

Newsletter of the International Committee for the History of Technology - ICOHTEC

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I. 45th ICOHTEC Annual Meeting in Saint-Étienne, 2018

Call for Papers and Sessions

ICOHTEC Symposium -- Saint-Étienne, France -- 17 to 21 July 2018

Deadline for proposals: February 5th, 2018

The International Committee for the History of Technology will hold its 45th symposium and 50th anniversary celebration at the Jean Monnet University in the city of Saint-Étienne, France. The general theme of the symposium is **“Technological Drive from Past to Future? 50 years of ICOHTEC.”** Our intention is to inquire into long-term trends in interactions between technology and society, as well as how technologies have influenced utopian and dystopian views of the future. We aim to examine how the role of technology has changed across history and what characters and trends of technological change historians can help to anticipate in the future. The value of memories of the past for the present and future has been frequently discussed; the German theologian Albert Schweitzer claimed that *“happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory”*, whereas Spanish philosopher George Santayana argued that *“those who do not know history's mistakes are doomed to repeat them.”* The symposium intends to explore whether there is any possibility of solving the tension between history and future. Since ICOHTEC will be celebrating

descriptive title of the paper, a concise statement of the thesis, a brief discussion of the sources, and a summary of the major conclusions. Presentations should be compact analytical summaries of the author's research. Oral presentations will be of 15-20 minutes duration, depending on the exactly composition of the panel, which is roughly equivalent to 5-7 double-spaced typed pages. Contributors are encouraged to submit full-length versions of their papers after the symposium for consideration by ICOHTEC's peer-reviewed journal *ICON* by 1 December 2018.

- **SESSION** proposals must include (1) a 300 – 400 word abstract of the session with a list of proposed papers and a suggested chairperson; (2) 200 – 300 word abstracts for each paper, and (3) a one-page biographical sketch for each contributor and chairperson. Sessions should consist of three or four speakers, or three speakers and one commentator. It is possible to propose several related sessions, which can take place over more than one day. The Programme Committee reserves the right to relocate papers to different sessions and to add papers to sessions. We also encourage roundtable proposals and other non-traditional session formats.

- **POSTER** proposals must include (1) a 200 – 300-word abstract, and (2) a one-page biographical sketch. Abstracts should include the author's name and email address, a short descriptive title, a concise statement of the thesis, a brief discussion of the sources, and a summary of the major conclusions.

The official languages to present in ICOHTEC Meetings are English, French, German, Russian or Spanish **but papers, sessions and poster proposals must be submitted in English.**

Note: Membership of ICOHTEC is not required to participate in the symposium but members will pay a reduced registration fee. We especially encourage graduate students and early career scholars to participate in the symposium and submit their proposals. A limited number of **travel grants** will be available for Ph.D. candidates and young researchers, who are giving papers at the Symposium.

Submission of proposals

All proposals (paper, sessions, and posters) must be submitted electronically through our website <http://www.icohtec.org/annual-meeting-2018.html>. The online submission system will remain open until **5 February 2018**, which marks the deadline for all categories of contribution. On this website, you will also find all necessary instructions and guidelines on how to prepare and submit a proposal as well as all kind of information related to the event, such as travel grants announcements, calls for panellists to planned sessions, programme of the symposium, suggestions on accommodation and travel arrangements etc. Should you have any queries on the submission procedure or programme, please contact Timo Myllyntaus, the Chair of the Programme Committee, via email (timmyl@utu.fi) or by post:

I.I Call for the ICOHTEC Summer School of 2018 in Saint-Étienne

Theme	<i>Does Technology drive History? Theoretical Concepts and Historical Examples</i>
Target participants	PhD students and recent post-doctoral researchers Early career researcher and professionals with a subject-relevant academic background
Dates	Mon 16 July to Tue 17 July, 2017 (Part 1) Wed 18 to Sat 21 July, 2017 (Part 2)
Venue	MRASH (<i>Hall of the Rhône-Alpes House of Humanities</i>), Jean Monnet University, Saint-Étienne, France
Most relevant disciplines	-History of Technology -History of Science -Economic and Social History -Environmental History
Fees	Fee of the Summer school only: 50 Euro (After 31 May: 60 €) Fee of Summer school & Symposium: 125 Euro (After 31 May: 155 €) <i>These ICOHTEC's registration fees include participation services, lunches and pass for local public transportation. Students will be lodged at the Jean Monnet University's Halls of Residence at their own cost (34 euro/night). A limited number of ICOHTEC travel grants will be available for Summer School participants and they cover part of travel costs from regions outside France.</i>
Admission	Applications will be accepted by email until 5th March, 2018. The results of selection will be announced to the applicants by 31st March 2018.

Lecturers

Francesca Bray

Professor of Social Anthropology

University of Edinburgh, UK

Past President, Society for the History of Technology (SHOT)

Michel Cotte

Emeritus professor of the History of Technology

Centre François Viète

University of Nantes, France

President of the French Society of the History of Science and Technology

Who is eligible?

In 2018, the ICOHTEC Travel Grants will be awarded in two categories:

- **Up to 350 Euro each** – eligible for applying are graduates, post-graduates and young scholars whose papers have been accepted in our 2018 Symposium. Special preference will be given to participants from low-income countries, who are not able to receive sufficient financial support elsewhere. These travel grants are not intended to cover the full costs of attending the Symposium, and may be used to bus/train/ferry/flight tickets, lodging and/or registration fee.

- **Up to 200 Euro each** – eligible for applying are the students and early career researchers participating in the ICOHTEC Summer School in St-Étienne. Students and researchers whose papers have also been accepted to the scientific programme of our 2018 Symposium, following immediately the Summer School, are eligible for the Travel Grant of up to 350 Euro each.

How do I apply?

The Travel Grant Application Form (see on the back or consult www.icohtec.org) must be filled in, and sent by 16 April 2018 as an e-mail attachment to Sławomir Łotysz, the Chair of the Travel Grant Committee at s.lotysz@gmail.com. In addition to the information provided in the application form, please attach a short CV or bio, as well as an appropriate document proving your status (a scan of your student's ID or supervisor's/professor's letter if applicable). The reimbursement will be made after the accepted paper is presented in person by the Grantee at the Symposium. Please, note that all money transfers can be made only after the symposium. In addition, make sure you saved your original tickets and invoices to hand them over to the Treasurer at the meeting.

What is the time schedule?

The completed application (next page), along with applicable attachments, should be submitted by e-mail by Monday **16 April**. The grants will be announced by **mid-May 2018**.

Best Regards

Sławomir Łotysz

President & Chair of the Travel Grant Committee

45th ICOHTEC SYMPOSIUM, SAINT-ÉTIENNE, FRANCE.

APPLICATION FORM

First and last name:		
Postal address:		
E-mail address:		
Your status (mark right options):	graduate student/post-doc/independent young scholar/other (explain)	
	member of ICOHTEC: yes/no	male/female
Institutional affiliation:		

The estimated expenses (in euro):

Travel	
Registration fee	
Accommodation costs	
Total	
Requested (max 200 or 350 € - check your eligibility in the announcement)	

Payment information:

Personal address (which you gave in your bank)	
Bank name :	
Bank address (typically it is not your branch, but a headquarter – please ask in your bank):	
SWIFT code :	
Account number in international format (typically called IBAN) :	

NOTE: If you are unable to accept international bank transfer, cash payment can be arranged for you at the symposium. Please ask the Chair of the Travel Grant for details.

Professional activities at symposium (other than presenting paper or poster):

- Student accepted to the Summer School (if yes, type the title of your presentations):

- Chairing a session (if yes, please give the title):

