



Foreword

The USCMH is affiliated with the International Commission of Military History and takes part in its international projects, including contributing to its publications, the International Bibliography of Military History, and participating in the annual international military history congresses.

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International Congress on Military History in Sofia, Bulgaria

The 38th International Congress of Military History will be held from 25 -31 August 2012 in Sofia, Bulgaria. This year's theme, "Technology and War" addresses how over the centuries technologies have influenced military forces, training, weapons, coalitions, international wars, and the peace conditions that followed. The United States Commission on Military History (USCMH) will have a delegation attending the congress in Sofia. In this newsletter, the US Commission has a call for papers for scholars interested in presenting at the ICMH Congress. In addition, the newsletter has information on a USCMH-sponsored a graduate student competition to present a research paper at the congress. For anyone interested in attending, presenting, or participating in this international congress, consult the website www.BCMHLL38.com

At this international congress the working languages are French and English. The Congress will be held in the five-star Kempinski Hotel Zografski in Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria. For topical and general information on the city, congress program, schedule, registration fees, social events, hotel booking, and post-congress tours see the information in the website. Bulgaria is located in south eastern Europe. The state was founded in 681AD, and since then has had a long and varied history. In Sofia, monuments depicting Thracian, Roman, Bulgarian, and Ottoman history are mixed in with the modern, cosmopolitan city. Please consider joining us for a visit to an interesting nation and international congress.

**Pat Harahan
Secretary General, USCMH**

President's Column

Richard Stewart
President, *USCMH*

First, let me tell you what an honor it is to be selected as your president. I thank each of you for your trust and confidence and I will do all I can to live up to that trust. We have a great organization with unlimited potential and I am proud that you have asked me to lead you.

Secondly, let me congratulate each of the other candidates for office, whether they were elected or not. I appreciate each of you throwing your names into the hat and volunteering to serve. I think it's important that each of us takes on some additional job from time to time to help our organization function and grow—whether it is as a trustee, officer, book prize judge, or conference paper selector. It is important for all members to help out and do their part. (This reminds me that we will need a new Secretary General of the U.S. Commission in the future. Pat Harahan has done it for many years and done it very, very well, but someone else needs to step up to the plate. Please think about volunteering. It is a *critical position* and the Commission needs your help.)

In addition to everyone pulling their weight, I have two additional items to share with you in this first communication in the initial newsletter of 2012. As you may know, we have established a new endowment fund to support our organization and have already transferred some money into it to give it a jump-start. With this fund we can spend the interest generated while preserving the capital for the long-term. It will support travel grants to get new scholars to the annual international meeting and still have enough to award a small book prize every year to a new book on military history. It is *vital* to the long term health of our commission and we have already received a number of contributions, the more important from Mr. Willard Snyder whose support for this commission over the past years is highly exemplary and I wish to thank him personally for his contributions. Also, Lynn and I have given a gift to the endowment already and I would like to challenge *each of you* to join us in supporting our new endowment fund with a contribution. It will only work if we put enough money into it to sustain the fund over the years. It doesn't have to be a lot of money, but I want you to consider contributing some amount, no matter the size, to show your support for the long-term health of our organization. Please consider it. It will be fully tax deductible, of course.

My second challenge is that I would ask each of you to help the organization in another tangible way: membership. We need members. We need more young members, but mostly we need members of all kinds. Our financial health on a day to day basis still relies heavily upon our dues—a real bargain by the way at \$30.00—but also a vibrant membership is the key to our organizational health. It will allow us to reach a wider audience, generate more papers for possible presentation at the international meeting, and make a greater impact on the national and international military history community. So, I would like each of you, each and every member of the commission, to resolve with me to bring in one new member over the course of the year. Just one. I have asked our new Vice President, Randy Papadopoulos, to make one of his key duties the tracking of our membership level and to come up with new ideas for expanding our rolls, but the challenge is for each member to take personal responsibility to help by getting one new member to join. We have 118 members now and the goal for the end of the year, if each person does their part, is thus 236 members. That's just one new member for each current member. We can do it.

So, in closing, thank you again for your vote and I look forward to serving all of you on the Commission to the best of my ability. See you in Bulgaria and remember my two challenges!

Call for Papers,

The United States Commission on Military History (USCMH) solicits papers for presentation at the 38th annual Congress of the International Commission of Military History (ICMH), meeting in Sofia, Bulgaria, August 25 through September 1, 2012.

The theme of the ICMH conference, hosted by the Bulgarian Commission of Military History, is “Technology and Warfare.” The use and development of technical and technological means have characterized organized warfare conducted since antiquity. These include changes to weapons, communications and transport, construction and fortifications, navigation devices and techniques and chronometers, as well as information processing systems. Civil and military developments in these fields draw upon and stimulate one another, implementing advances serving both civilian and military needs. Consequently, papers addressing questions of finance, including the cost of development and acquisition of weapons or systems, are welcome.

The Congress organizers also seek papers demonstrating the combination of changed technological means, especially drawing on themes mixing mobility and weapons, for example stirrups and bows combined with lances, ocean-going vessels and gunnery, horse-drawn carriages and artillery, or nuclear weapons and missiles. They particularly welcome papers addressing technology and warfare in the period since the 1970s: the AirLand Battle concept, the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), the Revolution in Military Affairs, or the supporting technologies of satellites, precision-guided munitions and effects-based operations.

The USCMH solicits papers on these themes for submission to the ICMH. All American presenters at the Sofia meeting must be members of the U.S. Commission, which also offers up to two travel stipends in the amount of \$1500 to young scholars presenting at the Congress. The Bulgarian Commission is offering doctoral candidates reduced rates for registration and hotel accommodation and will publish a volume of proceedings following the Congress.

To submit your paper proposal for consideration, please forward the following to USCMH Vice-President, Dr. Randy Papadopoulos, at: randy.papadopoulos@navy.mil:

- a one page paper proposal outlining the topic and prospective sources, along with an outline of theoretical or methodological approach
- a short (1/2-page) professional resume

The deadline for submissions is **1 March 2012**. In addition, final versions of the papers must be delivered to the Bulgarian Commission for translation no later than **June 2012**.

2011 USCMH Annual Trustees Meeting

Janice McKenney

Recording Secretary, *USCMH*

19 November 2011, Army-Navy Club, Washington, D.C.

President Hans Pawlisch called the meeting to order, determined that a quorum was present, and read the election results. Elected were Richard Stewart, president; Sarandis (Randy) Papadopoulos, vice-president; and Trustees Bianka Adams, Ricardo Herrera, Richard di Nardo, and Ann von Luttichau (second term). Outgoing trustees were Jeffrey J. Clarke, John F. Guilmartin, and Edward Marolda.

In his presidential report, Dr. Pawlisch thanked James Hogue and his paper selection committee, Bianka Adams and Fred Borch, for their contribution in selecting papers given at the 37th International Commission on Military History (ICMH) meeting in Rio de Janeiro. He acknowledged the contribution from the Breidenthal-Snyder Foundation, which enabled the award of two \$1,500 John E. Jessup Travel Grants to Fabricio Prado and Thomas Charles.

Dr. Pawlisch announced that he was pleased that the finances of the Commission had grown 500 percent since the year 2000, enough to fund not only the travel grants but also to establish the James L. Collins Book Prize of \$1,000, which was approved by the trustees in May 2011. The USCMH Executive Board approved in May an initiative, co-sponsored by Dr. Pawlisch and Willard Snyder, to establish an endowment fund. Pawlisch announced that Dr. Herrera would be replacing Dr. Hogue on the ICMH Bibliography Committee. At this point, Dr. Pawlisch thanked the Nominating Committee for their efforts. He also thanked Ms McKenney for her eleven years as recording secretary and introduced Fred Borch as her replacement. He closed his report by saying that he hoped to see everyone at the next ICMH colloquy in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Dr. Harahan gave his report as representative to the ICMH Executive Board. In Rio the upcoming conferences were discussed; they announced that Japan had withdrawn from hosting the 2013 conference because of the recent earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disaster. The 2012 meeting, which ICMH President Piet Kamphuis feels should be annual, will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria, 25-31 August 2012, with the theme "Technology and Warfare." The meeting in 2014 will be held in Paris and in China in 2015. President Kamphuis stated that the ICMH Archives and Bibliography Committees publications would be all-electronic within two years. New rules for hosting a Congress make it no longer mandatory to publish *the Acta*. It can now be done electronically.

Dr. Hogue, Vice President, reported that the U.S. Commission was well represented at Rio in terms of both numbers and academic quality. He thanked his committee, Dr. Adams and Col. Borch, for assessing the papers to be given on the theme "Decolonization: Colonial and Independence Wars from the 18th Century to the Present." The list of presenters selected and the titles of their papers are given in the minutes of 23 May 2011. Since this was his fourth and final year as Vice President, he presented some "lessons learned" conclusions: that the theme and conference location would largely determine the number of USCMH paper proposals; that the commission's selection committee should not be constrained by the three slots allotted by the ICMH; and that the Commission could do a better job of recruiting new members through participation in the international conferences. Dr. Hogue also wants to recruit new members for the Bulgarian conference and recommended a roundtable on the Balkan Wars. Fred Borch spoke about the Commission's influence on his obtaining a Fulbright to Amsterdam through personal contacts with scholars met at the ICMH Congresses.

Geoff Megargee, Treasurer, reported that the Commission's financial status continues to be good. We finished the fiscal year with a balance of more than \$78,000, and expect positive cash flows to continue into the future, even with the two \$1,500 travel grants that we award to graduate students each year and the new \$1,000 book prize that we will be awarding.

In his report as Secretary-General, Dr. Harahan said that the Commission had published two newsletters, Winter and Summer; that he had sent out dues notices; and that he had corresponded with fifteen prospective new members. He reported that as of 18 November 2011, the U.S. Commission had 118 members, of whom nine are foreign members. Twelve new members joined in 2011. A table display on the commission was exhibited at the 2011 meeting of the American Historical Association in Boston, and at the 2011 meeting of the Society for Military History (SMH) in Chicago, Illinois. In addition to the usual communications, now conducted electronically for the most part, the Secretary-General served as a conduit for members attending the

Congress in Rio de Janeiro. Communications with the Brazilian Commission proved difficult. Dr. Harahan then reiterated his desire that a new Secretary-General be appointed since he is also an ICMH Vice President.

Lynn Stewart gave the report of the meeting of the ICMH Military Archives Committee in Rio de Janeiro. Six nations were represented: Brazil, Cyprus, Germany, Portugal, Spain, and the United States. One issue of *Mars & Janus* was published during the year. The primary concern of the committee was its web presence, an issue for the ICMH in general. Mrs. Stewart said it was possible that UNESCO might host the ICMH site, which would allow links to the national commissions. Dr. Harahan interjected a comment that the subject had been discussed by the ICMH Executive Board and that it was hoped a website would be up by January 2012 in Austria. He also said that the ICMH Board wanted to have the topic of national digital archives discussed by the Archives Committee.

Dr. Pawlisch summarized the 23 May 2011 minutes, which were approved as read. Under Old Business, Dr. Pawlisch introduced the resolution from Trustee Willard Snyder establishing an Endowment Fund:

This Resolution creates the United States Commission on Military History Endowment Fund. The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to fund or assist in funding the Jessup Travel Fellowships and the Collins Book Prize, and to provide initial funding for future international military history conferences. Other scholarly projects may be funded from the Endowment as approved by two-thirds of the voting officers and Trustees of the Commission. Distributions from the Endowment can be made solely from the cash income generated by the fund, not from capital appreciation, and no more than 50 percent of the income may be expended per year. The Fund will accept direct donations, as well as contributions made, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees, from the Commission's general operating fund.

Dr. Pawlisch pointed out that the Commission is a 501c3 entity and that donations are tax deductible. He also mentioned that Mr. Snyder would continue his donations if they went into such a fund. Graham Cosmas moved that Mr. Snyder's resolution be adopted, and the motion passed unanimously.

The first order of New Business was to authorize the transfer of funds to the new Endowment Fund. In addition to the \$5,000 contribution from Mr. Snyder, Dr. Pawlisch recommended that \$8,000 be transferred from each of the three investment accounts belonging to the Commission, depositing a total of \$25,000 into the Endowment Fund. Dr. Marolda moved that the \$25,000 transfer into the Endowment Fund be effected, and Dr. Cosmas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The fund will be maintained in a separate numbered Smith-Barney account.

In reference to the Collins Book Prize, Dr. Pawlisch noted that the original deadline of 31 December 2011 would not be feasible, and it was changed to 31 December 2012. The Collins Book Prize Committee includes Dr. Stewart as chairman and Jeffrey Clarke and Kelly de Vries as members. Then, Pawlisch asked about the status of the Long-Range Planning Committee, and Hogue said that he would transfer all information to the new Vice President Randy Papadopoulos.

The new slate of officers and trustees was repeated for those who had come in late and missed the earlier announcement. Dr. Pawlisch passed the "crown" of office on to Dr. Stewart. The annual meeting for 2012 is scheduled for 3 November at a venue to be determined later. Dr. Hogue said that possibly a USCMH board meeting could take place during the SMH meeting, 10-13 May 2012 in Crystal City, Virginia. Dr. Cosmas made a motion to approve the budget (see above), and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. to join the general membership for lunch. The luncheon speaker was Donald Stoker, who discussed his book, *The Grand Design: Strategy and the U.S. Civil War*.

Treasurer's Report

Geoff Megargee
Treasurer, *USCMH*

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The most significant financial news is that the Commission is in the process of setting up an endowment fund with which to support the awards, using tax-exempt donations from our members. The fund will start with a balance of more than \$30,000, and we hope to build steadily from there.

Collins Book Prize

BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES L. COLLINS JR. BOOK PRIZE IN MILITARY HISTORY

The U.S. Commission on Military History announces the inauguration of the Brigadier General James L. Collins Book Prize in Military History. The prize entails a \$1,000 award to the author of any nationality of the best book written in English on any field of military history published during 2009, 2010, and 2011. The Book Prize Committee, comprised of USCMH members Dr. Edward J. Marolda, (Chair), Dr. Jeffrey Clark, and Dr. Kelly Devries, will review the submitted books and select the winner. Topics in all periods and all aspects of military history (including naval and air warfare) will be considered.

Books for consideration by the Collins Prize Committee must be submitted in three copies to the USCMH, P.O. Box 523431, Attn: Pat Harahan, Secretary General, West Springfield, VA 22152 by 30 June 2012. Upon notification from the selection committee, the Collins Prize will be presented at the USCMH Annual General Meeting usually held in early November. For further information contact the Collins Prize Committee Chair at: Edward.Marolda@Navy.mil.

About General Collins

The late Brigadier General James L. Collins, former Chief of Military History (1970-1982), and a founding member of the U.S. Commission on Military History was a pivotal figure in the resurgence and sustained use of history in the United States Army. His long tenure, the longest of any Chief of Military History, solid integrity, gracious manners, quick intellect, and love of history and historians makes it highly appropriate that the U.S. Commission on Military History Book Prize is named for him.

General Collins had a long and distinguished career before coming to the U.S. Army Center of Military History. Born in 1917 in El Paso, Texas, he graduated from West Point in 1939. He served in World War II in the Field Artillery, landed on Utah Beach in the Normandy invasion, and ended the war as a battalion commander. A skilled linguist, he served as the first director of the Defense Language Institute in 1959. In Vietnam he served as the special assistant to Commander U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (COMUSMACV) General William Westmoreland. Following his retirement in 1959 he was recalled first to serve as a U.S. representative on a mission to the Soviet Union and then to take the helm as Chief of Military History. In the latter capacity he inaugurated the Vietnam War Monograph series and staffed the Center to begin work on the official U.S. Army History of that war. General Collins was a key member in the

establishment of the USCMH in association with the ICMH. In 1973 the Center and the Smithsonian Institution jointly sponsored the first ICMH Congress in America. He again retired from the Army in 1982 but remained active in the historical profession until the end of his life. During his years on active duty, General Collins earned the Distinguished Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal with “V” device (for valor), and the Purple Heart.

Toward a New ICMH Bibliography

Ricardo A. Herrera
Trustee, *USCMH*

The Bibliographical Committee of the International Commission on Military History held a marathon meeting in Rio de Janeiro during the annual congress. There are quite a few changes to report, ranging from the committee’s new leadership, the new publisher, and some changes to the *International Bibliography of Military History (IBMH)*. The committee elected Dr. Mauro Mantovani, Department Head of Strategic Studies at the Swiss Military Academy at ETH Zurich, president of the committee. Dr. Mantovani, who has extensive experience editing professional journals and a number of publications to his credit, will serve as editor-in-chief of the revamped *IBMH*.

Following many years of generous support underwriting the *IBMH* the Swiss Ministry of Defense has ceded responsibility to Brill, the well-regarded Anglo-Dutch publishing house. The *IBMH*, much as before, will continue to serve as an annotated bibliography highlighting publications in military history. The *IBMH* will focus on brief, critical reviews of recent scholarly works worthy of international attention or significant to each member commission’s national military historiography. The *IBMH* will also occasionally publish historiographical essays addressing the state of military history in a member country or focusing on a specific topic. Previously the *IBMH* published multilingual entries, but will now publish solely in English. For the USCMH, this will certainly ease the issue of translations. More information on the *IBMH* can be found at: <http://www.brill.nl/publications/journals/international-bibliography-military-history>.

One of the issues of concern to USCMH members is the low number of US entries relative to the great number of works written by US authors. No country publishes as many scholarly books on military history as the United States, but, unfortunately, this is not apparent in the *IBMH*. In conversations with Dr. Mantovani and Brill, I stressed that reviewers customarily receive a book in exchange for their review of it and that this may be a factor in the small number of US contributions—*IBMH* reviewers do not receive a book. Discussions over this are ongoing. We are also discussing the possibility of moving the *IBMH* in the direction of an essay-oriented journal publishing historiographical articles rather than entries. As discussions continue, I will update you. In the meantime, should you be interested in contributing to the *IBMH*, please feel free to drop me a line at raherrera57@yahoo.com. Instructions for authors can be found at: <http://www.brill.nl/files/brill.nl/specific/ibmh.pdf>.

Insurgency and Counterinsurgency: Proceedings of the 36Th ICMH Congress, Amsterdam 2010

Jan Hoffenaar
President, *Netherlands Commission for Military History*

In September, Professor Jan Hoffenaar, presented the 2010 Acta of the XXXVI ICMH Congress, which was held in Amsterdam from 29 August to 3 September 2010. He handed the first copy to ICMH President

Kamphuis, during the final day of the ICMH congress in Rio. The 2010 Acta contains 71 papers presented in Amsterdam on irregular warfare and transcripts of various speeches delivered during the congress. The book is a uniquely broad selection of some familiar, and many less familiar, case studies from all parts of the world. They give us an insight into both the differences and the similarities between insurgencies and counterinsurgencies separated by geography and time. Some of the contributions concentrate on a single aspect of irregular warfare, such as the role of air power, special forces, propaganda and civil-military cooperation. Other papers raise broader issues, ranging from the existence of national approaches, to the degree to which the experiences, lessons and doctrines from the past are still applicable today. The 2010 Acta was edited by Thijs Brocades Zaalberg, Jan Hoffenaar and Alan Lemmers. It contains 681 pages in one volume (ISBN 978-90-71957-00-0). If you would like a copy, e-mail your request to Pat Harahan, USCMH Secretary-general, at harahan@verizon.net.

Airpower in 20th Century – Doctrines and Employment: National Experiences

Massimo de Leonardis
Secretary-General, *Italian Commission of Military History*
International Review of Military History, No. 89, 2011

The publication of issue no. 89 of the International Review of Military History was announced at the ICMH Congress in Rio de Janeiro. The volume is entitled: *Airpower in 20th Century - Doctrines and Employment: National Experiences*. It includes 19 articles by historians from seventeen countries, plus two presentations, one by Gen. Vincenzo Camporini, former Chief of the International Commission of Military History, Italian Defense Staff, and Chief, Italian Air Force Staff, and the other by Col. Matteo Paesano, President of the Italian Commission of Military History. There is an introduction by Prof. Dr. Massimo de Leonardis. The issue was prepared and is published in close cooperation with the Historical Office of the Italian Air Force, under the general coordination by Colonel Matteo Paesano, Army. Air Force coordination was by Colonel Angelo Piccillo, Air Force, with the scholarly editing accomplished by Prof. Dr. Massimo de Leonardis and the general editing completed by Lt. Col. Giancarlo Montinaro, Air Force. The entire volume can be downloaded for free in PDF version from the CISM website at this website address:

http://www.difesa.it/Area_Storica_HTML/editoria/Pagine/editoria.aspx

Conference Activities and Meeting Announcements

Meeting of the Conflict Studies Working Group (formerly the Military History Working Group of the PFP Consortium), Vienna, Austria.

The 2012 Conference of the CSWG will take place in Vienna, Austria, from 21 to 24 May, 2012, organized jointly by Austria and Hungary. For more information, please contact Dr. M. Christian Ortner (m-christian.ortner@hgm.or.at).

“Revolutionary Aftermaths” 2012 Conference of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Hartford, Connecticut, USA.

The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) invites members and individuals to attend its annual conference to be held June 28-30, 2012 in Hartford, Connecticut. The theme, “revolutionary

aftermaths,” the Program Committee suggests implies a broad definition of “revolution,” applying not only to political movements such as the United States, French, Haitian, Mexican, Bolshevik, Chinese, Cuban, Iranian, and recent Middle Eastern revolutions, but also to developments such as the industrial, communications, transportation, consumer, and green revolutions. The Program Committee will give preference to panels that address the “revolutionary aftermaths” theme; it also welcomes proposals on other topics pertaining to U.S. relations with the wider world, including state-to-state relations, global governance, transnational movements, and histories of mobility, borderlands, and empire. Information on the conference can be found at www.shafr.org/conferences/annual/2012-annual-meeting/.

Conference on Liberal Wars, July 6-7, 2012, Reading, Great Britain

Liberalism is not pacifism. Instead, Liberal states – states that attach importance to individual autonomy – have frequently been willing to use military force; they have also, on occasion, fought aggressive wars of choice. But liberal ideology and practice are not at ease with military adventures: war by its very nature involves attacks on life; it usually requires some kind of trade-off between security and liberty; and it encourages a warrior ethos that draws upon non-liberal motivations. On July 6-7 2012, the University of Reading will host a conference concerned with the past, present, and future of ‘Liberal Wars’. It will be concerned with the constraints on liberal belligerent states arising from their liberal commitments, the tensions between liberal professions and the realities of large-scale warfare, and the way that such states represent their actions to themselves. We welcome proposals for papers (or for thematically-connected panels) from scholars with backgrounds in History, Law, International Relations, Strategic Studies, or Political Theory. We welcome case studies of conflicts or ideas derived from any place or period. Informal enquiries may be sent to Alan Cromartie (a.d.t.cromartie@rdg.ac.uk).

Cluster of Excellence "Asia and Europe in a Global Context" welcomes papers for the conference "The Asia-Pacific Maritime World: Connected Histories in the Age of Empire."

It will take place from July 6 to 8, 2012, at Heidelberg University, Germany. The aim of this conference is to question the ways in which we tend to divide the maritime world into spatial blocs such as the “Atlantic World,” the concept of “Mediterranean” blocs, the “Indian Ocean” and so on. Instead, we wish to focus on the nature of maritime connections between two such maritime spheres, namely the “Pacific” world and a space that is often characterized by scholars of the pre-modern period as the “East Asian Mediterranean.” The starting point is East Asia in the nineteenth century, when maritime history is often framed by scholarly interest in the establishment and workings of the treaty port system. By placing East Asia in a wider Pacific context, one that reflects the reality of steamships beginning to cross greater distances with relative ease, we hope to broaden our understanding of the ways in which maritime space was both imagined and lived during the long nineteenth century. Drawing on the new maritime history of the British empire, particularly the elastic concepts of a British Sea, of home on the water and of the naval theatre, we want to consider the relationship between ships, the sea and the East Asian/Western imperial imagination. To complement our focus on sovereignty and imagination, we plan also to examine the significance of the increasing numbers of goods, peoples and even diseases crossing between and within East Asia and the Pacific. In short, how, if at all, does the categorization of “Asian” and “Pacific” maritime blocs in this period change when we attempt to write connected histories of the sea.

The organizers of the conference plan to create an edited volume out of the conference papers. To that end, please send your proposed titles, institutional affiliation (and year of study, in the case of doctoral students), and abstracts of 400-500 words as a Word attachment to Ms Shupin Lang (lang@asia-europe.uni-heidelberg.de).

The Balkan Wars 1912/13: Experience, Perception, Remembrance, Istanbul, Turkey.

International Conference on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary, 11-13 October, 2012 at the Center for Balkan and Black Sea Studies, Yildiz Technical University, Istanbul. Organizers are the Center for Balkan and Black Sea Studies, Yildiz Technical University, Istanbul, and the University of Regensburg, Germany. Coordinators are Katrin Boeckh, Mehmet Hacısalihoğlu, Heike Karge, Sabine Rutar.

This conference aims to explore the two Balkan Wars of 1912/13 from the perspective of New Military History. We call for cross-disciplinary proposals approaching the Balkan Wars through a triple lens as experienced perceived and/or remembered. Proposals should aim at scrutinizing these two wars on the basis of their manifold interconnections. We invite scholars to reflect on Koselleck's Semantics of Historical Time(s) in order to approach the two wars as an integral part of the history of European wars in the 20th century. We wish to explore the potential entanglements between the wars of 1912/13 and the wars that followed. In addition to scholars of the Balkan Wars, therefore, we encourage scholars of the "other" European wars of the 20th century – the First and the Second World War as well as the Yugoslav wars of the 1990s – to submit proposals. Their contributions will foster a discussion that integrates the Balkan Wars into the perspectives put forth by the New Military History.

Potential topics include the social history of the military; war technology / modern warfare / war operations; front and homeland; physical violence; population movements; propaganda and censorship; life worlds of peace and war; symbols, imagery, (changing) discourses; illness, death, and health care; gendered perspectives; economy of the wars; diplomacy; remembrance. The conference language is English. Proposals must be no longer than 300 words. Please include also a short biographic note and your institutional affiliation, as well as your contact details. Contact: PD Dr. Katrin Boeckh, Osteuropa-Institut, Landshuter Str. 4, 93047 Regensburg, (boeckh@osteuropa-institut.de).

The International Committee for the History of Technology (ICOHTEC) Symposium, Manchester, England

This meeting is to be held as part of the 24th International Congress of the History of Science, Technology and Medicine in Manchester, 22-28 July 2013(<http://www.ichstm2013.com>). The general theme of the Congress is "Knowledge at Work" and ICOHTEC encourages proposals for sessions dealing with the history of technology within this broad framework. While open to all proposals, the program committee suggests the listed several sub-themes for the consideration of session organizers and contributors. Membership in ICOHTEC is not required to participate in the symposium. We especially encourage graduate students to participate in the symposium and submit their proposals. Limited travel grants will be available; see further information at <http://www.icohtec.org/>. The final deadline for all submissions is 15 March 2012. Should you have any queries on the procedure, please contact Mark Clark, the chair of the program committee, via email mark.clark@oit.edu.

News and Information



Bianka Adams, USCMH trustee, accepted a new position as historian at the U.S. Army's Corps of Engineers, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia.



Fred Borch, USCMH member, will present a lecture on the Lincoln assassination trial at the Smithsonian Institution in February.



Reiner Pommerin, ICMH Board Member, Germany, has published, *Clausewitz goes Global. Carl von Clausewitz in the 21st Century*. The book contains articles by historians from 18 countries, most of them ICMH members. The articles describe the value of Clausewitz's theories today and in the future.



Robin Higham reports that the Naval Institute Press will publish *Two Roads to War: The French and British Air Arms from Versailles to Dunkirk* in June 2012.



Ricardo Herrera is now teaching at School of Advance Military Studies (SAMS), Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.



Michael Doidge, Historian, Combat Studies Institute at Fort Leavenworth is now the USCMH Newsletter editor.



Lisa Frank, editor, is looking for authors for the encyclopedia, *Women and American Military History*, ABC-Clio, 2012. Authors are still needed for several important entries, including the War in Afghanistan, Cold War, U.S. intervention in Latin America, Middle East conflicts, Nursing, and several biographies. Contact her at lytfrankphd@gmail.com.

Call For New Members

Ricardo A. Herrera
Trustee, USCMH

At the general meeting of the USCMH in December, Richard Stewart, the newly-elected president of the commission, brought forward a pressing issue—the need to recruit new members. The USCMH needs more in order to broaden the commission's reach and maintain its vitality. As an affiliate of the International Commission on Military History, the USCMH provides an entrée and forum for scholars and those with an interest in military history in an international context. The annual meetings of the ICMH have proven excellent venues for the exchange of ideas and for extending the circle of military historians and friends of the discipline. On behalf of the USCMH, I urge each member to recruit one new member this year, and help spread the word

about the USCMH. Membership is easy and it's inexpensive. To help prospective recruits join, have them contact Pat Harahan at: harahan@verizon.net.

To join the USCMH, all you need to do is send the information below along with a \$30 check made out to the U.S. Commission on Military History to our Secretary General, Pat Harahan, at **USCMH, P.O. Box 523431, Attn: Pat Harahan Secretary-general, W. Springfield, VA 22152**. Include in your application your name, organizational affiliation, specialty, email address, mailing address, and phone number.

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