

Dear ESHS members,

the 4th International Conference of the European Society for the History of Science on "The Circulation of Science and Technology" will be held in Barcelona, 18-20 November 2010, hosted by the Societat Catalana d'Història de la Ciència i de la Tècnica (SCHCT).

You can find information about the Conference at the url:

<http://4eshs.iec.cat/>

Historiography has recently acknowledged that circulation of ideas and techniques plays a central role in the understanding of their evolution. Given that science and technology are international achievements, their dissemination could be the most distinctive element in their construction. Circulation is not a simple change of geographical place; it carries with it epistemological and philosophical changes as a result of the crossing of cultural and political boundaries. Networks cover a wide range of local settings, actors, institutions and interests, both in the production of new science and technology, and in the reception and appropriation of known science and technology. The conference should stimulate studies and debates about the dissemination of science and technology: first, the circulation of ideas, theories, methods and practices; second, of objects, instruments, machines, artefacts, seeds, plants, minerals, drawings, illustrations, inscriptions, paintings...; third, of texts: manuscripts, printed books, textbooks, journals, letters, book notes; fourth, of scientists and technicians around the world in "grand tours", trips for leisure, lecturing, business and industrial espionage; and fifth, of information about institutional organization, transmission of knowledge and the influence of local contexts, among others. The organizers encourage all scholars to submit proposals for scientific sessions, symposia and individual papers related to the topic of the Conference.

The important dates are as follows:

Deadline for symposia proposals: November 30th 2009

2nd Circular (Call for Papers, Grant and Registr. Info): January 11th 2010

Deadline for confirmation of accepted symposia: January 11th 2010

Deadline for grant application: February 1st 2010

Deadline for abstract submission: February 1st 2010

Deadline for confirmation of grant applications: May 3rd 2010

Deadline for confirmation of accepted papers: May 3rd 2010

Deadline for early registration: May 31st 2010

3rd Circular (Schedule, Preliminary Program): October 18th 2010

Abstracts on the web: October 18th 2010

Opening of the Conference: November 18th 2010

The XI Trobada d'Història de la Ciència i de la Tècnica of the SCHCT will be held on November 21st 2010 as a satellite event of the 4th International Conference of the ESHS.

With my best regards,

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