

## ICOHTEC NEWSLETTER

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*"He has rendered greater and more valuable services to the Norwegian polar expedition than any other man". Polar explorer Roald Amundsen gives credit for his contribution to polar expeditions to Adolf Henrik Lindstrøm, who served as a cook. On a monument in Hammerfest, Norway. Photo credit: Saara Matala.*

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# 1 Icohtec News

## 1.1 Icohtec General Assembly and elections, 2025. Preliminary information.

The General Assembly constitutes the highest organ of ICOHTEC. All members of the association will be invited to take part in the next GA that will be held in conjunction with the ICHST conference in New Zealand in the summer of 2025. The meeting invitation and agenda will be distributed to the members before the meetings.

An important part of the meeting will be the election for positions in the Icohtec governing bodies. According to the [Icohtec Statutes](#), “the Executive Committee will consist of the seven officers (Article 17), the immediate past president, the immediate past secretary general, and twelve other members. The seven officers are to be elected by ballot of the membership every four years and three of the other twelve members are to be elected by ballot of the membership every year”.

In the next Newsletter we will announce the election committee and ask to send self-nominations or proposals to the following positions:

### 1) Three members of the Executive Committee.

### 2) Officers

- President
- Vice-president
- Secretary-General
- Treasurer
- Journal Editor-in-Chief
- Newsletter Editor
- Webmaster

If you want to know more about Icohtec governing bodies, contact the outgoing President Stefan Poser ([stefan.poser\(at\)kit.edu](mailto:stefan.poser@kit.edu)).

## 1.2 Icohtec 2025 in New Zealand: Latest updates.



Icohtec 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting is going to take part as the [International Congress of History of Science and Technology ICHST](#) in New Zealand in the summer of 2025.

### Program updates

The ICHST organisers require everyone in the program to submit their abstracts in the conference database. The DL for doing this was on December. If you have been accepted to the Icohtec program, but have not uploaded your abstract or responded to the inquiries and reminders sent by the program committee, you have been **removed from the program** by the ICHST coordinators.

For any questions, contact the Icohtec Program Committee ([matala@chalmers.se](mailto:matala@chalmers.se)). For changes regarding your submission, contact the ICHST digital coordinator, Georgia Watson ([georgia@conference.nz](mailto:georgia@conference.nz)) or +64 3 352 8120

The **preliminary outline of the program** is available at the ICHST website: <https://www.ichst2025.org/program-outline>

### Early bird registration

The DL for early bird registration has been extended to **Monday 14 April**.

For more information and registrations, visit the ICHST website: <https://www.ichst2025.org/registration>

### Changes in registration and cancellations

The ICHST team is responsible for administrating the registrations. If you want to change your attendance from in-person to virtual, or the other way round, contact the Georgia Watson ([georgia@conference.nz](mailto:georgia@conference.nz)) or +64 3 352 8120.

Should you need to cancel your registration, you may reassign your registration to another person. Please notify Icohtec program committee ([matala@chalmers.se](mailto:matala@chalmers.se)) as well as ICHST organizers ([georgia@conference.nz](mailto:georgia@conference.nz)) in writing. If you are unable to arrange a replacement, a full refund less an administration charge of \$150.00 will be made providing notification is received by **Thursday 29 May 2025**. After this date, refunds will be at the discretion of the organizers.

REGISTRATION TYPE	EARLY BIRD <i>until 14 April</i>	STANDARD <i>from 15 April</i>
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#### **In-person attendance**

Full Congress registration	\$699.00	\$869.00
Full Congress registration // Student / unemployed / independent scholar	\$499.00	\$649.00

#### **Virtual attendance**

Full virtual Congress registration	\$369.00	\$469.00
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Full virtual Congress registration // Student / unemployed / independent scholar	\$249.00	\$349.00
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More information and registrations [here: https://www.ichst2025.org/registration](https://www.ichst2025.org/registration)

### **Virtual attendance**

Registering to the conference as a virtual attendance will include the following:

- Access to all Congress sessions
- Access to the Congress app
- Access to all session recordings for up to 3 months after the Congress - a link with the recordings will be circulated following the Congress

The ICHST organisers have informed us that all virtual presentations must be pre-recorded: there will be no live virtual presentations during the Congress. These pre-recorded presentations will be due one month before the Congress, and a link for uploading them will be provided closer to the deadline.

### **DHST conference grants for scholars in distress**

**DL for application:** 3 April

The DHST is offering a limited number of grants to scholars of any career stage who are in grave distress due to economic circumstances, including lack of income, precarious employment, severe austerity measures or displacement. This includes early career scholars but extends to all those who might be unable to participate in the congress due to extraordinarily difficult conditions. The grant will cover the virtual registration fee and will be transferred directly by the DHST to the congress organization. Successful applicants who decide to participate in-person will be responsible for paying the difference in fees. The grants are available only for scholars who participate actively in the congress (accepted for either a stand-alone presentation or a presentation in a symposium).

Funding decisions will be based on the following criteria, with descending priority as follows:

- scholars with no income or precariously employed and without other source of funding based in low-income countries or countries currently undergoing severe austerity measures
- scholars with no income or precariously employed and without other source of funding based in other countries
- scholars with a stable income but no other source of funding based in low-income countries or countries currently undergoing severe austerity measures
- scholars with a stable income but no other source of funding based in other countries currently undergoing significant economic crises.
- Within each category, priority will be given to displaced, refugee or exiled scholars and early career scholars.

Applications close on **3 April at 11.59pm NZDT** and notifications will be released from 9 April.

For more information, visit the ICHST website: <https://www.ichst2025.org/congress-grants>

### 1.3 Turriano ICOHTEC Prize 2025 - Call for Submissions

**DL for applications:** 31 April 2025

The Turriano ICOHTEC Prize is an Early Career Prize for Books on the history of technology, sponsored by the [Juanelo Turriano Foundation](#) and consists of 2,500 Euro. The prize-winning book will be presented and discussed at a special session of the next ICOHTEC symposium.

ICOHTEC, the International Committee for the History of Technology, is interested in the history of technology, focusing on technological development as well as its relationship to science, society, economy, culture, and the environment. The history of technology covers all periods of human history and all populated areas. There is no limitation as to theoretical or methodological approaches.

Eligible for the prize are original book-length works in any of the official ICOHTEC languages (English, French, German, Russian or Spanish) in the history of technology: published or unpublished Ph.D.

dissertations or other monographs written by scholars in the early stages of their career. Articles and edited anthologies are not eligible. If the work is a Ph.D. thesis, it should have been accepted by your university in 2023 or 2024; if it is a published work, the year of publication should be 2023 or 2024.

For the ICOHTEC Prize 2025, please send an electronic copy (PDF or Word) of the work you wish to be considered for the prize to each of the four Prize Committee members. (Note: Hard copies are only accepted for published works not available electronically.) Your submission must be emailed no later than 31 April 2025. Please also include an abstract of no more than a half-page in length. If your book is in Spanish or Russian, please also supply a summary in English, French or German of about 4,500 words. In that case, the prize committee will find additional members who are familiar with the language in which your book is written.

The submission should be accompanied by a CV (indicating also the date of birth) and, if applicable, a list of publications. Applicants are free to add references or reviews of the work submitted.

Any materials sent to the prize committee will not be returned.

Send a complete application by email to each of the following Prize

**Committee members:**

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## 2 Conferences and workshops

### 2.1 IEEE HISTELCON Bonn (Germany) 30 Sep – 2 Oct

**DL for application** (first round): 14 April

**DL for application** (second round): 25 May

**Date and location:** 30 Sep - 2 Oct, 2025 in Bonn, Germany

HISTELCON is a flagship conference series of IEEE Region 8 held every two years and is dedicated to any aspects of the **history of electrical engineering**, electronics, computing, and their impact on social and economic and development.

To accommodate different needs, the conference offers two submission deadlines. The early submission deadline is intended for participants who require a visa to travel to Germany or prefer additional time for travel planning. The regular submission deadline is available for those who need more time to finalize their paper or abstract and do not anticipate travel-related complications. Both submission rounds undergo a separate review process. Double submissions of the same or a revised version of a paper are not allowed. Authors must choose one deadline and adhere to the respective review timeline.

HISTELCON 2025 will be the ninth HISTELCON conference, being the first to be held in Germany. The conference official language is English, and all presentations will be oral. The conference will be hosted in the charming city of Bonn, Germany, in the Uniclub right next to the Rhine river in the center of the city.

[For more information](#), visit HISTELCON website.

## 2.2 T2M Transport, Traffic & Mobility Conference in Eindhoven, 4-7 November 2025

**DL for applications:** 20 April

**Date and location:** 4-7 November, Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands

The 2025 annual conference of the [International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility \(T2M\)](#) seeks to spark debate that moves beyond mono-modal approaches through the broad lens of [Mobility Alternatives – Alternative Mobilities](#).

The term Mobility Alternatives refers to transport modes positioned as alternatives to dominant forms of mobilities—largely automobilities—such as walking, cycling, micromobilities or public transport as substitute to driving cars. Even in contexts where car use is a minority pursuit rather than a majority practice, the pervasive normativity of automobility is present. This T2M 2025 framing transcends modal split and modal shift notions of mobility alternatives. It concerns broader mobility cultures, historical trajectories (Ploeger & Oldenziel 2024), and differences across local, regional and national contexts as well as reflections on justice, equity, and inclusion (Nyamai & Schramm 2022). Finally, it facilitates thinking about the co-existence and epistemological status of ‘new’ and ‘old’ mobilities and the interplay between innovation and decline in mobility practices.

Similarly, the theme Alternative Mobilities provides a lens to explore non-mainstream mobilities that develop outside dominant mobility cultures, with rich historical trajectories. These practices, often unregulated, peripheral, marginalized, or overlooked, create vibrant cultures and communities and are central to innovations, justice concerns, and to developing alternative futures for low carbon mobilities (van der Straeten 2022), while also facing barriers and resistance. This T2M conference aims to foster these debates and bring alternatives to the fore.

T2M 2025 invites discussions on the roles of legislation, technical innovation, financial incentives, social resistance, and media narratives (Glachant & Behrendt 2024) —ranging from novels, newspapers to films—in shaping mobility systems over time. It encourages comparative perspectives on how such processes differ in the Global North, East, and South, offering a forum for stronger ‘alternative’ conceptualisations of mobilities, traffic and transport.

In discussing Mobility Alternatives and Alternative Mobilities, T2M encourages debate beyond ‘mono modal’ approaches and the often-present ‘mode-shift’ focus in transport research. We invite conference contributors to adopt an ‘alternative’ perspective beyond the confines of the mode they usually study (Mom 2020), and to contribute to critically examining the dominance of automobility and challenge its status as the default paradigm in transport systems.

This topic also invites an integration of global and local perspectives, encouraging work regarding all regions of the planet, drawing attention to the interconnected crises of climate change, urbanization, global road safety, and gendered, racial and generational mobility inequalities, including immobilities (Kurnicki 2022) and datafication (Behrendt & Sheller 2024, Chang & Behrendt 2024). Together these challenges demand an ‘alternative’ paradigm shift: a fundamental rethinking of established mobility approaches.

With this in mind, the conference invites contributions from the arts, social sciences and humanities, as well as engineering and technology, and wholeheartedly welcome work from any other disciplinary background, especially practitioners, artists and activists. The organisers are looking for proposals for papers and sessions that engage broadly with the conference theme, although all contributions are welcome.

The program committee welcomes relevant contributions from any academic perspective or discipline, from professionals, policymakers and practitioners in the history, transport, traffic, and mobility fields, as well as artists and creative professionals, designers, engineers, and educationalists. A limited number of travel grants will be available for participants without access to institutional funding, particularly from low-income countries.

For more information and the full Call for papers, [follow the link](#).

**Local Organising committee:** Frauke Behrendt (Chair), Ruth Oldenziel, Gijs Mom, Clara Glachant, Hanbit Chang, Jan Korsten, Nthoki Dorcas Nyamai, Jonas van der Straeten, Karol Kurnicki

**Programme committee:** Tiina Männistö-Funk, Eduardo Nunes, Hugo Pereira, Claire Pelgrims, Govind Gopakumar, and Local Organising committee

Become a member via the T2M website: <https://t2m.org/>

## 2.3 CFP reminder: SHOT annual meeting 2025 in Luxembourg 9-11 October 2025

**DL for applications:** 5 April, 2025

**Date and location:** 9-11 October, 2025 in Esch-sur-Alzette (Luxembourg)

**Topic:** Technologies of Migration

Please consult the conference website ([www.historyoftechnology.org](http://www.historyoftechnology.org)) for the full Call for papers and detailed submission guidelines.

### **The Program Committee welcomes proposals of several types:**

- Traditional sessions: sessions of 3 or 4 papers, with a chair listed in the session proposal. Deadline: 5 April 2025
- Unconventional sessions: sessions with formats that diverge in useful ways from traditional sessions. These can include (but are not limited to) round-table sessions, workshops, sessions with pre-circulated papers, poster sessions, or screenings. Other creative formats can facilitate communication, dialogue, and audience involvement. For instance a “you write, I present” format in which a discussant presents a paper for the author, with authors on-site to respond. Or a session in which authors comment on each other’s papers. We are also interested in sessions that include multiple short “lightning” talks (eg: 5 minutes) on a particular theme. Deadline: 5 April 2025
- Open sessions: Individuals interested in finding others to join panel sessions may propose open sessions. Open session descriptions, along with the organizer’s contact information, will appear on the SHOT website (the earlier the proposal is sent to SHOT, the earlier it will be posted to the website.) For individuals who want to join a proposed panel from the open sessions list, please contact the organizer of that panel, not the Program Committee. In order to give the session organizer sufficient time to select proposals and assemble the final panel, the deadline for submitting your paper proposal to the open session organizer is 30 March 2025. Open session organizers will then assemble full panels and submit them through SHOT’s online system by 5 April 2025.
- Individual papers: Proposals for individual papers will be considered, but the Program Committee will give preference to fully organized sessions. Scholars who might ordinarily propose an

individual paper are encouraged to propose Open Sessions themselves or to join an Open Session.

Deadline: 5 April 2025

## 2.4 DHST Early Career Scholars Workshop: Next meeting on career diversity

In 2025, the [Division for the History of Science and Technology \(DHST\)](#) will offer a series of free online workshops to foster the worldwide integration and inclusion of early career scholars. The next two meetings will be on **10 April** and **24 April**.

The full program can be downloaded [here](#).

**Workshop registration:** <https://forms.gle/1emZJa75FLzbN7PPA>

Please address any questions to the organizers via email: [workshops@iuchpp.org](mailto:workshops@iuchpp.org).

### CAREER DIVERSITY (10 April)

**Topics:** Academic vs non-academic jobs; Work-life balance; gender; transition out of academia.

**Speaker:** Arwen Mohun is Professor in history at the University of Delaware, United States. Mohun has coordinated a working group on career diversity at the Consortium for History of Science Technology and Medicine.

**Time:** 10 April, 10:30-12 pm Beijing, 4:30-6pm CET, 11:30am-1pm Brasilia, 7:30-9am PDT

### ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH & WRITING (24 April)

**Topics:** Best practice in communication in teams; different ways of collaboration; are virtual tools a game changer; national styles; are we moving towards “big history”?

**Discussants:** Olival Freire Jr. is Professor in history of science at the Federal University of Bahia, Brazil, and Director of the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development; Roberto Lalli is

Assistant Professor in history of science and technology at the Polytechnico di Torino, Italy, and PI of the research project “FusEUrope”; Jinyan Liu is Professor at the Institute for the History of Natural Sciences of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing, China, and vice-chair of the Department of History of International Science and Technology.

**Time:** 24 April, 8-9:30 pm Beijing, 2-3:30pm CET, 9-10:30am Brasilia, 5-6:30 am PDT

### 3 Scholarships, Grants and Prizes

#### 3.1 SHOT Prizes and fellowships

The Society for History of Technology SHOT has announced calls for several awards and fellowships in the field of history of technology.

**The DL for applications** is 15 May, 2025.

**For more information and detailed submission guidelines,** [visit SHOT website.](#)

**Leonardo da Vinci Medal:** The society’s highest honor, presented to an individual who has greatly contributed to the history of technology through research, teaching, publications, service to the Society, and other activities.

#### [Melvin Kranzberg Dissertation Fellowship](#)

Awarded annually to a doctoral student preparing a dissertation in the history of technology, broadly defined. It concerns a \$4,000 award. This fellowship is in memory of the co-founder of SHOT, and honors Melvin Kranzberg’s many contributions to developing the history of technology as a field of scholarly endeavor and SHOT as a professional organization.

#### [Brooke Hindle Postdoctoral Fellowship](#)

An award of \$10,000 in support of a scholar at the beginning of their career. The fellowship honors the contribution of Brooke Hindle to the work of the SHOT.

### [Sidney Edelstein Prize](#)

Recognizing outstanding scholarly work in the history of technology. The prize consists of an award of \$3,500 and a plaque. The books should be received by the prize committee no later than 15 May 2025.

### [Sally Hacker Prize](#)

Established in 1999 to honor exceptional scholarship that reaches beyond the academy toward a broad audience. The prize consists of an award of \$2,000 and a plaque.

### [Samuel Eleazar and Rose Tartakow Levinson Prize](#)

For an original essay in the history of technology that examines technology within the framework of social or intellectual history. The prize consists of an award of \$300 and a certificate.

### [Bernard S. Finn IEEE History Prize](#)

For the best article in the history of electro technology-power, electronics, telecommunications, and computer science. The prize consists of an award of \$1,000 and a certificate. In addition, IEEE will provide a travel subsidy (max. \$750 domestic, \$1,000 international) to allow the winner to attend SHOT's annual meeting.

### [Martha Trescott Prize](#)

Given annually for the best published essay in one of two areas: In even-numbered years (2024, 2026), the prize will be awarded to an outstanding published historical essay in the area of women in technology. In odd-numbered years (2025, 2027), the prize will be awarded to an outstanding published essay in the area of social responsibility of engineers in history

### [Race and Histories of Technologies Prize](#)

A prize for outstanding scholarship that explicitly explores the multiple intersections and junctures between race/ethnicity and the history of technology. The prize is part of a collective commitment for addressing systemic and epistemic racism at SHOT and in the global intellectual field it represents. The prize is intended for junior scholars and new entrants to the profession worldwide.

# Annual membership renewals / registration of new members



## Form for annual membership renewals / registration of new members

Annual membership includes subscription to ICOHTEC's refereed bi-annual journal ICON, access to all back issues of ICON in electronic form via the ICOHTEC website, a monthly Newsletter, and special registration rates at the annual ICOHTEC symposium.

I wish to ☐ renew my membership/☐ to become a new member in ICOHTEC. (Tick below the appropriate description/rate):

☐ An individual. Rate: 50 € (or equivalent) per year

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