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From the President's Desk



Verena outside her office spending time with spring tulips

Dear Member Organizations of ICEHO,

This letter serves as an introduction to my presidency of ICEHO. I am taking over at a great time for the organization. As you might have noticed, ICEHO is growing. We have new member organizations, who joined ICEHO when we met in Seattle this spring. Then and thereafter, new publishers have joined us. We keep being on the lookout for institutions, organizations and publishers who should be part of the growing network because they work on issues pertinent to Environmental History. We invite you to spread the word!

ICEHO is all about networking and about making environmental history organizations more visible worldwide. To achieve this goal, we regularly publish a *Bulletin* with member news and announcements relevant to more than one organization, publisher or institution. We maintain a Website <http://iceho.org> which is a way for you to reach other members, and to see what they are doing. Our biggest task remains to host a world conference every 5 years. As you will read in this Bulletin, the Site Selection Committee under the diligent guidance of Chair **Graeme Wynn** has been successful in securing a wonderful site for the next ICEHO World Congress to be held in 2019.

I cannot thank enough all those who dedicate their time to ICEHO – an institution based entirely on volunteer work for its projects. Umbrella organizations such as ICEHO often suffer from a lack of dedication, are more formally acknowledged than actually alive and thriving. That ICEHO is different, is due to the commitment of many colleagues – thank you all!

After I moved from vice-president to president at the ASEH convention this spring, succeeding **Libby Robin**, even more than the above mentioned positive developments have taken place within ICEHO. Libby herself has agreed (applause to her dedication!) to keep editing the *Bulletin* and the *Bulletin* is thriving, with material arriving from all corners of the world.

Thanks to the new Secretary **Dagomar Degroot**, we successfully have moved the ICEHO website to a new platform. Executive Committee member **Alan MacEachern** has not only suggested that we try to find out what member organizations most expect from ICEHO, he has also pulled up his sleeves and designed a questionnaire to actually do so.

With the next ICEHO World Congress coming up in July, 2019, one of my tasks was to secure the quality of the conference program by inviting a scholar to chair the Program Committee. This is a huge task. Taking responsibility for a program that involves hundreds of presenters, maintaining quality and diversity, steering the evaluation by a team of typically more than a dozen committee members and making sure that parallel sessions don't overlap more than necessary is an extraordinary volunteer commitment over several years. To cut a long story short, much to my delight, we have been successful in identifying and convincing two scholars to Co-Chair the Program Committee. **Stefania Gallini** and **Lisa Mighetto** have agreed to shoulder the task together! Thank you both, merci, grazie, gracias, dêkuji, tack and obrigado! (The selection of languages is based on my ability to say at least a few words in each of

them, please do not read any hidden agenda into it!)

Our next big task is to secure an *inclusive* World Congress for WCEH2019. We have had mixed success with this in the past. As Chair of the program committee (but serving as one-stop-shop for all types of issues) of the first Congress WCEH2009 and member of the Liaison Committee for the WCEH2014, my experience has been that *inclusiveness* is not only a question of conference program decisions made wisely, but also an issue of funding. Conferences are expensive to attend. ICEHO will dedicate as much of its own funds as we can to supporting inclusiveness at the conference, but demand will by far outstrip our abilities. With three years to go, we hope to be able to find sponsors for bursaries. Unlike some other professional umbrella organizations, we cannot easily draw on large corporations as sponsors (CEOs reading this letter are welcome, in fact, invited to contact me!). We hope that many member organizations, institutions and publishers will decide to sponsor congress attendance by their own members. We will address members in this regard soon. We also hope that senior scholars will add an additional fee to their conference payment to allow us to sponsor young scholars from all over the world to attend. I am sure that we can make substantial bursaries available, but this will not be easy and all of you are called to assist, with ideas, connections, or monies. **Steve Anderson**, our treasurer is more than happy to develop solutions with you! ICEHO is incorporated in North Carolina, and can offer tax deductibility in the USA. I will keep all of you posted on developments over the coming months and years. I hope to see many of you at the next environmental history conferences in Chicago (ASEH, March 2017) and Zagreb (ESEH, June 2017). Many of you will also meet each other very soon in Mexico for the SOLCHA conference in early August. Good luck, SOLCHA with this – looking forward to publishing about the conference highlights in the *Bulletin*! With my best wishes for the Northern Hemisphere Summer break and the Southern Hemisphere spring approaching soon,

yours sincerely,
Verena Winiwarter
President ICEHO

Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt, Austria



From the Site Selection Committee for WCEH2019

We are delighted to announce that the ICEHO Site Selection Committee, charged to identify a location for the Third World Congress for Environmental History, has confirmed the Universidade Federal da Santa Catarina, (USFC), in Florianópolis, Brazil, as the venue for that meeting.

The committee's strong support for the USFC bid (which came with wide support from a number of colleagues and institutions in Brazil) was confirmed after a site inspection visit to Florianópolis by committee chair Graeme Wynn.

In his report on the venue, Wynn emphasized that ICEHO and WCEH are fortunate indeed to have a colleague of the stature and ability of USFC Professor of Environmental History, **Eunice Nodari** fully committed to delivering an excellent conference. She has the avowed support of her UFSC colleague **João Klug**, and a sizeable group of engaged graduate students, as well as the aforementioned support of the community of environmental historians in Brazil.



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The main USFC conference facilities are excellent and there are more than sufficient good classroom

spaces, open areas for social interaction, and coffee shops and snack bars within a five-minute radius. The campus is well served by bus services from downtown (15 minutes) and nearby Lagoa da Conceição (20 minutes during the day). There are many different types (and costs and quality) of accommodation in these locations, from hostels, through pousadas (small family-operated “inns”) to regular hotel chains (eg Ibis).

Florianópolis is easily reached by flights of less than two hours duration from several major international airports (Brasilia, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and Buenos Aires). Santa Catarina Island is an attractive location (and summertime holiday destination).



Costa da Lagoa – a bus and boat ride from Florianópolis

Further details will be forthcoming. The conference is scheduled for the fourth week of July 2019 (with 23rd–26th as the central dates). **Mark your calendars!**

Graeme Wynn
Chair, Site Selection Committee

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Digital Environmental History

Ant Spider Bee: Exploring digital environmental knowledge practices



How are digital practices transforming the fields of environmental history and environmental humanities? The blog *Ant Spider Bee* (www.antspiderbee.net) publishes short essays on topics like ways of doing environmental citizen science and crowdsourcing, the impact of GIS and digital maps on the practice of academic history, or how to teach environmental history with video games. The name *Ant Spider Bee* refers to Francis Bacon's metaphor about ways of handling knowledge. *Ant Spider Bee* is collaboratively edited by **Kimberly Coulter** of the Rachel Carson Center; **Wilko Graf von Hardenberg** of the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin; and **Finn Arne Jørgensen** of Umeå University, Sweden. We welcome suggestions for contributions.



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Looking for a way to move “**Beyond Doom and Gloom**” in environmental narratives? “Doom and gloom” has become the de facto cultural construct for environmental communication. Alumna fellow Elin Kelsey curated this Virtual Exhibition of letters to individuals or institutions that inspire hope. What moves you and your students beyond doom and gloom? Send us your letters; instagram us your photos.

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Our popular Virtual Exhibition “A History of Water in 20th-Century Bogotá” in now available in Spanish: “**Las corrientes de la ciudad: Una historia del agua en la Bogotá del siglo XX**” is curated and translated by RCC alumna fellow Stefania Gallini and Laura Felacio, Angélica Agredo, and Stephanie Garcés. The exhibition examines the history of water in Bogotá at a micro level through people's daily interactions with water, and on a broader level through the consideration of water infrastructure and pollution.

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GUIMARÃES MAIS VERDE!

Regular readers of this Bulletin will have seen two earlier reports from **Jane Carruthers**, past president of ICEHO, on her visits to Guimarães – the site of the extremely successful 2014 World Congress of Environmental History. As a member of the International Advisory Board assisting the city of Guimarães and its partner, the University of Minho, she is involved with the city's application to become the European Green Capital in a few years' time. Also on this Board are ICEHO representatives Mauro Agnoletti and Verena Winiwarter. A further meeting was held in June 2016, attended by Mauro and Jane and described below.

The Green Capital application is led by a formidable committee directed by the Mayor, Dr Domingos Bragança, the Rector of the University of Minho, Professor António M. Cunha, and an executive committee led by Vice-Mayor Amadeu Portilha and Vice-Rector Paulo Ramisio. The chief coordinator is Professor Isabel Loureiro and she heads the team that will complete the application and submit it to a panel of experts from the European Union in due course. This includes matters such as waste and water management, air quality, noise reduction, green energy and green transport and similar aspects of sustainable urban management.

The June 2016 meeting coincided with the commemoration of 24 June, the date on which the Battle of São Mamede was fought at Guimarães in 1128 between forces led by Afonso Henriques against those of the House of León, led by his mother, Teresa. The victory of Afonso Henriques is considered to be the founding date of the Kingdom of Portugal and thus the modern country. The event was marked by celebrations including a stirring re-enactment of the battle, the colourful Afonsina Medieval Fair, a charity marathon through the streets, and traditional dancing and singing. In addition, the Mayor took the opportunity to open a new large city green open space and the Prime Minister of Portugal, António Luís Santos da Costa, attended the solemn occasion in the Palace of the Dukes of Bragança (Paço dos Duques de Bragança) at which medals of honour were presented to a number of people who have contributed to the city over the past year. The

matter of the European Green Capital received acclamation in the formal speeches by the Mayor and the Prime Minister and the role of the Advisory Committee was acknowledged.



Informal meeting of Advisory Committee. L to R: Mohan Munasinghe, Estelita Vaz, Mauro Agnoletti and Will Wynn (Photo: Jane Carruthers) It is clear from our involvement in Guimarães, a complex municipal area of 48 local entities, that there are immense opportunities for environmental history in this region. The metropolitan fabric is diverse – agricultural, industrial and urban. Human use of the environment and its natural resources dates back to the Bronze Age and the area has been utilised by successive communities until our present era. Of particular interest is Citânia de Briteiros, a rich archaeological site, and one of the latest city initiatives is an innovative and unusual museum, the Casa da Memória (*House of Memory*) both of which were visited by committee members. Moreover, the strong commitment of the University of Minho to sustainability in all spheres of the institution is noteworthy in our age of the Anthropocene.

It is both a pleasure and a privilege for ICEHO to participate in this project and to have a lasting relationship with the city and the university after the extremely successful WCEH.

Jane Carruthers

See also:

www.cm-guimaraes.pt/pages/1092

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_S%C3%A3o_Mamede

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<http://www.archipendium.com/en/architecture/casa-da-memoria/>

<https://www.uminho.pt/EN/uminho/Sustainability>



Vamos Guimarães! This was the main square after EURO2016 football match. We are hoping that next time it will be all green for 2020...

Australian Historical Association 2016 – the New Green Stream.

Environmental historians Nancy Cushing and Jodi Frawley convened a new initiative at the 2016 Australian Historical Association meeting in Ballarat Victoria (Federation University), a 'Green Stream' in environmental history. This created the opportunity to hear about 40 lively papers from emerging and established historians on a range of environmental subjects, including climate, fire in the landscape, animals (invasive and otherwise) in history, health and ecologies.

Nancy and Jodi chaired a well-attended meeting where there was very warm support for establishing an Australian Environmental History Collective, something to enhance and complement existing initiatives. We agreed to build on the foundation of the **Australian and New Zealand Environmental History Network** <http://environmentalhistory-au-nz.org/about/> a member of ICEHO. A working group has been formed to contact people through facebook (Australian Environmental History group), the Environmental History Network and the AHA email list.

The AHA's prizes were announced at the conference dinner in the lovely Craig's Royal Hotel. Amongst the many worthy recipients was [Ruth Morgan](#), who was selected for the Allan Martin Award. This research fellowship is to assist early career historians further their research in Australian history and Ruth will use it to support her project 'Australindia: Australia, India and the Ecologies of Empire, 1788–1901'. Ruth's book *Running Out? Water in Western Australia* (UWA Publishing, 2015) was short listed for the WK Hancock prize, which is awarded to the best first book published in the previous two years, and was won this year by Adam Clulow, *The Company and The Shogun: The Dutch Encounter with Tokugawa Japan* (Columbia University Press, 2014).



Nancy Cushing (left) and Jodi Frawley at the annual Australian Historical Association (AHA) meeting in Ballarat– see <http://environmentalhistory-au-nz.org/2016/07/new-green-stream/>

If you have suggestions and ideas for what the working group could include in its program, please e-mail the

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In Brief

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Libby Robin (Bulletin Editor)

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