



# Newsletter2013

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This Newsletter gives summary information of the activities undertaken by ESHET in 2013. It is an invitation to members and non-members of ESHET to get better acquainted with the main actions directly promoted by this academic society, aiming at both the development of the history of economic thought as a field of study and the enhancement of a community of scholars interested in sharing the outcome of their research with a wider audience.

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## 2013 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 17th Annual Conference of the European Society for the History of Economic Thought took place at Kingston University, London, from 16 until 18 May 2013. The theme of the conference was "Economic Theory and Business Practice: Their relations through the ages". Professor Brian Loasby of the University of Stirling delivered the key-note speech on this theme.

More than 200 delegates from over 25 countries attended the conference. They enjoyed the academic programme (61 parallel sessions covering a full range of HET topics), as well as the social programme (a highlight was the Dead Economists of London Tour).

A selection of photographs, papers and the conference programme remain available at <http://www.eshet.net/conference/index.php?p=38>.

The **2014 ESHET Annual Conference** is organized by the Centre Walras-Pareto and will be held at the University of Lausanne in Switzerland.

The conference website is <http://www.unil.ch/eshet2014>

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## WEBSITE

The ESHET website has been improved in 2013. The lists of call for papers, scholarships, fellowships, grants, prizes, as well as the lists of workshops, conferences and seminars in the history of economic thought have been regularly updated. ESHET initiatives and supports devoted to young scholars have also been particularly highlighted.

New sections were added in 2013, such as a list of Past Officers, the video display of books published by members of ESHET, a new link to course materials, new photos of economists, a section devoted to the ESHET election process.

The ESHET website gives always access to the historical records of ESHET activities and documents, namely information on past conferences, awards granted and honorary members.

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

ESHET website also gives direct link to the Societies for the History of Economics (SHOE) archives and other HET resources.

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## 2013 AWARDS

The recipients of the ESHET 2013 awards were:

- **Best article:** Richard van den Berg, 'Something wonderful and incomprehensible in their oeconomy'. The English versions of Richard Cantillon's Essay on the Nature of Trade in General. *The European Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, 19(6), 2012, 868-907.
- **Best book (ex-aequo):** Malcolm Rutherford, *The Institutional Movement in American Economics, 1918-1947: Science and Social Control*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011; and Mary Morgan, *The World in the Model: How Economists Work and Think*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012.
- **Best scholarly edition:** Henri Saint-Simon. *Œuvres complètes*. Introduction, notes et commentaires par Juliette Grange, Pierre Musso, Philippe Régnier et Frank Yonnet. Paris: Presses Universitaires de France, 2012. 4 volumes
- **Young Researcher:** Arnaud Orain (University of Paris 8 and LED)
- **Honorary member:** Pierre Dockès (Emeritus professor, Université Lumière (Lyon 2))

Further information on awards justifications and recipients in previous years is available at the ESHET website.

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## 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 in Europe and outside Europe. In 2013 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 universities and associations, as listed below.

- Medellín, Colombia, 20-22 November 2012. After two conferences in Mexico City 2011 and Buenos Aires 2012, the third ESHET conference in cooperation with colleagues from Latin America was held at EAFIT University in Medellín, Colombia. The conference theme was *Path Dependence in Economic Development*. Attendance at this conference was lower than at the previous two conferences, with few participants from the European ESHET side, but many from Colombia and other Latin American countries. ESHET gave three grants to young scholars from Spain, Argentina and South Africa. The good side of the low attendance was the high quality and intensity in the presentation and discussion of the 27 papers (and one round table). These were more exclusively devoted to the history of economic thought than in previous years (when development economics had taken greater space). The conference was excellently organized by the colleagues at EAFIT University.
- Lyon, France, 10-12 September 2013. Conference on *New developments on Ricardo and the Ricardian traditions*, co-organized by the Ricardo Society (Japan), the research centre Triangle (CNRS, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon) and the Université Lumière (Lyon 2), and sponsored by ESHET.

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## YOUNG SCHOLARS GRANTS

Several initiatives in favour of young scholars, aiming at the increase of their participation in international conferences and seminars, have been sponsored by ESHET in 2013, namely:

- Young scholars sessions at the 2013 ESHET Conference in Kingston (6 grants).
  - Financial support for the *16th Summer School on History of Economic Thought, Economic Philosophy and Economic History*, 2 to 8 September 2013, Middle East Technical University, Department of Economics, Ankara/TURKEY, on Growth and Development: History, Theory, policy <http://www.16thsummerschoolhet.com/>
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## NEW BOOKS BY ESHET MEMBERS

The forthcoming ESHET General Assembly, to be held in Lausanne, will again feature a video display of new books published by ESHET members. If you have published (or will have published) a book in the history of economics between May 2013 and May 2014 and would like to have your book included in this display, please send the following information to Steven Medema (steven.medema@ucdenver.edu) by April 15 2014: name and affiliation of 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 brief) could serve well as the requested summary.

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## ESHET ELECTIONS

The election for ESHET officers for the period 2014-2016 was closed on 15 December 2013 with the following results:

Number of voters: 128 (out of a membership of 341)

President elected: José Luís Cardoso

Members elected to the Executive Committee: Tony Aspromourgos, Richard van den Berg, Anna Carabelli, Ivo Maes, Steve Medema and Richard Sturn



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