhD students and junior postdoc researchers in economic history are invited to present their ongoing research to an international audience with a poster at the World Economic History Congress in Paris July 25–30, 2022. We welcome historical applications in any field of economics or cognate social sciences, business history, demographic history, environmental history, global and world history, social history, urban history, methodological approaches to historical research, history of economics and economic thought, and other related fields. Digital posters will also be considered, pending space constraints. Posters will be selected on a competitive basis, and the best posters will receive an award (in three categories: ancient/medieval/early modern; the long 19th century; and 20th century). The deadline for submission is January 31, 2022. Selections will be announced by March 1, 2022. Further information will be available on the WEHC web site: <https://wehc2021.sciencesconf.org/>

Call for Dissertations (EXTENDED)

Students who have completed their dissertations between June 2017 and August 2021 are encouraged to submit their theses for the dissertation panel/competition. Dissertation will be shortlisted and considered for awards in three separate categories: Ancient/medieval/early modern period; the long 19th century; and 20th century. The three finalists in each category will be invited to present their work in the dissertation panel. Theses written in languages other than English will also be considered, although the abstract needs to be in English. The deadline for electronic submissions of the theses, along with information on past and current affiliation of the student, advisor, 500-word abstract, and any other pertinent information is December 1, 2021. All materials should be sent by email to: iehaofficial@gmail.com. All submissions will be acknowledged by a reply email. Selection of finalists will be announced by March 1, 2022.