



WEHC 2012 First Call for Session Proposals

NOVEMBER 2009

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Please submit your session proposal via the online submission form at www.wehc2012.org. You will be asked to provide the following information: the name(s), title(s), and institutional affiliation(s) of the organiser(s), your contact details, the proposed title for the session, a session abstract explaining the aim and relevance of the session, the number of papers expected, and the names and affiliations of those who have agreed in principle to participate. Receipt of session proposals will be acknowledged by email.

If selected, organisers of sessions will be asked to take on the following responsibilities:

- (1) Communicate as requested with the Secretary General of the IEHA and the Local Organising Committee in Stellenbosch as the programme takes shape.
- (2) Circulate an open call for participation and/or papers that invites broad involvement by scholars from different countries and approaches. Organisers will be asked to respect the IEHA's desire to make the World Economic History Congress as inclusive as possible, encouraging as necessary young scholars and those from outside of Western Europe and North America.
- (3) Plan the sessions in Stellenbosch to allow at least 25% of the available time for informal open discussion with the audience. This may require limiting the number of papers presented at the session and/or preparing the session by organising a pre-conference.
- (4) Ensure that all participants are able to communicate easily and effectively with each other both before the Congress and during the session. Particular attention should be given to easing the difficulty of scholarly dialogue among participants with different native languages.
- (5) Provide or raise whatever funding may be necessary for the proposed session and associated activities before and after the Congress.

The International Economic History Association (IEHA) will hold its sixteenth World Economic History Congress in Stellenbosch, South Africa in July 2012. More information on WEHC 2012 is available on the Congress website: www.wehc2012.org

The scientific programme of the Stellenbosch Congress will be organised on the same principles as the fifteenth World Economic History Congress in Utrecht in 2009. The 5-day Congress will have approximately 100 sessions, with each day divided into four time blocks of 90 minutes each (two before lunch and two after lunch).

Although the IEHA welcomes sessions on all topics in economic history, history of economics, demographic history, social history, urban history, cultural history, gender studies, methodological aspects of historical research, and related fields, the WEHC 2012 theme is "Exploring the Roots of Development". The IEHA has, therefore, a particularly strong desire to attract sessions on the period before 1800 and sessions that include countries other than those of Western Europe and North America. Organisers will be given wide discretion to shape the format of sessions to be the most interesting and efficient, given the topic and the participants invited.

There will be two Calls for Session Proposals: the deadline for the First Call is 1 September 2010. The deadline for the Second Call will be in mid-2011. The IEHA believes that this two-round procedure will allow those wishing to propose broad themes, summaries of a sub-field, or complex organisational arrangements (e.g. pre-conferences, cross-refereeing) two years to plan and organise the session. The two-round procedure will also reserve ample space on the programme for new ideas and fresh topics to be announced a year and a few months before the Congress. In this way it is hoped to strike a reasonable balance between reports on current research and new topics and sessions that require substantial time to organise and prepare.

This is the First Call for Session Proposals. From submissions received before 1 September 2010, the Executive Committee of the IEHA will select a number of proposals to be included in the programme. Given the early date of this first deadline, the Executive Committee does not expect session organisers to present a full panel of participants. Indeed organisers are encouraged to make an open call for papers once their ses-



KEY DATES

First Call for Session Proposals issued:

November 2009

First Call for Session Proposals deadline:

1 September 2010

Successful First Call session organisers supply tentative list of participants:


31 December 2010

Second Call for Session Proposals issued:

October 2010

All session organisers supply final session details and papers:

30 April 2012



sion has been selected for the programme. However, a tentative list of participants should be available for publication on the Congress website before 31 December 2010.

A Second Call for Session Proposals will be issued in October 2010. From submissions received before the deadline of the second round, the Executive Committee of the IEHA will fill all but five of the remaining session slots. The five remaining slots will be filled by the Executive Committee with sessions on topics the committee feels should be on the programme. Organisers of sessions selected in the second round will also be encouraged to publish an open call for papers for their sessions.

For all sessions, a final list of participants and paper titles, a time schedule for the session, and the congress papers or abstracts must be submitted before 30 April 2012, for publication on the Congress website and in the Congress programme. Scholars and the general public will have access to the website and will be able to search, read, and download papers of interest in advance of the Congress.

There will be no distinction between sessions submitted in reply to the First or Second Call for Session Proposals. Each session organiser will be given two time blocks and no extra time blocks will be allocated (organisers wishing to extend their session may submit a proposal in the Second Call for Session Proposals). Time blocks will be consecutive on the same day unless the organisers request an alternative timing.