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## Editorial

In the late 1940s Swedish ethnographer Olof Hasslöf described the social organisation of Swedish West coast fishermen. In doing so, he stressed the importance of boat-fellowship, which allowed ownership of gear and vessel by fishers, allowing a level of investment beyond the reach of individual fishermen. While boat-fellowship made good economic sense, it did not ease the fishermen's burden.

Adopting similar notions of fellowship, the GFHN has for some time looked at possibilities for collegial networking with sympathetic organisations and networks. Towards this end, we are pleased to announce our closer future collaboration with the Environmental History of Modern Aquaculture-Joint Research Project (HAJRP) (<http://kinsey.schema.ca/HAJRP/HAJRP.html>). While each will continue to retain its own identity, GFHN and HAJRP will now actively consider developments that can benefit both constituencies. In consequence, Drs. Darin Kinsey and Olivier Levasseur, the organisers of HAJRP, have kindly agreed to join the GFHN committee. The committee and the editors warmly welcome both, and we hope to offer news of further developments in the near future.

Continuing the good news, we are pleased to announce that the International Maritime Economic History Association (IMEHA) has graciously accepted two session proposals submitted by the GFHN for the Fifth International Congress of Maritime History, to be held in London during June 2008. Titles of sessions are respectively: *The North European Fishing Industry, c. 1880-1990*, and *The Global Fish Market, c. 1870-2000*. The editors will be back with details on papers as these become available. Full details of the programme, which is likely to feature additional sessions on fisheries, will be published at <http://www.imeha2008.com> shortly.

Our congratulations to the editors and contributors of *Studia Atlantica* 8 for their nomination for the prestigious North American Society for Ocean History's John Lyman Book Award. While we are all aware of the high standard of scholarship within the fisheries history community, it is always gratifying that it is recognised externally.

As in preceding editorials, we encourage you all to share your thoughts with the GFHN, possibly by contributing information for the newsletter, reviews of “classics” for the website, or simply thoughts on fisheries history more generally. We are always happy to hear from you and help develop the community.

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## **Conference calls**

### **Cod and Herring: The Archaeology and Early History of Intensive Fishing**

Westray, Orkney, Scotland, 4-8 June, 2008

First Announcement and Call for Papers

The development of intensive cod and herring fisheries in medieval and early modern times has had a profound and ongoing impact on the political economy, social history and historical ecology of the Northern Hemisphere. This workshop aims to bring together archaeologists and historians in order to elucidate the early origins, causes and consequences of commercial fishing for these once superabundant species.

Contact: [CodHerring2008@mcdonald.cam.ac.uk](mailto:CodHerring2008@mcdonald.cam.ac.uk)

Webpage (forthcoming July 2007): [www.mcdonald.cam.ac.uk/CodHerring2008/](http://www.mcdonald.cam.ac.uk/CodHerring2008/)

Please note that numbers are limited – Westray is a small island. Early expressions of interest are strongly advised.

A workshop of the International Council for Archaeozoology, the History of Marine Animal Populations, the Global Fisheries History Network and the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, University of Cambridge.

## **Forthcoming conferences**

*We are happy to publicise details of any conferences, workshops, and seminars that might be of interest to subscribers. Please pass on details to the editors*

### **The 11<sup>th</sup> North Atlantic Fisheries History Conference**

**Fisheries, Science and Regulations in the North Atlantic in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century  
Bergen 19 – 21 September 2007**

Organisers: North Atlantic Fisheries History Association (NAFHA), Museum Vest and the Department of History, University of Bergen, Norway.

The main topic of the conference is “Fisheries science and regulation in the nineteenth and twentieth century”. Papers focus on a broad range of issues regarding the relationship between fisheries and science.

## Registration

You may register for the conference until 1 July by sending an e-mail to:

[Arstein.Svihus@hi.uib.no](mailto:Arstein.Svihus@hi.uib.no) or [Bjorn@museumvest.no](mailto:Bjorn@museumvest.no)

## Program

### Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup>

19:00 – 21:00: Registration at Hotel Admiral

20:30: Welcome speech by Anders Haaland (NAFHA/Museum Vest)

### Wednesday September 19<sup>th</sup>

08:30 – 09:15: Plenary lecture

Helen M. Rozwadowski (University of Connecticut, Avery Point): Science and the Creation of Fisheries Regulations.

09:15 – 12:00: Session 1: Scientific marine research in the early phase

Peter E. Pope (Memorial University, St. John’s, Newfoundland): Fisheries Science and Fisheries Regulation in the North Atlantic, 1640-1832: the Instructive Case of Newfoundland’s Petit Nord.

Matthew McKenzie (University of Connecticut, Avery Point): Science and the Political Economy of an Industrialized Fishery: An Ecosystem-Based Study of the Nineteenth Century Southern New England Inshore Fishery.

10:15 – 10:30: Coffee

Jeroen ter Brugge (Maritime Museum Rotterdam): Controlling the Dutch Anchovy Fisheries: Research and Regulations in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Century.

Robb Robinson (University of Hull): The Work of the Board of British Fisheries in England 1809-1850.

12:00 – 13:00: Lunch.

13:00 – 17:00: Session 1 (continued):

Julia Lajus (European University at St. Petersburg): Fisheries Science across Borders: the Nineteenth Century Fisheries Exhibitions and Congresses as Places of Informational Exchange.

Vera Schwach (NIFU STEP, Oslo): Bergen 1900-1914: an Early School in Marine Science – Johan Hjort and Natural Fluctuations.

14:10 – 14:25: Coffee

Jennifer Hubbard (Ryerson University, Toronto): Norwegian Influences on Canadian Fisheries Science and Fisheries Management: Johan Hjort and the Canadian Fisheries Expedition of 1914-1915.

Inês Amorim (University of Porto): The Marine Zoology: from the Middle of Nineteenth Century to the End of Nineteenth Century in Portugal.

Piers Crocker (Norwegian Canning Museum, Stavanger): Brisling Sardines, Kippered Herring and Fishballs: Activity at the Norwegian Research Laboratory for the Canning Industry 1931-1935.

17:00 – 18:00: Afternoon excursion by the funicular railway to Mount Fløyen, offering supreme views over Bergen and its surrounding islands.

19:30: Dinner

## **Thursday September 20<sup>th</sup>**

08:30 – 12:00: Session 2: Science and Regulations after 1945

Sean Cadigan (Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland): Science, Markets, and Popular Culture in Fisheries Management: The Experience of Newfoundland and Labrador, 1890s-1990s.

Colin J. Davis (University of Alabama at Birmingham): The Politics of Inclusion and Exclusion: A Transnational Comparison of Fishery Regulation in the USA and GB 1960-1974.

10:00 – 10:15: Coffee

Nils Kolle (University of Bergen): Science's Role in Establishing a New Fishery Regime 1957-1977.

Anthony J. Harrison (Hobart, Tasmania): The 'New Science' of Stock Assessment and the Regulation of Australian Fisheries 1955-1975.

12:30 – 13:30: Lunch

13:30 – 15:00: Session 2 (Continued):

Álvaro Garrido (Universidade de Coimbra): Re-making the Portuguese 'Costal State'. The Impacts of the Law of the Sea in the Cod Fishing Industry Fall (1958-1977).

Ingo Heidbrink (German Maritime Museum, Bremerhaven, & University of Bremen): Presentation of GLOMAR (Global Change in the Marine Realm). Fisheries at the Scientific Boundary Between Science and Humanities. New Approaches Towards a Multidisciplinary View of Historical Fishing Activities.

Katharina Jantzen (Bremen International Graduate School for Marine Sciences: GLOMAR/ German Maritime Museum Bremerhaven): Co-Management in the North Atlantic Fisheries after the 200-nautical-mile Fishing Zone Declaration in 1977.

15:00 – 17:30: A visit to Institute of Marine Research.

20:00 – NAFHA-dinner (conference dinner).

### **Friday September 21<sup>st</sup>**

09:00 – 11:30: Session 3: Open session

Guðmundur Jónsson (University of Iceland): Fishing Nations in Crisis: The Responses of the Icelandic and Norwegian Fisheries to the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Ole Sparenberg (Georgia-Augusta-University Göttingen): Limits to Growth in the Expansion of 1930s German Fishery.

10:00 – 10:10: Coffee.

Bjørn Petter Finstad (ISAM, Norwegian College of Fishery Science): The Management of the Norwegian Sealing Industry – An Example of Corporatism.

Dag Hundstad (University of Bergen): Coastal Adaptations and Coastal Cultural Heritage in Norway – a Comparative Perspective.

Dominique Confolent: The Technological Revolution and Deep-Sea Fishing in France at the beginning of the 20th Century.

12:00 – 13:00: Combined excursion and lecture:

Anders Haaland, Norwegian Fisheries Museum: Bergen as a Staple Port in European Fish Trade.

13:00 – 14:30: Lunch at the Hanseatic assembly hall 'Schøtstuene'.

14:30 – 15:30: NAFHA-General Assembly.

**MARE conference People and the Sea IV: Who Owns the Coast**

**Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

**5 – 7 July 2007**

The Centre for Maritime Research (MARE) announces People and the Sea IV: Who Owns the Coast? As coastal populations and economies expand and the use of marine and coastal resources intensifies, governance has become an issue of key concern.

In the past decades, international gatherings have recognized space (such as the Law of the Sea) set new policy agendas (such as for integrated coastal zone management) and acted to protect key resources (such as by establishing marine parks and Ramsar sites). This has altered the ownership and the distribution of rights to resources at local and national levels. Who wins and loses as regimes of resources allocation shift? How can competing claims and objectives be recognized and balanced in governance? Such questions are addressed in four conference themes: 1. Governance 2. Space & Ownership 3. Culture & Work Worlds 4. Innovation in Research Approaches

Keynote addresses will be delivered by:

- Daniel W. Bromley, Anderson-Bascom Professor of Applied Economics of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Bonnie J. McCay, Professor in the Department of Human Ecology, Rutgers University.
- Yoshiaki Matsuda, Professor in the Faculty of Fisheries, Kagoshima University.

The full program can be seen at:

<http://www.marecentre.nl/>

## General News

### ▪ *Galathea 3*

In Denmark, the *Galathea 3* project (See earlier GFHN Newsletters) has now made it's way back home to Denmark. On 25 April the expedition ship "Vædderen" arrived at Langelinie Cay in Copenhagen and was greeted by a crowd of several thousand. During its trip around the world the expedition has achieved several groundbreaking results, among them the discovery of new fish species. In the coming months and

years it is expected that the researchers will contribute substantially to our present knowledge of the world's oceans. Details on the project, research findings and latest news can be found at: <http://www.galathea3.dk/uk>

- **Award nominations**

In March 2007 the North American Society for Ocean History nominated a publication in the *Studia atlantica* series – David J. Starkey and James E. Candow (eds.), *The North Atlantic Fisheries: Supply, Marketing and Consumption, 1560-1990* – for the John Lyman Book Awards. The award recognizes excellence in the publication of books, which makes significant contributions to the study and understanding of maritime and naval history.

## **Publishing news**

*The editors welcome any news on forthcoming books, journal articles, reports, and other information that would be of interest to fisheries historians.*

- **New Journal Announcement.**

*The Journal of the North Atlantic (JONA) is a new multi-disciplinary, peer-reviewed and edited scientific journal focusing on the peoples of the North Atlantic, their expansion into the region over time, and their interactions with their changing environment (first issue, March 2008).*

The Journal of the North Atlantic is intended to serve as a forum for researchers, and as an information resource for teachers, students, and the intellectually curious who would like to learn about the latest research and study opportunities within the region. The journal will be published in print and online versions.

The journal will publish a wide diversity of research papers, as well as research summaries and general interest articles in closely related disciplines, which, when

considered together, will help contribute to a comprehensive multidisciplinary understanding of the historical interplay between cultural and environmental changes in the North Atlantic world. Specifically, the journal's focus will include paleo-environmental reconstruction and modelling, historical ecology, anthropology, ecology of organisms important to humans, archaeology, human/environment/climate interactions, climate history, ethnography, ethnohistory, historical analyses, discussions of cultural heritage, and place-name studies.

The journal will also publish field observations, notes, and archaeological site reports, as well as book reviews, summaries of important news stories, opinion papers, and free brief announcements of meetings, symposia, conferences, and grant opportunities. Some advertisements that are directly related to the journal's thematic content will be accepted. An online version of the journal will be posted in the journal's own website and in the BioOne.org database. These online versions allow authors to include special files such as video, database, and audio files with their articles. The journal will be indexed in a full range of journal databases.

The First Call for Papers and Subscriptions is available on the journal website (see below) as a PDF download. Instructions for Authors are also available.

More info: <http://www.eaglehill.us/jonageninf.html>

- **MAST special issue**

A special issue of *Mast* (Maritime Studies) focussing on fishing technology in the late twentieth century was published in late 2006 by the Centre for Maritime Research (MARE) in Amsterdam. The publication, guest edited by Atle Ove Martinussen (NHU, Norway), includes a number of different contributions focusing on technological innovation, synthetic fibres, the rock lobster industry, and beach seining. The reference is: *Mast/Maritime Studies*, vol. 5, No. 1, 2006. The publication might be ordered via the Mare website at: <http://www.marecentre.nl/mast/backissues.html>

- **Environmental History**

A fairly recent article published in *Environmental History* might be of interest to GFHN members. The reference is:

W. Jeffrey Bolster, "Opportunities in Marine Environmental History," *Environmental History* vol. 11 (July, 2006), 567-597.

- **Pre-Hispanic Venezuelan fisheries**

In Venezuela a monumental book: *Idols of the Promised Islands: Pre-Hispanic Archaeology of the Los Roques Archipelago, Venezuela* presents more than 20 years of systematic archaeological investigations of Drs. Magdalena and Andrzej Antczak in the Los Roques Archipelago, Venezuela. Its overarching theme is the search for the social meanings of over 400 human pottery figurines recovered on the island campsites, established by the Amerindian groups from the South American mainland, between A.D. 1100 and 1500. In order to reach the social reality of the figurines, the authors analyzed dozens of primary and secondary depositional contexts, more than 100,000 zooarchaeological remains, nearly 40,000 fragments of pottery, as well as bone flutes, clay pipes, oleoresin burners, ocarinas, ochre mineral, shell and stone pendants and beads, and exceptionally well preserved anthropo and zoomorphic vessels. The book also discusses and profusely illustrates the pre-Hispanic strategies of exploiting and processing the queen conch, marine turtles, reef fishes, crustaceans, and marine birds, providing references to ethnohistorical sources from Venezuela and the Caribbean.

The main rationale for crossing 140 km of open sea between the islands and the mainland was the exploitation of exceptionally vast populations of queen conch (*Strombus gigas*). The meat of this large gastropod was processed on the islands and taken towards the permanent settlements on the mainland for delayed consumption and redistribution. Huge mega-middens composed of millions of empty shells can still

be seen on various islands of the archipelago. It has been estimated that at least 5.5 million conch were exploited during the pre-Hispanic fishery regime. However, the queen conch was not only used as food. The shell was used as raw material for the manufacture of personal adornments and utensils; the latter often used as grave offerings. It has been presumed that the symbolism of the queen conch had driven, at least initially, the whole island "enterprise". The authors concluded that the meaning of the pottery figurines is closely related to the symbolism of this mollusc.

Further information:

Title: Los Idolos de las Islas Prometidas: Arqueología Prehispánica del Archipiélago de Los Roques (Idols of the Promised Islands: Pre-Hispanic Archaeology of the Los Roques Archipelago, Venezuela). Authors: Maria Magdalena Antczak and Andrzej Antczak, Publisher: Editorial Equinoccio, Caracas, First edition: 2006, Format: 23.5 x 32 cm, 632 pages, 240 tables and over 1500 illustrations. Price: 119 US\$ + postage and handling

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