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The International Consortium of Environmental History Organizations is a 'network of networks' for environmental history in universities, museums, publishers and other institutions. We sponsor International Congresses every 5 years (next one in 2019). Between Congresses, we want to work actively to promote environmental history in all its forms: as scholarship and research, informing public policy and education, and in promoting collaboration between environmental historians around the world. Our website is regularly updated – we are keen to publicise your conferences and events:

<http://www.iceho.org/>

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Congratulations to ESEH on a great conference in Versailles in very hot weather in June, just as our last bulletin hit the press. Thank you to **Dolly Jørgensen** current President of ESEH, as well as Secretary of ICEHO, for giving us a full report of this meeting (see below).

Remember that **our next World Congress is 2019**. If you have a proposal for our Site Selection Committee recommending your University or Institution to host this, please contact them as soon as you can and before **1 December, 2015**, the final deadline (more on this below)

We have a pleasing number of new members in ICEHO. We particularly welcome the new **Turkish Environmental History Society**, which hosts a number of events in Turkey this coming year. We also welcome the Aarhus-based **Climate Culture Catastrophe Network**. We encourage societies with national or thematic focus to join our international team so that people beyond the place of origin hear of your work, and find your webpages.

We also have members who are university departments, museums and any other institutions that undertake 'environmental history' at any scale, and who would like international recognition for their

work. I have tried to get as many of our new members as possible to contribute to the Bulletin.

If you have news from your member institution – whether you are a publisher or a museum or a university department – I always welcome contributions. I am in Australia so don't always hear of news in other parts of the world. You can write direct to me – or contact your local regional organizers listed at the end of the bulletin. Deadline for contributions to the next bulletin is **31 December 2015**.

Libby Robin FAHA (President)

Australian National University, Canberra

Hosting the 2019 World Congress of Environmental History

After two very successful international meetings (in Copenhagen, Denmark and Guimarães, Portugal) the third World Congress for Environmental History is scheduled for 2019, preferably in July or August of that year.

The call for proposals from parties interested in hosting the 2019 conference closes soon – **1st December 2015**. Thanks very much to all the Committee for this ongoing work: **Graeme Wynn (Canada) (Chair)**, **Stefania Gallini (Colombia)**, **Lisa Mighetto (USA)** and **Bo Poulsen (Denmark)**. There has already been quite a lot of interest. The committee will welcome all proposals – so if you have one, contact them very soon.

The committee especially encourage proposals from beyond North America and Europe. Proposals should come, in the first instance from individuals or organizations affiliated with universities or scholarly societies. While the support of local convention and visitors bureaus will become important once the site is proposed and under consideration, the proposal *should not come directly* from the convention and visitors' bureau or events services.

If you are interested or if you would like to submit a notice of intent, please contact Graeme Wynn at wynn@geog.ubc.ca for further details and a copy of the conference guidelines.

Site selection should be finalized by July 2016.

Please keep in mind that hosting a conference that is likely to attract 600-750 delegates requires substantial effort and time as well as significant institutional support and fundraising, but it is also a terrific opportunity to showcase local/ national scholarship, to advance environmental awareness and to promote local initiatives.



From Turkey

New Environmental History Initiative TÜRKİYE ÇEVRE TARİHİ TOPLULUĞU

The Turkish Society for Environmental History is a scholarly organization that aims to create and maintain lines of communication with researchers who are pursuing an interest in environmental histories of the Seljuk Empire, the Ottoman Empire and the Republic of Turkey. The society has currently 74 national and international members. One of the aims of the society is to organize conferences at leading universities of Turkey to promote the environmental history field this year.

More information: <http://cevretarihi.org>

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Congratulations to Christof Mauch!



RCC Director Christof Mauch Awarded International Planetary Award

Chosen by the "Design Me a Planet" Initiative
15.09.2015



On 18 June 2015, Christof Mauch was awarded the 2015 International Planetary Award from the "Design Me a Planet" Initiative as part of the "Tage der Zukunft" (Days of the Future), held at the Kloster Arnoldstein in Austria.

Mauch was chosen for his "engagement in world environment history and sustainability research." In his laudatio, Prof. Michel Saloff-Coste (Université Catholique de Lille) praised Mauch for both his publications as well as his research initiatives. He stated that Mauch has changed the "software in our heads" through his leadership of the Rachel Carson Center as well as the European Society for Environmental History so that humans now think in more international and interdisciplinary ways. These types of organizations are of utmost importance for the survival of humanity in the future. Saloff-Coste called the programs at the RCC an "ecosystem of innovation." In his acceptance speech, Mauch thanked the organization for the award, but also said that the entire team at the RCC had earned the accolades.

The Planetary Award is awarded every two years at different locations in Austria in three different categories (regional, national, and international).



C³NET, the Climate|Culture|Catastrophe Network based at Aarhus University in Denmark has joined ICEHO! This network is currently funded through an internal university competition and is an effort to a shared platform for the substantial number of environmental history and environmental humanities scholars based at Aarhus University, Denmark.

More specifically, the vision and mission of C³NET is to bring together an interdisciplinary team of researchers concerned with the human impacts of climate change and extreme environmental events in the past – as well as in the present and future. Its aim is to create and catalyse a research, education and outreach cluster that spans AU's main academic areas and that challenges the traditional boundaries of academic projects and practice. C³NET works towards an integration of the Environmental Sciences with the Environmental Humanities through a temporally deep perspective and under the particular heading of Palaeoenvironmental Humanities. The

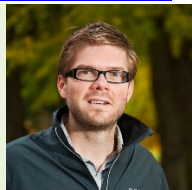
disciplinary composition of C³NET is diverse including members from literature studies, law, theology, history of science, classical studies, archaeology and geology. Historical thinking permeates our approach and we're actively working at combining Deep History and notions of, in particular, geo-cultural heritage in an environmental history approach that takes us from deep time to the Anthropocene present. And thinking with and through heritage our work has an inherent futurist orientation.

Aarhus University is placed in the eponymous city, which is the second biggest in Denmark and the regional capital of the Jutland peninsula. The city prides itself on its green ethos and is ideal for those who like the sea, cycling and the woods. C³NET is administrated from Campus Moesgård, a lovely old manor house 10km south of the city centre attached to the recently rebuilt world-class Moesgård Museum (www.moesgaardmuseum.dk/en/).



If you want to find out more about C³NET or consider joining us, check us out at <http://c3net.au.dk/>

Feel free to get in touch with me, the network PI, Felix Riede (f.riede@cas.au.dk).



This month

9th National Conference of the Australian Forest History Society Inc
21st-24th October 2015,
Mount Gambier, South Australia
www.foresthistory.org.au/conferences.html

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Report from Dolly Jørgensen, President ESEH 8th Biennial ESEH Conference Versailles, 30 June – 3 July 2015

The European Society for Environmental History (ESEH) hosted its eighth biennial conference on 30 June – 3 July 2015 in Versailles, France. The event, which featured the theme **Greening History**, offered over 90 panels. In recognition of the 100th anniversary of World War I, the Program Committee organized a special roundtable panel '**From Sarajevo to Versailles, and far beyond: Environmental History and the Centennial of World War I**' featuring historians of war and environment from France, Germany, Sweden, and the US.



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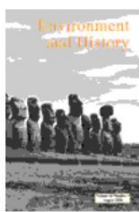
A book exhibit offered titles for sale as well as a display of recent French environmental histories for browsing.

The nearly 350 delegates also had the opportunity to participate in environmental field trips of the nearby French countryside and gardens and a conference dinner in a magnificent old ship construction workshop in the Palace of Versailles gardens.



The sweltering heat of 38 degrees C encouraged some creativity on the part of attendees and several sessions were moved outside to take advantage of the breeze and shade.

The **ESEH Prize for Best Article in European Environmental History** published in 2013 or 2014 was awarded to **Dagomar Degroot** for



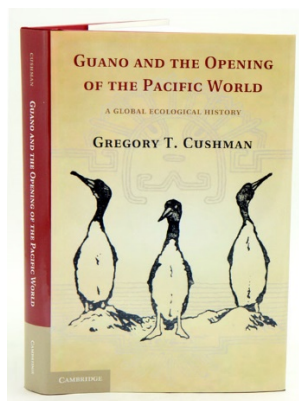
'Never such weather known in these seas': Climatic Fluctuations and the Anglo-Dutch Wars of the Seventeenth Century, 1652-1674

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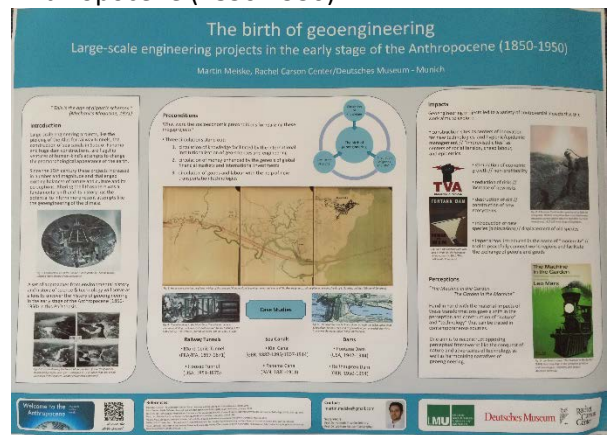
In the North Sea region, the so-called Little Ice Age reached a cold, stormy nadir between 1560 and 1720, with a three-decade interruption of warmer, more tranquil weather between 1629 and 1662. Newly considered ship log-books, diaries and other documentary evidence suggest that a rise in the frequency of easterly winds accompanied the coldest phases of the Little Ice Age, and these decadal climatic trends had consequences for regional warfare. Fought between 1652 and 1674, the Anglo-Dutch wars at sea were contested in a period of transition between decade-scale climatic regimes and consequently provide useful case studies into the relationship between meteorological trends and early modern military operations. In the first war, persistent westerly winds born of a warmer climate frequently helped crews aboard larger English warships set the terms of most naval engagements. However, during the second and third wars more frequent easterlies stimulated by a cooler climate granted critical advantages to Dutch fleets that had adopted elements of English tactics and technology. Ultimately, the changing climate of the Little Ice Age must be considered alongside human agency and the political, economic or cultural influences typically examined by military historians to explain the course of early modern warfare.

The **ESEH/RCC Turku Book Award** was conferred to Gregory T. Cushman for his book *Guano and the Opening of the Pacific World: A Global Ecological History* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014).



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The inaugural **Best Poster Prize** to **Martin Meiske** for “The Birth of Geoengineering: Large-scale Engineering Projects in the Early Stage of the Anthropocene (1850-1950)”



Winning Poster by Martin Meiske and second prize was given to **Joshua MacFadyen** for “Hewers of Wood: Biomass Energy in Canada, 1871-1951”.

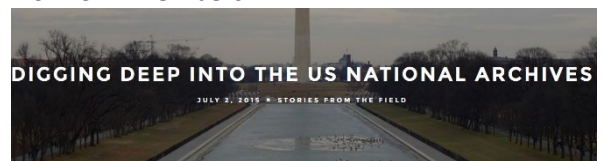
The next (ninth) biennial conference of ESEH will take place in Zagreb, Croatia, 28 June – 2 July 2017, with the theme **Contact/Conflict Environments**. We are looking forward to a great event!

*Dolly Jørgensen, Lulea University, Sweden
 President ESEH*



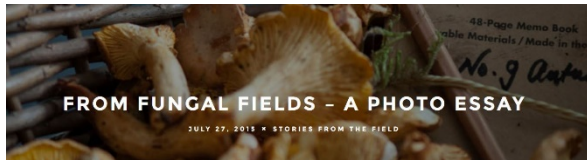
From the Australian National University

The Centre for Environmental History at ANU has refreshed the design of its website and added lots of new members and projects. Of particular interest is the new section 'Stories from the Field' featuring field trip stories and reflections from CEH members.



Diane Erceg

<http://ceh.environmentalhistory-au-nz.org/stories-from-the-field/digging-deep/>



Alison Pouliot

<http://ceh.environmentalhistory-au-nz.org/stories-from-the-field/from-fungal-fields/>



Merrill-Cazier Library Utah State University

Welcome new members of ICEHO

Utah State UNIVERSITY



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Utah State University History Department

The Utah State University history department offers M.A. and M.S. degrees, with a specialization in environmental history. The department convenes an annual graduate seminar in environmental history and its students work closely with USU's Merrill-Cazier Library archivists to develop thesis topics that draw upon the history of science, ecological history, landscape history and the history of technology. Our Special Collections and Archives holdings include much scientific material generated over the university's history by the colleges of engineering and natural resources, particularly with regard to fisheries, forestry, rangeland management, and hydrological and agricultural engineering in the Rocky Mountains and the Great Basin of the western US.

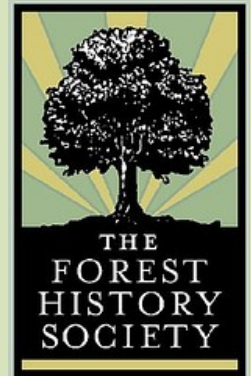
The History Department at Utah State University would like to be considered for membership in the ICEHO. Our department has a long history of work in environmental history, and several of our faculty members work in international environmental history. Most notable of these is Dr. Christopher Conte, an environmental historian of Africa. Several of our faculty have held fellowships at the Rachel Carson Center in Munich, including Dr. Conte, Dr. Lawrence Culver, and Dr. Marc Landry.

Our department has a commitment to training undergraduates and master's students in global environmental history. Most recently, Domingoes Muala, who works for the Gorongosa National Park in Mozambique, completed a two-year master's degree here at Utah State that examined environmental policies in national parks in the United States (in comparison with Mozambique). Several of our other students have gone on to work in the NPS or to graduate programs (PhD) in environmental history.

Thanks to Head of Department, Professor Tammy M. Proctor for a terrific letter showing links between USU and ICEHO's members.

Ed:

A special word of thanks to **Valerie Bass at the Forest History Society**, one of our inaugural major supporting members, who helps all the different organizations who apply to be members of ICEHO. Valerie is very helpful to all interested in joining ICEHO and can be contacted at valerie.bass@foresthistory.org



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<http://www.iceho.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/ICEHO-Membership-Application.pdf>

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