

September 2006 Newsletter

While a variety of technical difficulties conspired to delay the appearance of the newsletter, this issue contains several important items of note. In particular, please note the call for papers for the 2007 meeting in La Rochelle. The deadline for submitting proposals (October 15) is fast approaching. Additional information will be posted on the society's web page as it becomes available. Equally important and time sensitive is the online survey being conducted to help select future annual meeting sites. Details on the survey, which will remain active until November 15, can be found on page 12.

This issue also contains the Heggoy and Eccles prize citations. The FCHS is pleased to welcome Pat Galloway (University of Texas - Austin) and Martin Thomas (Exeter University) to the Heggoy Committee. Other items include news from colleagues, several other calls for papers and message from Sue Peabody, the society's new President.

As usual, please check to see that your dues are up to date; the mailing labels for the newsletter indicate the years for which dues have been paid.

President's Message

The Society's 32nd annual meeting in Dakar, Senegal – our first on the African continent – was a stimulating and memorable event for all participants. We had 110 registered attendees from North America (United States and Canada), Europe (France, England, Germany, the Netherlands), Africa (Senegal, Niger, Nigeria, Congo Republic), Israel, La Réunion and six African graduate students currently working in North America and Europe. In addition hundreds of student and faculty visitors and some 20 Anciens Combattants of the Tirailleurs Sénégalais attended individual sessions. Our hosts, Ibrahima Thioub and Ibrahima Seck of the History Department at Cheikh Anta Diop Université and Ousmène Sène, Director of the West African Research Association, extended the most generous hospitality at premier venues in Dakar. First-rate multimedia facilities enhanced conference sessions at the university; hotel accommodations were elegant and refreshing; receptions, sponsored by the French Embassy, the American Embassy and the West African Research Center facilitated intellectual exchange and social relaxation. Participants in the après conference tour were able to visit historical sites at the Ile de Gorée and Saint-Louis. Journalist and student Jibo Nura conducted an interview about the society which appeared in the Nigerian monthly Desert Herald (June 2006) and can be found online at: http://www.amanaonline.com/Articles/art_1966.htm. Thanks to all for making this meeting such a success.

Future dates and sites have been set for the next two FCHS conferences. Mark your calendars: June 6-10, 2007 in La Rochelle, France and May 15-17, 2008 in Québec, Canada. The Call for Papers for the 2007 conference is posted on our website: www.frenchcolonial.org. Deadline for proposals is October 15, 2006. Thanks to the La Rochelle conference committee in advance: Philip Boucher, Robert DuPlessis, John Savage, David Del Testa, Mickaël Augeron, and Bertrand Van Ruymbeke.

Please note the online Meeting Site Member Survey (which is located at <http://www.frenchcolonial.org/ballot.php>). Rank your favorite proposed sites for future conferences and indicate whether you might be willing to help host a conference near you.

Access to the site will require a username and password which has been attached to your copy of the newsletter. The site will remain active until November 15.

French Colonial History editor Leslie Choquette is bringing out Volume 8 this year. Elizabeth Demers has agreed to become our new editor when Leslie retires as editor after the current volume. Thank you Leslie and welcome Elizabeth!

Owen White is the new chair of the Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize Committee after Eric Jennings' term expired. Pat Galloway has agreed to serve after Peter Moogk has stepped down. Thank you all for your hard work on this committee.

Our webmaster and newsletter editor, Ken Orosz, has been hard at work this summer. In response to membership queries, we are posting the programs from previous meetings on the website. We hope to have these in a searchable format by the La Rochelle conference. We are also planning a general update of the FCHS website. Please send suggestions for how the website might be improved to me: peabody@vancouver.wsu.edu. If you have a website at your university, please consider linking to the French Colonial Historical Society homepage: www.frenchcolonial.org.

To stay up to date with current book reviews, calls for papers, queries and discussion, don't forget to subscribe to H-French-Colonial. Jeremy Rich and FCHS Vice President Mike Vann were instrumental in getting the ball rolling for this very useful listserv. Jyoti Mohan is doing excellent work as the current editor. Please remember that membership in FCHS will not automatically create your subscription – you must sign up on-line: <http://www.h-net.org/~frenchco/>.

Sue Peabody

Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize, 2006-2007

Each year the French Colonial Historical Society presents a book in honor of one of its founding members, Alf Andrew Heggoy. Book prize recognition includes an award of US \$350 for the best book published during the previous year dealing with the French colonial experience from the 16th to the 20th century. Books from any academic discipline will be considered but they must approach the consideration of the French colonial experience from an historical perspective. The deadline for this year is March 1, 2007.

Applicants or their publishers should send three copies of books published in 2006 to the chairperson of the book prize committee:

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The award will be announced at the annual conference of the French Colonial Historical Society in La Rochelle, France in June 2007. Members of the Book Prize Committee are Owen

White, Chair (University of Delaware), Pat Galloway (University of Texas - Austin) and Martin Thomas (University of Exeter)

Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize, 2005

**French Colonial Historical Society
Société d'histoire coloniale française
Wolfville, NS
June 4, 2005**

Citation

Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize, 2005

Megan Vaughan, *Creating the Creole Island: Slavery in Eighteenth-century Mauritius* (Duke University Press, 2004)

Megan Vaughan's study is a tour de force, reflecting fine research (notably in court records), and relating a series of gripping episodes from the under-studied 18th-century Indian Ocean colony of Mauritius. This book works to retrieve the voices of slaves, free people of color, women and other subaltern people whose experience the author vividly brings to life.

The book's sections on maternity, language, Enlightenment, Malagasy origins, and sex and sexual orientation, not to mention Vaughan's engagement with a host of secondary fields (like the Atlantic slave trade, or the broader Indian Ocean diasporic context) make this a truly splendid and wide-ranging book with ramifications well beyond Mauritius. The committee was impressed by the way Vaughan integrates theoretical approaches, placing them in the service of historical evidence. In sum, this is a highly engaging, lively book. *Creating the Creole Island* is well crafted and represents French colonial history admirably in a sophisticated dialogue with other fields.

Books Nominated for the Annual Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize, 2005

James E. Bruseth and Toni S. Turner, *From a Watery Grave: The Discovery and Excavation of La Salle's Shipwreck, La Belle.*

This is an effective and beautifully-illustrated presentation of information from historical, archaeological and conservation reports about Cavalier de La Salle's lost supply ship and its contents. Artifacts recovered from the 1686 shipwreck are placed in their historical context and they reveal La Salle's plans to engage in extensive trade with aboriginal peoples and to capture and exploit silver deposits in northern Mexico.

Jonathan R. Dull, *The French Navy and the Seven Years' War.* University of Nebraska Press

Dull provides a detailed military, political and diplomatic history of the 1750s and 1760s, highlighting the role of individuals who determined the French navy's fate in this period. The writer argues that France's defeat in the war should not discredit its maritime policies or obscure the French navy's successes.

John Mack Faragher, A Great and Noble Scheme: The Tragic Story of the Expulsion of the French Acadians from their American Homeland. W.W. Norton and Co.

Drawing an analogy with the late twentieth century war crime of "ethnic cleansing," Faragher has produced a well-informed, carefully documented, and gracefully written account of the Nova Scotian Acadians and their forced removal in 1755. He reviews the historiography on his subject and places the Acadian expulsion within American colonial history.

Annegret Fauser. Musical Encounters at the 1889 Paris World's Fair. University of Rochester Press.

Vividly evokes the sounds of the 1889 Exposition Universelle, with interesting insights on how French listeners heard and interpreted the more "exotic" music performed at the fair.

Doris Garraway. The Libertine Colony. Creolization in the Early French Caribbean. Duke University Press.

Innovatively interprets a variety of genres of French writing about the Caribbean to the end of the eighteenth century, with particular attention to how the themes of desire and sexuality shed light on the assertion of French power.

Allan Greer, Mohawk Saint: Catherine Tekakwitha and the Jesuits Oxford University Press.

This beautifully crafted book explores popular religion, contact zones, material culture, diseases and cures, gender issues, all in the span of a dual biography that magically interweaves France and North America. In the epilogue the author explores the varied appropriations, instrumentalizations, and reinventions of Catherine Tekakwitha.

William A. Hoisington, Jr. The Assassination of Jacques Lemaigre Dubreuil. A Frenchman between France and North Africa. RoutledgeCurzon.

Through meticulous archival research this book recreates the life and violent death of a complex individual whose story illuminates our understanding of Moroccan independence.

Matt K. Matsuda. Empire of Love. Histories of France and the Pacific. Oxford University Press.

A colorful and engaging study that argues that the language of love was central to the construction and imagination of the French presence in the Pacific.

Kim Munholland. Rock of Contention. Free French and Americans at War in New Caledonia, 1940-1945. Berghahn.

This gracefully written and strongly researched book casts fascinating light on the vexed relationship between the Free French and the Americans who encountered one another on New Caledonia in World War Two. This fine study is situated at the crossroads of French colonial and international history.

Anne Raffin. Youth Mobilization in Vichy Indochina and its Legacies, 1940-1970. Lexington Books.

Spanning the colonial and post-colonial periods, this book presents thought-provoking insights into the significance of Vichy's sponsorship of youth organizations in wartime Indochina.

Mireille Rosello. France and the Maghreb: Performative Encounters. University Press of Florida.

From linguistic encounters in the work of writers like Assia Djébar to the meeting between the French and Algerian soccer teams in 2001, this book develops the intriguing concept of "performative encounters" to help understand a variety of interactions between France and the Maghreb.

Elizabeth Schmidt. Mobilizing the Masses: Gender, Ethnicity, and Class in the Nationalist Movement in Guinea, 1939-1958. Heinemann.

An important and very well researched social history of popular participation in the Guinean nationalist movement that makes extensive use of oral testimony and emphasizes the roles played by peasants, women, trade unionists, and veterans.

Alyssa Goldstein Sepinwall. The Abbé Grégoire and the French Revolution University of California Press.

This exciting work explores Abbé Grégoire as an agent of change during the French Revolution. Sepinwall uncovers continuities and coherences in Grégoire's universalist thought, and sheds considerable light on the context in which these thoughts were produced. This book is as important to the field of intellectual history as it is to French and indeed world history.

Martin Thomas. The French Empire between the Wars. Imperialism, Politics, and Society. Manchester University Press.

A work of extraordinary geographic and thematic breadth that highlights the economic, social, and cultural impact of French imperialism between the two world wars and the growth of resistance to French rule. Thomas' breathtaking range takes readers through such diverse issues as colonial trade patterns, military questions, exhibitions, gender relations and anti-colonial resistance.

Gary Wilder, The French Imperial Nation State: Negritude and Colonial Humanism between the two world wars. University of Chicago Press.

This work enrolls theory to attempt to trace both French imperial and anti-imperial projects and discourses in the inter-war years. Wilder pays special attention to Négritude and its Parisian disciples between the wars.

W. J. Eccles Prize, 2007

The W.J. Eccles Prize is to be awarded annually to the graduate student or recent post-graduate student judged to have presented the best paper at the annual meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society and subsequently published in the society's journal *French Colonial History*. The prize is meant to encourage beginning academics in the field of French Colonial History and to honour the career of one of French Colonial History's greatest historians. Bill Eccles was an outstanding supporter of graduate students and this prize is meant to continue his work by encouraging those at the beginning of their careers in our field.

Gagnant du Prix W.J. Eccles 2006

Dans « L'Empire palimpseste : l'exemple des années trente dans le Limousin », Reine-Claude Grondin examine les modalités de circulation de l'idéocoloniale dans une province française, et la question de son appropriation par une population située à la périphérie. L'auteur décrit la méfiance des Limousins vis-à-vis de l'idée coloniale, soupçonnée d'aggraver l'exode rural. D'où l'absence de la région de l'Exposition Coloniale de 1931 et sa mise à distance plutôt généralisée de la colonie. Selon Grondin, « L'ambition des propagandistes d'intégrer l'Empire au mécanisme de la vie française' relève de l'utopie au cours des années trente. »

La méthodologie de l'article est innovatrice. Les conclusions se dégagent non seulement des recherches archivistiques mais aussi d'une lecture perspicace de la littérature régionale et d'un examen détaillé de la production des sociétés géographiques. Cette approche permet de saisir des interférences entre le dessein impérial et le dessein régional, qu'une vision trop exclusivement déterminée par l'histoire du Centre, ce qui a été jusqu'à présent le défaut de l'historiographie coloniale française, ne permettait pas de mettre en évidence.

Mention Honorable

Une mention honorable est aussi décernée à Thomas Peace pour son article, « Deconstructing the *Sauvage/Savage* in the Writing of Samuel de Champlain and Captain John Smith ».

Colleagues at Work

Ralph Austen is currently working on the biography of Amadou Hampate Ba.
Myriam Arcangeli is a PhD candidate in historical archaeology at Boston University. Her research focuses on the ceramics of colonial sites in the French

Caribbean (Martinique, Guadeloupe, French Guiana). She has a website entitled Historical Earthenwares of Southwestern France at www.people.bu.edu/arcange.

B.A. (Sandy) Balcom and A.J.B. (John) Johnston have just published a joint article that looks at French colonial missionary activity on Cape Breton Island in the first half of the 18th century. The reference is "Missions to the Mi'kmaq: Malagawatch and Chapel Island in the 18th Century," *Journal of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society*, Vol. 9 (2006), pp. 115-140. John Johnston will be presenting a paper entitled "The Acadian Deportation in a Comparative Context: An Introduction" at the Diasporas and Discovery, Annual Conference of the Association for Canadian Studies (ACS), to be held in Vancouver, BC, in October 2006.

Lofti Ben Rejeb is researching US-North African relations during the colonial period.

Raymond Birn recently published *Crisis, Absolutism, Revolution: Europe and the World 1648-1789* (Petersborough, ON: Broadview Press, 2005).

Chris Bongie has completed an edition of the first two novels written about the Haitian Revolution, Jean-Baptiste Picquenard's *Adonis* (1798) and *Zoflora* (1800) for the French press L'Harmattan. This edition is scheduled for publication in late summer 2006. Based on archival, the Introduction provides new information about Picquenard's time in Saint-Domingue during the early 1790s, where he served as secretary to the Civil Commissioners Polverel and Sonthonax.. Appendices to this edition include unpublished letters by Picquenard, as well as excerpts from the republican journal he edited in Saint-Domingue called *l'Ami de l'Egalité*.

Colin Coates published a collection of essays entitled *Majesty in Canada: Essays on the Role of Royalty* (Toronto: Dundin Press, 2006) which included chapters by fellow members John Johnston and Sylvain Soleil dealing with New France.

Sarah Curtin published an article entitled "Emilie de Vialas and the Religious Reconquest of Algeria" in the Spring 2006 issue of *French Historical Studies*. This article is based on a paper first presented at the Toulouse FCHS Annual Meeting.

Piet Defraeye is looking for a co-researcher(s) for a large project on the cultural significance of Patrice Lumumba. Interested colleagues can contact him at defraeye@ualberta.ca.

John Gallucci works on the history and literature of French émigrés in upstate New York and French travel writing concerning North America and the Caribbean 1500-1800. He is also teaching a new course entitled New York/New France.

Ruth Ginio has recently published *French Colonialism Unmasked: the Vichy Years in French West Africa* with the University of Nebraska Press.

Evan Haefeli and Kevin Sweeney recently published an edited volume entitled *Captive Histories: English, French and Native Narratives of the 1704 Deerfield Raid* (University of Massachusetts Press, ISBN 1-558-49543-6).

Rachel Jean-Baptiste works on west-central Africa, Gabon, women, gender, sexuality, colonialism and the Atlantic slave trade.

George Milne's research interests include Native American and French Relations in Louisiana 1682-1732; colonial North America; and AncienRegime France.

Joel Montague is a public health officer and collector of colonial ephemera (postcards, chromos, posers and maps) from Indochina. His main focus is Cambodia and the Khmer peoples in neighboring countries.

Todd Shepard published *The Invention of Decolonization: the Algerian War and the Remaking of France* (Cornell University Press, 2006).

Dale Standen is Professor Emeritus at Trent University. He retired June 30, 2006.

Eugene Tesdahl is working on the French colonial Atlantic: La Nouvelle France et le Sénégal. He focuses on issues of race, gender and inter-marriage.

Martin Thomas is organizing a conference entitled "The French Colonial Mind: Mental Maps of Empire and Colonial Policy Making." The conference will be hosted by the Exeter University's Centre for the Study of War, State and Society and will take place from April 12-14, 2007. For more information contact Martin.C.Thomas@exeter.ac.uk

Mathilde von Bülow is completing her PhD at Cambridge University on the Algerian War for Independence (1954-1962) and its impact on Franco-German relations.

Germaine Warkentin is completing her edition of the voyages of Pierre-Esprit Radisson. She is also working on Louis Nicolas and the Codex Canadiensis.

Notices

The Association Études Coloniales maintains a webpage of interest to members at <http://etudescoloniales.canalblog.com/>

Louis Siking a publié *Frontières d'Outre-Mer: La France et les Pays-Bas dans le monde atlantique au XIX^e siècle* ISBN 2-84654-148-5, prix 28 €

A forum on "The French Colonial Era in Pointe Coupée: 1682-1769" will be held in October 2006. For details go to <http://pointecoupee.creolewest.com>

Appartement meuble dans un villa a Aix-en-Provence , 10 minute à pied du centre ville 100 m², 3 chambres, grand salon , cuisine bien équipé, et garage. Contacte Rahim Najfar at Rahimnajfar@aol.com

Le n° 24 de la REVUE LABYRINTHE qui publie un dossier spécial intitulé "FAUT-IL ETRE

POSTCOLONIAL?" vient de paraître. Dans ce volume, Labyrinthe confronte le débat contemporain autour des colonies dans le monde francophone avec les

« études postcoloniales" dans l'Université anglo-saxonne. En d'autres termes, sommes-nous aujourd'hui postcoloniaux et pouvons-nous ne pas l'être ? Les contributions présentent, de manière critique, les positions

des principaux penseurs anglophones du postcolonial, dont l'importance est aussi grande aux États-Unis que négligée en France. Les auteurs se livrent aussi à une généalogie des positions actuelles. Revisitant le climat intellectuel du début du vingtième siècle, on met au jour le rôle crucial des mouvements noirs dans les

sciences humaines – ou les controverses étrangement actuelles sur le rôle de l'école dans les colonies françaises. SOMMAIRE DU NUMÉRO 24, 2006(2)

10 € en librairie (+2,40 € de frais de port pour la France/+ 4,5 Euros for UE/ + 7,5 euros for USA/World) – 136 pages – ISBN : 2-9526131-1-7 www.revuelabyrinth.org

Romain Bertrand a publié *Mémoires d'empire: La controverse autour de <<fait colonial>>*. Cet essai retrace l'histoire des débats et des mobilisations autour de

la Loi du 23 février 2005 sur le « rôle positif » de la colonisation française, qui a pavé la voie à la montée en puissance du thème des

«guerres de mémoire ». Il s'interroge à cette fin aussi bien sur les stratégies des députés de

la majorité, qui ont voté et défendu ce texte, que sur le discours et les tactiques des organisations militantes qui ont réclamé son abrogation. ISBN 2-914968-20-5 Prix 18,50€ Disponible sur le site www.atheles.org.

Call for Papers

Kwabena Akurang-Parry is seeking papers for a publication to honor recently deceased Professor A. Adu Boahen. Papers dealing with themes raised in Boahen's Topics in West African History are especially welcome. Above all, prospective papers should provide new historical insights that contest Eurocentric perspectives and should be geared towards students of all levels and a general reading public alike. For more information contact Professor Kwabena Akurang-Parry, Department of History, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA 17257, USA (Tel. 717 477 1286, Fax 717 477 4062, e-mail: kaparr@ship.edu)

The Irish Conference of Historians is seeking paper proposals for their upcoming conference entitled "Empires and their Contested Pasts." Papers dealing with all aspects of Empire, regardless of chronology, location or type of Empire, are welcomed. The conference will be held May 18-20, 2007 at Queen's University Belfast. Proposals of 300 words should be sent by December 1, 2006 to Dr. Robert Blyth via e-mail (r.blyth@qub.ac.uk). Regular mail submissions should be sent to Dr. Robert Blyth, School of History and Anthropology, Queen's University Belfast, Belfast BT7 1NN, Northern Ireland.

Mike Vann and Jyoti Mohan are seeking contributors for an edited volume examining race in France and the French colonies. The volume will have several sections: A) early conceptions of race from the Crusades through the 18th century; B) notions of race accompanying early French colonial efforts in India, the Americas and the Ancient colonies; C) Race during the height of colonial activities; D) 20th century conceptions of race in the aftermath of decolonization. For more information contact Mike Vann (mvann@csus.edu) or Jyoti Mohan (jmohan@wam.umd.edu).

Le Groupe d'histoire de l'atlantique français de l'Université McGill (Montréal, Canada), lance une invitation à participer au premier d'une série d'ateliers qui, au cours des deux prochaines années, porteront sur le monde atlantique français à l'époque moderne. Ce premier atelier lancera les travaux du Groupe, qui est soutenu financièrement par la fondation Mellon et réunit des chercheurs des universités montréalaises. Permettant d'explorer ce champ d'étude, son passé, son avenir, l'événement se tiendra à l'Université McGill (Musée McCord) et à l'Université de Montréal du 28 au 30 septembre 2006.

Le monde atlantique francophone : survol disciplinaire

Notre premier atelier met en évidence le rôle central de Montréal, au coeur de la recherche sur le monde atlantique francophone, en réunissant des chercheurs de renommée internationale afin de dresser le bilan des recherches dans ce champ. Les objectifs poursuivis dans cet atelier sont : 1) de construire les racines de l'espace intellectuel que nous appelons l'Atlantique francophone; 2) de faire le point sur les travaux effectués dans différents centres de recherche en France, au Canada, aux États-Unis, dans les Caraïbes et en Afrique; 3) de mieux définir les grands débats intellectuels et leurs évolutions; et finalement 4)

de cibler les besoins et les possibilités du champ de recherche. Cet atelier mettra en évidence les liens n'ayant pas encore été faits, et donnera le coup d'envoi au projet sur l'Atlantique francophone en donnant aux participants une meilleure idée des développements survenus dans ce champ de recherche et de comment il s'inscrit dans la perspective des autres champs de l'historiographie atlantique ? tout comme dans les historiographies nationales et supranationales.

Cet atelier de deux jours se divise en deux parties. La première est consacrée à l'exploration des racines intellectuelles et institutionnelles du champ de recherche, en France et partout ailleurs; alors que la seconde se concentrera sur les débats en cours, tout comme elle contribuera à l'identification des besoins et des possibilités.

The French Atlantic History Group at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, invites scholars to attend the first in a series of workshops to be held over the next two years on the topic of the French Atlantic World in the early modern period. This first Workshop will inaugurate the French Atlantic History Group, funded by the Mellon Foundation and composed of scholars from the Montreal universities, by providing participants with an opportunity to explore the field itself as an intellectual space: its past, its prospects. The workshop will be held at McGill University (McCord Museum) and the Université de Montréal from the 28th to the 30th of September, 2006. The French Atlantic World: An Overview of the Field

This workshop draws on Montreal's unique capacity to act as a bridge within the French Atlantic sphere by inviting major figures from the French Atlantic scholarly world to participate in a "state of the field" workshop. The goals of the workshop are: (1) to elaborate the scholarly roots of the intellectual space we are calling the "French Atlantic"; (2) to assess ongoing work being done at centers in France, Canada, the United States, the Caribbean and in Africa; (3) to clarify the major scholarly debates as they have evolved; and (4) to identify needs and opportunities within the field. The aim of this first workshop is to draw connections where none have yet been made, and to help jump-start the French Atlantic project by giving participants a better sense of how the field has developed and where it stands in relation to other areas of Atlantic historiography, as well as various national and supra-national historiographies.

The two-day workshop is broken down into two parts. The first is devoted to exploring the intellectual and institutional roots of the field, in France and elsewhere; the second day explores ongoing debates, as well as contributes to the identification of needs and opportunities.

For more information or to register please contact Tim Pearson at atlantique.history@mcgill.ca

When: 28-30 September

Where: Montreal, Canada (McGill University and the University of Montreal) Contact

Information: atlantique.history@mcgill.ca

Website: www.atlantique.mcgill.ca (available September 1)

Meeting Site Member Survey

The FCHS Executive is soliciting feedback on possible locations for future Annual Meetings. Please take the time to complete the online survey located at <http://www.frenchcolonial.org/ballot.php> To log into the site you will need your username and password which are attached to your newsletter. If you misplace this information please contact Ken Orosz at korosz@maine.edu. The deadline for responding is November 15.

2007 FCHS Conference Call for Papers/ Appel à communications

**La Rochelle, France
June 6-10, 2007**

The 33rd annual meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society (FCHS) will take place in La Rochelle, France, June 6-10, 2007. A major theme will be "Rivers and Colonies," but proposals on all aspects of overseas France will be considered. The Society encourages scholars from all disciplines to submit proposals. The deadline is October 15, 2006.

Le 33^e congrès de la French Colonial Historical Society (FCHS) se tiendra à La Rochelle du 6 au 10 juin 2007. Comme thème principal nous avons retenu « Fleuves et colonies » mais des propositions de communication sur tous les aspects de l'expansion coloniale française peuvent nous être adressées. La Society encourage des chercheurs de toute discipline à soumettre des propositions. Ces dernières doivent nous être impérativement envoyées avant le 15 octobre 2006.

For scholars residing in the Americas, please send proposals for ancien régime topics (pre-1800) to either Philip Boucher (boucherp@uah.edu) or Robert DuPlessis (rduples1@swarthmore.edu). For post 1800 topics, send proposals to John Savage (jms8@lehigh.edu) or David Del Testa (K"mailto:ddeltest@bucknell.edu"ddeltest@bucknell.edu).

For scholars residing elsewhere, send proposals to Mickaël Augeron (mickael.augeron@univ-lr.fr) or Bertrand Van Ruymbeke (Bertrand.vanruymbeke@univ-paris8.fr). Scholars wishing to participate as session chairs/commentators contact Philip Boucher or Mickaël Augeron.

Les chercheurs qui résident en Amérique du Nord doivent adresser leur proposition à Philip Boucher (boucherp@uah.edu) ou à Robert DuPlessis(rduples1@swarthmore.edu) pour la période avant 1800 et à John Savage (jms8@lehigh.edu) ou David Del Testa (ddeltest@bucknell.edu) pour la période après 1800.

Les chercheurs hors Amérique du Nord doivent envoyer leur proposition à Mickaël Augeron (maugeron@univ-lr.fr) ou à Bertrand Van Ruymbeke(bvanruymbeke@univ-paris8.fr). Ceux d'entre vous qui souhaiteraient présider ou modérer un atelier doivent contacter Philip Boucher ou Mickaël Augeron.

The FCHS is a private society dependant on membership dues. All conference participants must be or become members. Unfortunately, the FCHS does not have funds to subsidize scholars' participation at the meeting. Please check the FCHS website for further details (<http://www.frenchcolonial.org>) or simplygoogle the Society's name.

La FCHS est une association qui ne tire ses revenus que des cotisations de ses adhérents. Tous les participants au congrès doivent en être ou en devenir membres. Malheureusement, la Society n'a pas les ressources pour financer les voyages des intervenants au congrès. N'hésitez pas à consulter le site Internet de la Society pour de plus amples informations (<http://www.frenchcolonial.org>).