The International Economic History Association (IEHA) will hold its fourteenth International Congress in Helsinki, Finland, 21–25 August 2006. The local organizing institutions are the Department of Social Science History and the Department of History at the University of Helsinki.

The scientific program of the congress will comprise approximately 100 sessions. The IEHA welcomes proposals for sessions on all topics in economic history, the history of economics, demographic history, social history, urban history, cultural history, gender studies, methodological aspects of historical research, and related fields. Proposals for sessions on the period before 1800, and for ones that include countries other than those of Western Europe and North America will be particularly welcome.

A second call for session proposals began in August 2004. The deadline for the second-round session proposals is 31 January 2005. Following the first call for proposals, 48 sessions were approved. From submissions received by 31 January 2005, the Executive Committee will fill about 50 session slots. Proposals should include a tentative list of participants but the executive committee encourages session organizers to make an open call for papers once their session has been selected for the program. The final list of participants and the titles of the papers included in all of the sessions must be submitted by 1 January 2006. It is expected that papers or abstracts will be published on the congress website by 31 May 2006.

For more detailed information, including information required in the proposal and responsibilities of session organizers, please see the IEHA website http://www.helsinki.fi/iehc2006/cfp.html.

Young scholars are invited to present summaries of their doctoral research at the Congress. There will be three prizes: one for dissertations covering the period before 1800, one for the period 1800–1914, and one for the period 1914–present. To be eligible, candidates must have been awarded their doctorate or equivalent after 1 January 2001 and not later than 31 December 2004. Those interested should submit a 10–20 page summary to the Secretary General. The summary should outline the contents, methodology, and historiographical background of the thesis. Moreover, submissions should specify the title of the thesis, the names of the supervisor and jury members, and the institution that awarded the degree. Please do not send the thesis itself. The deadline for submissions is 31 December 2004.

Submissions should be sent (preferably by e-mail) to: International Economic History Association, Secretary General, Prof. Dr. Jan Luiten van Zanden, c/o IISG, Cruquiusweg 31, 1019 AT Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Telephone: +31 20 668 5866, Fax: +31 20 665 4181, E-mail: ieha@iisg.nl.