This Newsletter gives summary information on the activities undertaken by ESHET in 2014. It is an invitation to members of ESHET, and those currently not members, to become better acquainted with the major programmes of this academic society – aimed at the development of the history of economic thought as an important field of study, and the strengthening of the community of history-of-economic-thought scholars, committed to sharing the results of its research with a wider audience.

WEBSITE

The ESHET website provides regular updating of pertinent news and announcements.

The historical record of ESHET activities and documents related to its internal organization are now easily available to ESHET members in the section “about ESHET”. There are also sections featuring reading lists for HET courses and lists of recent publications authored by ESHET members.

Information on past conferences, awards granted and honorary members are also accessible to both members and non-members.

The website provides information on forthcoming conferences, workshops and seminars and maintains a record of HET events organized or sponsored by ESHET since 2006.

It also provides direct links to the Societies for the History of Economics (SHOE) archives and other HET resources.

2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2014 ESHET Annual Conference was held in Lausanne, Switzerland, 29-31 May.

The theme of the Conference was Liberalisms: Perspectives and Debates in the History of Economic Thought. The conference was organized by the Centre Walras Pareto d'études interdisciplinaires de la pensée économique et politique, Université de Lausanne, with 260 participants in attendance and papers presented in 70 parallel sessions.

There were also 4 plenary lectures. As there were joint 2013 winners of the ESHET Best Book Award, 2 Blanqui Lectures were presented, by Mary Morgan (‘Aggregation and the Use of Models’) and Malcolm Rutherford (‘Deficient Markets’). The Conference Keynote Lecture was given by Alan Kirman (‘The Complex Roots of Economic Liberalism’); and José Luis Cardoso gave the 2014 Presidential Address (‘Liberalism and Enlightened Political Economy’).

A Special Issue of the European Journal of the History of Economic Thought (vol. 21, no. 6, December 2014) features a selection of papers presented at the 2013 Conference, held at Kingston University, London. The papers were subject to standard processes of peer review and the guest Editors for the issue were Richard van den Berg and Annalisa Rosselli.

The 2015 ESHET Annual Conference will be held at Università di Roma, Tre, 14–16 May. The Call for Papers deadline is 12 January 2015: http://www.eshet.net/conference/index.php?p=39
2014 AWARDS

The recipients of the ESHET 2014 awards were:

- **Young Researcher Award**—Rebeca Gomez Betancourt, Université Lumière / Lyon 2 & Triangle/CNRS (France).
- **Honorary Member Award**—Anthony M.C. Waterman, Professor Emeritus, University of Manitoba, Canada & Fellow, St John’s College, Winnipeg.

Further information on the criteria for each award, and recipients in previous years, is available at the ESHET website.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

One of the aims of ESHET is to promote the establishment of links with national economic societies and organizations for the history of economic thought both within Europe and globally. In 2014 ESHET members have actively contributed to HET activities in their own countries and national societies. ESHET has been directly engaged in the joint organization of conferences with Latin American and Japanese organizations:

- The 4th ESHET Latin American Conference was held in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, 19–21 November 2014.
- Discussions are proceeding with a view to a 2015 ESHET Latin American Conference, in Santiago, Chile.
- The 4th ESHET/JSHET (Japanese Society for the History of Economic Thought) Joint Conference will be held in Otaru, Hokkaido, 11–13 September 2015, with the theme of the Conference, *War in the History of Economic Thought*. The deadline of the Call for Papers is 31/3/15, with abstracts (not more than 450 words) to be communicated simultaneously to Susumu Egashira (husserl4@gmail.com) and Gilbert Faccarelo (gilbert.faccarelo@u-paris2.fr).

YOUNG SCHOLARS GRANTS

Several initiatives in support of young scholars, aimed in particular at increasing their participation in international conferences and seminars, have been sponsored by ESHET in 2014:

- Partnership with the INET (Institute for New Economic Thinking) ‘Young Scholars Initiative’, providing lectures on the history of economic thought to the YSI Lausanne Workshop for PhD students, 27–28 May 2014 (immediately prior to the ESHET Conference):

- Financial support for young scholars to present papers at the 4th ESHET Latin American Conference (4 grants funded by ESHET, 4 funded jointly by INET and the Ipead Foundation): Andrés Álvarez, Rebeca Gomez Betancourt, Alain Clément, Margarita Fajardo, Sharmin Khodaiji, Roberto Lampa, Jérôme Lange and Claudia Sunna.
- Financial support for the 17th Summer School on History of Economic Thought, Economic Philosophy and Economic History (on the theme, Unemployment and the Social Question), held in Zaragoza, Spain, 1–7 September 2014. Twenty PhD students were selected to participate. The 2015 18th Summer School will take place in Stuttgart, Germany, 31/8–5/9/15 (on the theme, Globalization: Past, Present and Future).
- The Gilles Dostaler Prize and Young Researcher Award, noted above under ‘2014 Awards’, recognizes outstanding intellectual achievement by a scholar under the age of 35 (for a single work) and under the age of 40 (for a body of work), respectively.

A NEW INITIATIVE: ESHET RESEARCH GRANTS

From 2014, ESHET is sponsoring research grants—for projects on any topic in the history of economic thought—to be competitively awarded from among applications, up to a total allocation per annum of €20,000.00. The members of the Awarding Committee were Tony Aspromourgos, José Luís Cardoso (Chair) and Michel de Vroey. Four applications were received. From among these, one grant has been awarded this year:

- to a research team led by Claire Silvant (TRIANGLE, University of Lyon 2), for the project, ‘The Trade-off Between Taxation, Debt and Money Creation in the History of Public Finance Crises (1848–1914)’ (€9,800).

In addition, as a consequence of a provision of funds by the European Central Bank, ESHET in collaboration with the ECB is competitively awarding research grants—for projects on the history of monetary theories, policies and institutions—up to a total allocation this year of €10,000.00. The members of the Awarding Committee were Arie Arnon, David Laidler, Ivo Maes (Chair) and Antoin Murphy. Three applications were received. Two grants have been awarded this year:

- to a research team led by Sylvie Diatkine (University of Paris 12), for the project, ‘Money Market and Monetary Policy in the Bretton Woods International Monetary System Crisis’ (€5,000.00);
- and to a team led by Gianfranco Tusset (University of Padua), for the project, ‘Central Banks Between Speeches and Theories’ (€5,000.00).

NEW BOOKS BY ESHET MEMBERS

This year’s ESHET General Assembly, to be held during the 14–16 May Rome Conference, will feature a video display of new books by ESHET members—as has been the practice since 2012. If you have published, or will be publishing, a book in the history of economics between May 2014 and May 2015, and would like to have your work included in the display, please send the following information to Steven Medema (steven.medema@ucdenver.edu) by 3 April 2015:

- name and affiliation of the author(s);
- book title;
- publisher;
- a digital image of the book’s cover;
- and a brief (3 or 4 lines) summary of the book’s contents.

The digital cover image should be obtained from the publisher or copied from the publisher’s website, and the publisher’s catalog/website description of the book (if sufficiently concise) could well serve as the requested brief summary. NOTE THAT ONLY BOOKS IN THE HISTORY OF ECONOMICS ARE TO BE DISPLAYED.
These are the new books by ESHET members displayed at the 2014 General Assembly:


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