



EDITOR'S CORNER

The forty-first annual meeting of the Business History Conference will take place in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, on 17–19 March 1995. Proposals for papers and sessions for the meeting should fall into one of the following broad categories:

Recent conferences have focused on the themes of innovation, comparative business history, and the theory of the firm. Since these subjects have hardly been exhausted, any one of them could be explored in papers for 1995. Although new research or thinking on these subjects would be welcome, equally appropriate would be papers following up on, refining, or challenging points made in the presentations of the last few years.

Because the BHC will be meeting in Florida for the first time, the conference's location provides another category for proposals. Proposed papers and sessions should range widely. Topics could deal, for example, with subjects in the history of the tourist industry in Florida or elsewhere; the entrepreneurship found in (Spanish-speaking or other) immigrant communities; the business history of the Caribbean, Central America, or Latin America.

Finally, as is the BHC's custom, the above themes are not designed to exclude any other topic in business history. All are welcome to propose a paper or a session.

The Newcomen Prize of \$1,000 and a plaque will be awarded to one of the papers presented at the meeting. Papers will be eligible for publication in the conference proceedings volume, *Business and Economic History*.

Abstracts of each paper and brief curriculum vitae of the participants should be included with proposals, which must be submitted by 1 October 1994. The program will be announced on 1 December 1994. Proposal materials should be sent to William H. Becker, Department of History, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C. 20052; phone: 202-994-6052; fax: 202-994-6231.

The conference again will include a plenary session for dissertation summaries. Dissertations completed within the last three years, 1992–94, are eligible for consideration. The Herman E. Krooss Prize (\$250) is awarded annually to the best dissertation presented at the meeting. Those wishing to be considered for inclusion should send an abstract and a copy of the dissertation to the session organizer, Roger Olien, 3208 W. Denger, Midland, TX 79705; phone: 915-694-0793.

The Economic and Business History Society (EBHS) will hold its twentieth annual meeting in Boulder, Colorado, on 27–29 April 1995. Members and nonmembers are invited to submit papers, offer their services as session chairs or discussants, and to make program suggestions. Paper proposals, which should include a two-page abstract, are due 15 January 1995; the deadline for papers is 1 March 1995.

Correspondence, abstracts, and papers should be addressed to Ann Carlos, EBHS President and Program Chair, Department of Economics, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309; fax: 303-492-8960.

The Economic and Business History Society encourages interdisciplinary scholarship in economic and business history. Its international membership includes scholars with interests in economics, history, business, social science, geography, and related disciplines. EBHS is particularly interested in soliciting papers from new scholars and graduate students and from those working in areas such as business and the environment, business and culture, and political economy.

The Harvard Business School and the Newcomen Society of the United States announce a postdoctoral fellowship in business history to support twelve months of residence and research at the Harvard Business School for the academic year 1995–96. The stipend is \$44,000.

The purpose of this award is to enable scholars who have received the Ph.D. in history, economics, or a related discipline within the past ten years to improve their professional acquaintance with business and economic history, to increase their skills as they relate to this field, and to engage in research that will benefit from the resources of the Harvard Business School and the Boston scholarly community. The successful applicant will participate in the school's business history course, seminar, and case development activities. Those interested should request an application from Professor Thomas K. McCraw, Morgan 297, Harvard Business School, Boston, MA 02163. Completed applications for the 1995–96 Newcomen Fellowship must be received no later than 1 November 1994.

Harvard University announces the Alfred D. Chandler, Jr., Traveling Fellowships in Business History and Institutional Economic History. The grants will range from \$1,000 to \$3,000, with the funds awarded each year totaling approximately \$15,000. The purpose of the fellowships is to facilitate library and archival research in business history or in institutional economic history, broadly defined. Topics such as labor relations and government regulation would also be considered for awards, if the approach is primarily institutional. The intent of the awards is to encourage the kind of research exemplified by the published work of Alfred D. Chandler, Jr.

Three categories of applicants will be eligible for grants:

- Harvard University graduate students in history, economics, business administration, or a related discipline such as sociology, government, or law, whose research requires travel to distant archives or repositories

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- Graduate students or nontenured faculty in those fields from other North American universities, whose research requires travel to the Boston-Cambridge area (to study, for example, in the collections of the Baker, Widener, McKay, Law, Kress, or Houghton libraries)
- Harvard College undergraduates writing senior theses in these fields, whose research requires similar travel.

The fellowships will be administered by a committee of three faculty members from Harvard's Business School and History and Economics departments. The deadline for receipt of applications is 1 December 1994, and recipients may use their awards at any time during calendar 1995.

Requests for applications should be sent to the committee chair, Professor Thomas K. McCraw, Morgan 297, Harvard Business School, Boston, MA 02163.

As we reach the end of the volume year, the editors wish to extend their gratitude to the many scholars who assisted this journal in particular and the profession in general by serving as manuscript readers. The following people are those who, in addition to members of the journal's Editorial Advisory Board, performed this task during 1993:

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Larry Zacharias, *University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

The editors would also like to take special note of the passing of Hugh G. J. Aitken, who, in addition to his long service to the *Business History Review* as a frequent manuscript reader, was one of the developers of business history as a field of inquiry. While a graduate student in economics and a Research Fellow at the Research Center in Entrepreneurial History at Harvard University in the 1950s, Aitken was one of the founding editors of the Center's journal, *Explorations in Entrepreneurial History* (precursor of the present-day *Explorations in Economic History*). His dissertation, "W. H. Merritt and the Welland Canal Company: A Study in the Entrepreneurial Approach to Economic History" (Harvard University, 1951), was published by Harvard University Press in its Studies in Entrepreneurial History Series as *The Welland Canal Company: A Study in Canadian Enterprise* (1954). A specialist in the economic history of Europe and North America, Aitken was the co-author, with W. T. Easterbrook, of *Canadian Economic History* (1956), still a standard text. His *Taylorism at the Watertown Arsenal: Scientific Management in Action, 1908–1915* (1960), later reissued by Princeton University Press with a new foreword by Merritt Roe Smith (1985), foreshadowed yet another area of interest: Aitken moved enthusiastically into the history of technology, especially radio history, which was an area of personal as well as scholarly fascination. Both *Syntony and Spark: The Origins of Radio* (1976) and *The Continuous Wave: Technology and American Radio, 1900–1932* (1985) were awarded the Dexter Prize of the Society for the History of Technology.

Professor Aitken taught in the Department of Economics at Amherst College from 1965 until his retirement in 1993. His generous assistance, as well as his wide-ranging scholarly knowledge, will be greatly missed in the profession.