

1968 – 2010



### International Committee for the History of Technology

In the turbulent year of 1968 ICOHTEC was founded to pursue primarily two tasks. The first task has been to promote research, teaching and publishing in the field of the history of technology and particularly to gain deeper understanding on the interaction of society and technology. The second task has been to encourage and increase international discussion on the history of technology, especially between countries with different kinds of political systems and divergent historical experiences. These are still relevant objectives even today, although 'iron curtains' or other barriers of the Cold War are no longer preventing the exchange of information between East and West. However, even globally historians of technology are such a small group that they have difficulties in keeping contacts with their scattered colleagues and pick up relevant data from the huge flow of information that is now buzzing round the world.

ICOHTEC spreads the word about the discipline, because the history of technology is not very well known by the general public. ICOHTEC has various advantages in order to serve as a vanguard in informing the public and students of various disciplines what the historians of technology are actually doing and what they are aiming at. The openness and flexibility of ICOHTEC give the organisation a chance to provide forums to fresh ideas and approaches as well as to novel tracks of research. Accepting the diversity of research has been one of ICOHTEC's founding premises. The diversity of approaches, methods and research themes is another advantage of our organisation.

ICOHTEC was founded as an international organisation, and it has grown from the West-East détente cooperator to

an independent global actor with several international functions. This genuine international character is certainly one of ICOHTEC's strengths: no single country dominates it. In this respect it is unique in its field.

From its very beginning, ICOHTEC has been based on institutionalised transnational interface. Already in the early years, it gained a position as a Scientific Section within the Division of the History of Science of the International Union of the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (IUHPST / DHST). It is still important to interact with this UNESCO related network, which provides huge opportunities for contacts, information and activities. All of them have been necessary for developing ICOHTEC's transnational cooperation.

For decades the main activity of ICOHTEC has been organising its renowned symposia, which have taken place almost every year. They have been successful and able to attract new and loyal members. The attendance in these meetings has varied between 80 and 400 during the past three decades. All five continents are represented in our membership, while countries industrialised before 1939 constitute the overwhelming majority.

For a long time, ICOHTEC has been based mainly on individual membership, although it has institutional members as well. Annual subscription is 40\$ or 30€ for individuals (20 \$ or 15€ for students) and 100\$ or 75€ for institutions. Subscription includes the Newsletter on our website and the ICOHTEC's refereed year-book ICON, which is published as a printed volume of about 200 pages once a year and contains mainly, but not exclusively, revised versions of papers given at ICOHTEC symposia.

Forty years ago ICOHTEC was established to build bridges between the East and West. Still it is important to encourage the historians of technology in Eastern Europe and Asia, and support their work, participation in international meetings and cooperation with Western colleagues. Yet, in this globalised world we need contacts also with other continents – Americas, Africa and Australia – because we are interested in the history of technology of all continents.

ICOHTEC continues to be a forum for discussing the topics in the history of technology. In addition, it also hopes to devote special attention to the discussion of present-day problems of technology and their relationship to socio-economic, political, environmental, and cultural issues.



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## ICOHTEC Publications & Symposia

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### Symposia & Symposia publications

- 1 **1968 Paris**; 12<sup>th</sup> Int. Congr. of IUHPS/ DHS, papers: Congress Proceedings;
- 2 **1970 Pont-à-Mousson**; Maurice Dumas (ed.): *L'acquisition des techniques par les pays non-initiateurs*. Paris 1973;
- 3 **1971 Moscow**; 13<sup>th</sup> Int. Congr. IUHPS/DHS; papers: Congress Proceedings;
- 4 **1973 Jablonna**/ Poland
- 5 **1974 Tokyo**; 14<sup>th</sup> Int. Congr. IUHPS/DHS; papers: Congress Proceedings;
- 6 **1976 Kaluga** /USSR; papers: *Technology and Society*. Prague 1976
- 7 **1977 Edinburgh**; 15<sup>th</sup> Int. Congr. IUHPS/DHS;
- 8 **1977 Sterling**/UK; joint symposium with the Newcomen Society; papers: *Transactions of the Newcomen Society* 49 (1977/78), pp. 121-148;
- 9 **1978 Freiberg**/DDR; Eberhard Wächtler; G. R. Engewald (ed.): *Internationales Symposium zur Geschichte des Bergbaus und Hüttenwesens*. 2 vols. Freiberg 1978 ;
- 10 **1979 Sofia**; Musée Nationale Polytechnique (ed.): *Systèmes techniques: Développement, usage et contrôle*. Sofia 1979;
- 11 **1981 Bucharest**; 16<sup>th</sup> Int. Congr. IUHPS/DHS; papers: Congress Proceedings;
- 12 **1982 Smolence**/CSSR; *Sources for the History of Technology – National Comparisons*. Prague 1983;
- 13 **1984 Lerbach**/Cologne; *Energy in history*. 2 vols. 1984;
- 14 **1985 Berkeley**/San Francisco; 17<sup>th</sup> Intern. Congr. IUHPS/DHS; Melvin Kranzberg (ed.): *Technological Education – Technological Style*. San Francisco 1986;
- 15 **1986 Dresden**/DDR; Rolf Sonnemann; K. Krug (ed.): *Technological Sciences in History*. Berlin 1987;
- 16 **1988 Madrid**; papers: Congress proceedings;
- 17 **1989 Hamburg/Munich**; 18<sup>th</sup> Intern. Congr. IUHPS/ DHS; H. J. Braun (ed.): *Failed*

- Innovations*. = Social Studies of Science 22, no.2, 1992
- 18 **1990 Paris**; Alexandre Herlea (ed.): *Science-Technology Relationships. Relations Science-Technique*. San Francisco 1993;
  - 19 **1991 Vienna**; Helmut Janetschek (ed.): *The Development of Technology in Traffic and Transport Systems*. Vienna 1992;
  - 20 **1992 Uppsala**; joint congress with the Society for the History of Technology; papers: Congress Proceedings;
  - 21 **1993 Zaragoza**; 19<sup>th</sup> Intern. Congr. IUHPS/DHS
  - 22 **1994 Bath**/UK
- From this date forward outstanding papers are published in ICON
- 23 **1996 Budapest**
  - 24 **1997 Liège**/Luik (Belgium); 20<sup>th</sup> Intern. Congr. IUHPS/DHS; papers: Congr. Proceedings;
  - 25 **1998 Lisbon**;
  - 26 **1999 Belfort**; R. Belot; M. Cotte; P. Lamard (eds.): *La technologie au risque de l'histoire*. Paris 2000
  - 27 **2000 Prague**
  - 28 **2001 Mexico**; 21<sup>st</sup> Intern. Congr. IUHPS/DHS; all papers on CD
  - 29 **2002 Granada**
  - 30 **2003 St. Petersburg / Moscow**
  - 31 **2004 Bochum**/Germany: *Re-designing technological landscapes*
  - 32 **2005 Beijing**/China; 22<sup>nd</sup> Congr. IUHPS/DHS;
  - 33 **2006 Leicester**/UK: *Longue durée*
  - 34 **2007 Copenhagen**: *Design from Imagination to Practice*
  - 35 **2008 Victoria**/Canada: *Crossing Borders*
  - 36 **2009 Budapest**/Hungary, 23<sup>rd</sup> Congr IUHPS/ DHST
  - 37 **2010 Tampere**/Finland: *Reusing the Industrial Past* (jointly with TICCIH and WorkLab)

All symposia have books of abstracts gathering the resumes of the papers delivered

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