

NEWS OF THE PROFESSION

In an editorial in the *International Review of Social History*, XXXII (1987), pp. 107–108, we announced the start of a chronicle of important scholarly events, to appear under the heading of “News of the Profession”. In the past ten years the announcements of a wide range of colloquia, conferences, congresses, seminars, etc., have been announced in this section, as well as information on a variety of institutions and organizations relevant to the field covered by our journal. From volume XXXV (1990) onward supplements to the *Guide to the International Archives and Collections at the IISH* containing descriptions of recently acquired archives and collections and of major supplements of archives received by the International Institute of Social History (IISH) were published in the News of the Profession.

However, the development of the Internet and the resulting enormous growth of free electronic, interactive newsletters and discussion lists has recently proved to make the function of the News of the Profession more and more redundant. Announcements of conferences, etc., as well as information on institutions and organizations appear on a still growing number of websites and electronic discussion lists. Therefore we have decided to end the News of the Profession section as it has appeared in the *International Review of Social History* in the last ten years. The publication of the supplements to the *Guide to the International Archives and Collections at the IISH* will be continued as a separate section.

Given the fast pace of development of the Internet, it is impossible to give a complete overview of all the relevant websites, electronic newsletters and discussion lists. However, useful lists of upcoming conferences, etc., can be found in the *International Newsletter* of the International Association of Labour History Institutions published by the IISH on its website and in the Labour and Business History section of the *WWW Virtual Library*, which is also maintained on the website of the IISH. Both can be found at: <http://www.iisg.nl>.

Of the electronic discussion lists we mention here:

- H-Labor: H-Labor is a member of H-Net, an independent international consortium of scholars hosted by Michigan State University. General information on H-Net can be found at: <http://h-net.msu.edu>. To subscribe send a one-line command in an e-mail message to LISTSERV@H-Net.MSU.edu containing only “SUBSCRIBE H-Labor Firstname Surname, Affiliation”. On its web page <http://h-net.msu.edu/~labor>, readers will find logs containing prior discussions, book reviews, and other matters of interest. H-Labor is a moderated list. All messages are received by the moderator who reserves the right to see that the list remains devoted to its mission. The current moderator is Seth Wigderson, University of Maine-Augusta, SethW@Maine.Maine.edu
- Labnet: for information on Labnet, see *IRSH*, this volume, pp. 149f. To join the Labnet List, send an e-mail message containing only the words “SUBSCRIBE LABNET” to LISTSERV@iisg.NL. Labnet is a moderated list. The moderators of the list are Aad Blok (ABL@iisg.NL) and Lex Heerma van Voss (LHV@iisg.NL). If you are not on e-mail, you can join Labnet by sending your name, address, telephone and fax number to Labnet, International

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