

Editors' Notes

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

The 1992 Annual Meeting of the Economic History Association will take place in Boston, Massachusetts, from September 17 to 20. The 1992 program committee invites submissions of sessions and papers, including—but not limited to—ones relating to the theme of the consumer in economic history. In composing a program of high scholarly interest, the committee will also seek balance between economic and historical perspectives, among areas and periods, and between emerging and established scholars.

The program committee and additional details will be announced in the association's newsletter. The preliminary program will appear in the June issue of the *JOURNAL*.

AWARDS AT THE 1991 E.H.A. MEETING

At the 1991 Annual Meeting of the Economic History Association, held in Boulder, Colorado, on September 27–29, the following prizes were awarded:

The Arthur H. Cole Prize, for the outstanding article published in the *JOURNAL* in the September 1990 through June 1991 issues, to Jean-Laurent Rosenthal for his article, "The Development of Irrigation in Provence, 1700–1860: The French Revolution and Economic Growth," which appeared in the September 1990 issue. The Cole Prize recipient is selected each year by the *JOURNAL*'s editorial board.

The Allen Nevins Prize, for the outstanding dissertation in U.S. or Canadian economic history completed during 1990–91, was awarded to Shawn Kantor of the University of Arizona for his "Property Rights and the Dynamics of Institutional Change: The Closing of the Georgia Open Range, 1870–1900," completed at the California Institute of Technology under the direction of J. Morgan Kousser.

The Alexander Gerschenkron Prize, for the outstanding dissertation in non-U.S. or Canadian economic history completed during 1990–91, was awarded to Douglass Puffert of the United States International Trade Commission for "The Economics of Spatial Network Externalities and the Dynamics of Railway Gauge Standardization," completed at Stanford University under the direction of Paul David.

The recipients of the Nevins Prize and Gerschenkron Prize are selected each year by the conveners of the dissertation session at the annual meeting.

HISTORY OF ECONOMICS SOCIETY

The nineteenth annual meeting of the History of Economics Society will be held May 30 to June 2, 1992 at George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia.

Papers in the fields of the history of economic thought and the history of method in economics are solicited. Proposals for papers should include the author's name, institutional affiliation, current address, telephone number, the title of the paper, and a single-spaced abstract of the paper restricted to a single 8 1/2 by 11-inch page and 200 words. Those who are willing to serve as discussants of papers should indicate their areas of interest.

It is extremely desirable that proposals and suggestions be received by December 15, 1991, and they must be received at the latest by January 10, 1992. Please send them to the president-elect and program chairman, Karen I. Vaughn, Department of Economics, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA 22030, U.S.A.

It is anticipated that a selection of papers presented at the meeting will be published in the HES series "Perspectives on the History of Economic Thought."

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM: THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF CENTRAL EUROPE

“The economic future of central Europe: Lessons and legacies from the past,” to be held on April 16–18, 1992 at the University of Minnesota, is an annual event organized and sponsored by the Center for Austrian Studies. The symposium will bring together leading historians and social scientists from North America and Europe to explore how the current economic transition in Central Europe (chiefly Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, and Yugoslavia) fits into the economic history of the region. Discussions will center around four themes: “Assessing the Dimensions of Relative Economic Backwardness,” “Restructuring Economic Institutions,” “Reordering International Economic Relations,” and “Managing the Social Consequences of Economic Change.” For further information contact: David F. Good, Center for Austrian Studies, 314 Social Sciences Building, University of Minnesota, 267 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55455.