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Conference Information

XIIth North Sea History Conference, 6 – 8 September 2017, Museum aan de Stroom (MAS), Antwerp.

The event seeks to involve maritime museum professionals and academic scholars to generate knowledge and present new findings about the maritime culture of the North Sea region. Please see the conference poster at the end of this Newsletter for more information and registration details.

Ports and Port-Cities Post 2030 Conference, 6 – 8 November 2017, Malmö, Sweden.

This trend-spotting conference will address issues facing ports worldwide taking into consideration their multiple functions and relations. The event is a collaboration between the World Maritime University, Region Skåne, The City of Malmö, Lighthouse, Resilient Region Association, Swedish Maritime Technology Forum and Ports of Sweden. Please

see the conference poster at the end of this Newsletter for more information or visit:
<http://port2030.com>

Siga2 Conference 'Maritime and Ports', The Port and Maritime Sector: Key Developments and Challenges, 2 – 4 May 2018, University of Antwerp.

This international conference is organised by the Special Interest Group A2 of the World Conference on Transport Research Society and Co-chaired by Professor Thierry Vanellander (University of Antwerp) and Professor Enrico Musso (University of Genova). The call for papers remains open until October 30 2017. Please visit the website for more information: <https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/conferences/siga2-2018-conference/>

Recent Publications

We welcome notice of our member's publications so please send details of your work to the Newsletter. This month we feature the recent works of Professor Ayodeji Olukoju, Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Letters, Department of History & Strategic Studies at the University of Lagos, Akoka-Yaba, Lagos, Nigeria. See the member profile on Ayodeji further on in the Newsletter.

- "The Soft Underbelly: Ports, Shipping and National Security in Contemporary Nigeria," in Abimbola Adesoji, Ayodeji Olukoju et al. (eds.), *Studies in Security Challenges and Management in Modern Nigeria*, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2017 (in press).
 - "Making Sense of the Yoruba Littoral," Special Issue on "Views from the Shoreline: Community, Trade and Religion in Coastal Yorubaland and the Western Niger Delta," *Yoruba Studies Review* (Austin, TX), vol.2, no. 1 (Fall), 2017, pp. 45-60.
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Events and Opportunities

Rhode Island Marine Archaeology Project

The Rhode Island Marine Archaeology Project (RIMAP) is a not-for-profit membership organisation that trains volunteers to conduct maritime history and marine archaeology research under professional direction. RIMAP was created in 1992 to incorporate members of the diving and non-diving public in a professionally organised and directed effort to study maritime history and marine archaeology sites in Rhode Island's Narragansett Bay.

In 2017, the following marine archaeology training is available to the public:

Site Mapping I (\$25): Instructors Kerry Lynch - How to collect and interpret archaeological data. Introduces the selection of a site datum, installation of baselines, linear, circular, and pendulum searches. Recommended for those who participate in RIMAP fieldwork.

Site Mapping II (\$25): Instructor Kerry Lynch - Introduces the installation of grids and drawing from them. Both Site Mapping classes demonstrate how to interpret field data and create simple site maps. Recommended for those who participate in RIMAP fieldwork.

Both events will be held at Masonic Hall, 39 Baker St. Warren, RI, 02885 in early September. For further information and to register, please visit: <http://www.rimap.org/>

World Maritime University Training

The World Maritime University was established in 1983 and is located in Malmö, Sweden. The University offers a range of distance learning courses including the new Maritime Safety and Security Postgraduate Diploma Course which begins September 11, 2017. This course is designed to help people involved in shipping operations and includes information on the associated regulatory framework to develop the vital understanding of all aspects of safety and security required in today's complex maritime industry. For further information on this and other courses and to register please visit: <http://us5.campaign-archive2.com/?u=31bd53a834236bf0cb264d9ca&id=222b8afbc8&e=942ddd65a8>

Contraband and Commerce Event, 5-6pm, Friday July 21, 2017, Liverpool John Moores University

Presented by the International Postgraduate Port and Maritime Studies Network, this event will feature lectures by University of Sheffield's Alex Taylor and Swansea University's Benjamin Jennings. See the poster at the end of this Newsletter for more information.

Member Profile: Lewis R. "Skip" Fischer

Lewis Fischer has been one of the driving forces behind the growth of maritime history for the past forty years. As a teacher, scholar and organizer Skip has been involved in many of the new initiatives in maritime history since the mid-1970s.

Lewis Fischer spent most of his career at Memorial University of Newfoundland, an institution he joined in 1976 as part of the Atlantic Canada Shipping Project (ACSP), the first - and still one of the most ambitious - computer-based projects in maritime history. He has also taught extensively overseas, especially in Norway which became the focus of many of his writings. He retired at the end of 2015.

Professor Fischer is the author or editor of more than 200 publications. His maritime writing began with a number of collaborative works with members of the ACSP, including "Patterns of Investment in the Shipping Industries of Atlantic Canada, 1820-1900," *Acadiensis*, IX, No. 1 (Autumn 1979), pp.19-43, "An Approach to the Quantitative Analysis of British Shipping Records," *Business History*, XXII, No. 2 (July 1980), pp.135-151, "Atlantic Canada and the Age of Sail Revisited," *Canadian Historical Review*, LXIII, No. 2 (June 1982), pp.125-150, and *Shipping and Shipbuilding in Atlantic Canada, 1820-1914* (Ottawa, 1986), all with Eric W. Sager.



He also began to explore topics to which he would return, such as desertion in "A Dereliction of Duty: The Problem of Desertion on Nineteenth Century Sailing Vessels," in Rosemary Ommer and Gerald Panting (eds.), *Working Men Who Got Wet* (St. John's, 1980), pp.51-70. His use of maritime records to explore larger topics was reflected in "Revolution without Independence: The Canadian Colonies and the American Revolution, 1749-1775," in Ronald J. Hoffman, et al. (eds.), *The Economy of Early America: The Revolutionary Years, 1763-1790* (Charlottesville, VA, 1988), pp.88-125. Foreshadowing his later career, he also edited three volumes of ACSP papers and eleven volumes of Canadian shipping records.

A desire to place the Canadian experience in an international context led him to Norway in the mid-1980s to collaborate with the late Helge Nordvik, with whom he published twenty-nine essays, many of which focussed on maritime labour markets and the profession of shipbroking. For much of his career he has explored comparative maritime history, the most recent example being "The International Merchant Marine in Comparative Perspective: An Analysis of Canada and Norway, 1870-1900," in Lars U. Scholl (ed.), *Schiffahrt und Handel* (Bremen, 2016), pp.77-99.

Skip has also been active in both national and international organizations. One of the founders of the Canadian Nautical Research Society, he served as its vice president and secretary, and as the founding co-editor of its journal, *The Northern Mariner/Le Marin du nord*. He was one of the original members of the steering committee of the International Maritime Economic History Association and co-editor of its newsletter, which in 1989 became the *International Journal of Maritime History*, a journal he served as editor-in-chief for twenty-five years. He also founded and edited the Association's on-going series *Research in Maritime History* and several other book series. Along with Peter Davies, he

organized the first International Congress of Maritime History in 1992 and served on the organizing committees of several others. Between 1990 and 1995, he was secretary general of the International Commission for Maritime History. His contributions to the profession have been honoured by an honorary doctorate from the University of Liverpool (2005) and a festschrift: Gelina Harlaftis, Stig Tenold and Jesús M. Valdalisó (eds.), *The World's Key Industry: History and Economics of International Shipping* (London, 2012).

Member Profile: Ayodeji Olukoju

Ayodeji was treasurer of the IMEHA from 2008-2012 and was the first African member of the executive committee. He graduated from the University of Nigeria in 1980 with First Class Honours and a B.A. in History and Archaeology. He then went on to achieve a Masters qualification in History at the University of Ibadan in 1982. He completed his PhD thesis – “Maritime Trade in Lagos, 1914-50: Its Nature and Impact” – in April 1991 through the University of Ibadan.

He was appointed Professor in the department of History at the University of Lagos in 1998 and delivered his inaugural lecture entitled “Ports, Hinterlands and Forelands” in June 2006. He later became Vice Chancellor of Caleb University in Imota, Nigeria from 2010 to 2016.

Over his long career Ayodeji’s mentors have included Professors John Armstrong, Lewis “Skip” Fisher, Peter N. Davies, Tomohei Chida and Malcolm Tull. His primary research interest is in both West African and Japanese ports and he has produced numerous publications on these and other topics. He has been a member of a number of editorial advisory boards including the boards of *African Economic History* and *Journal of African History*. Ayodeji has been active in his work as a consultant



to the Netherlands Foundation for the Advancement of Tropical Research, the Israel Science Foundation, the Ford Foundation and UNESCO. He has delivered a number of maritime themed keynote addresses including a forthcoming address on the Governance of Atlantic Ports to be delivered at a conference held at Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, Spain, 30 November - 2 December 2017.

IJMH News

The latest volume of the International Journal of Maritime History - vol.29, May 2017 - is now available. The full table of contents can be found at the end of this this Newsletter.

IMHA LinkedIn Group

As some of you may know, the IMHA runs a LinkedIn group for members. Anyone with a LinkedIn account can join and we encourage all IMHA members to post news of their research or relevant events to the group. The group currently has over 300 members world-wide which means news of your recent publication or event will reach many more people if you post it to the LinkedIn group. Despite recent changes to the LinkedIn group functions, the IMHA group is still up and running and waiting for your contributions!

About the IMHA Newsletter

The IMHA Newsletter is published by the International Maritime History Association (IMHA) with the aim of promoting maritime history globally and strengthening collaboration between maritime researchers. Edited by the Executive Board of IMHA, the Newsletter features brief news on upcoming conferences, book releases, scholarships, job announcements etc. within the field of maritime history. The Newsletter appears a few times per year.

All scholars who wish to make announcements to colleagues about maritime history issues are encouraged to do so through the IMHA Newsletter. If you have news that you would like to share, please provide this by email to the Newsletter co-editor Bri McKenzie at brimck1@primus.com.au.



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Making Maritime History Personal

XIIth North Sea History Conference (2017)

Making Maritime History Personal

Maritime Collections and Academic Research – their Mutual Relevance

6 – 8 September 2017
Museum aan de Stroom (MAS) – Antwerp

Welcome

to the Museum aan de Stroom (MAS) and the XIIth North Sea History Conference. This event seeks to involve maritime museum professionals and academic scholars, to generate knowledge and present new findings about the maritime culture of the North Sea region. Especially the richness and scholarly potential of museum collections will be in the picture.

Practical Information

Host
Museum aan de Stroom (MAS), Hanzestedenplaats 1, 2000 Antwerpen
www.mas.be

Organization Committee

Anne Tove Austbø, Sarah Bosmans, Jan Parmentier and Ruth Schilling

Registration fee

250 euro, or 50 euro for students (limited number)*

Proposed accommodation

The MAS has pre-booked rooms at the Best Western Hotel Docklands. These rooms will be held for conference delegates until the 1st of August. Nearby the MAS is also fine accommodation at the *Holiday Inn Express Antwerp City – North*

Registration

For registration and further practical information please contact Frank Wouters, frank.wouters@stad.antwerpen.be or Jan Parmentier, jan.parmentier@stad.antwerpen.be.

The registration fee can be paid on account number IBAN, BE42 4097 5857 0154, SWIFT, KREDBEBB, mentioning XIIth North Sea History Conference (2017)

*The students registration fee includes only the lectures and the coffee breaks

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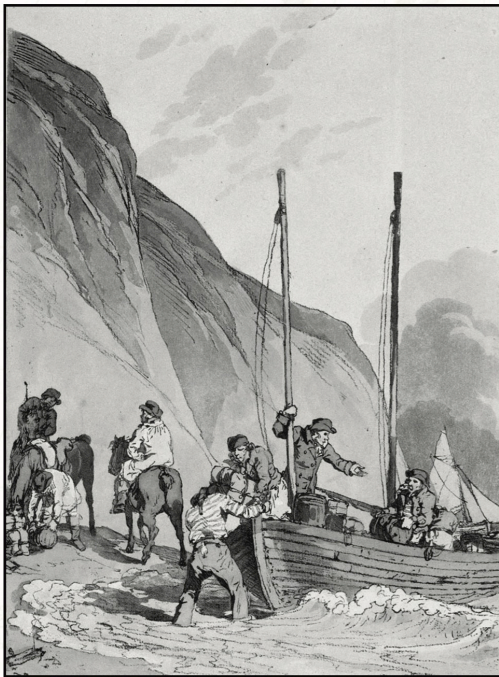
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6-8 November 2017, Malmö, Sweden



The International Postgraduate Port and Maritime Studies Network Presents

CONTRABAND & COMMERCE



Bristol's first tawny age: the tobacco trade to Bristol in the seventeenth century

Alex Taylor (University of Sheffield)

The free traders go underground; the fight against smuggling and the development of organised crime in South Wales 1765-1853

Benjamin Jennings (Swansea University)

5-6pm on Friday 21st July 2017

at the

Room 121, John Foster Building

Liverpool John Moores University, 80-98 Mount Pleasant, Liverpool L3 5UZ

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