

Letter of the president, 2009

Dear members of IPH

I wish you all a happy New Year and I look forward to much activity in IPH as well as in the national associations of paper historians BAPH, DAP, NPH, AFHEPP and SPH.

Last year many of us met in Sweden at the 29th IPH Congress in Stockholm and Uppsala at the end of May in the most wonderful weather. We spent valuable and inspiring days together with the members of the Nordic Association of Paper Historians NPH that celebrated their annual meeting together with us. NPH was the host and organizer of this IPH congress and everything functioned without problems, thanks to the meticulous good planning and most welcome and necessary financial support from three Swedish foundations. I know as one of the IPH congress coordinators and an NPH member as well how much time-consuming efforts the Nordic group of organizers have performed since 2007 in order to make the congress as good an event as possible.

The organization of the 29th IPH congress did not end in May last year, but has continued with the planning of the Congress Book 2008, Volume 17. In the autumn all speakers have delivered their manuscripts to the NPH- editor as planned and when the editing and final proof reading of the texts have been completed in the near future the manuscripts will be ready for the printing.

A few days ago we received the IPH Congress book 2006, Volume 16 from the 28th International Congress of Paper Historians in Capellades – Montserrat and Barcelona. Now we can finally enjoy studying the many interesting presentations from Spain, and it is a pleasure for the congress participants to read the various papers and recall the days so rich of many good impressions and discussions with new and old friends. It was a pity that not all congress participants could continue to Madrid to the second part of the congress with a fascinating program including visits to museums, libraries, conservation studios, churches and the castle of Escorial.

The organization of the 30th IPH congress by AFHEPP (L'association Francaise pour l'Histoire et l'Étude du Papier et des Papeteries) in Angoulême in France has already started and according to the presentation by our French congress coordinators at the General Assembly in Stockholm 2008 we can look forward to a very promising program for the coming International Congress of Paper Historians in Angoulême at the end of September 2010.

The IPH congresses take place every second year, but every year there are good possibilities to meet paper historians at the annual meetings of the national associations of paper historians, learn about their activities, discuss subjects of common interests and build a network of paper historians.

BAPH: Spring meeting 7/3 2009, London (contact: Barbara@bivelham.freeserve.co.uk or phil.crockett@btinternet.com).

BAPH visit to Dr. Williams Library 10/3 2009, London (contact: rod.morley@gateway.net).

20th Annual Conference of British Association of Paper Historians, Bath University 25 – 27/9 2009.

NPH: Annual meeting of the Nordic association of Paper Historians 3 – 5/6 2009, Silkeborg and Aarhus, Denmark (contact: rischel@privat.tele.dk or kdl@silkeborgmuseum.dk).

DAP: Tagung des Deutschen Arbeitskreises für Papiergeschichte in Celle und in Lachendorf 24. – 27. September 2009 (contact: f.schmidt@d-nb.de).

SPH: Exkursion in eine experimentelle Pergament-Werkstatt in der Basler Papiermühle, am Samstag, den 23. Mai 2009 und Jahresversammlung im Herbst im Engadin vorgesehen (contact: hans-peter.limacher@sunrise.ch)

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