

# Invitation for Expressions of Interest and Proposals for the CISH-ICHS Congress in Poznan, Poland 2020

The Irish Committee for Historical Sciences is a member of the Comité International des Sciences Historiques- International Committee of Historical Sciences (CISH-ICHS). CISH-ICHS exists to organize a world history conference every 5 years. The XXIII Congress will be held in Poznan, Poland in late August 2020. CISH-ICHS is now starting the process of inviting proposals for themes in order to structure the Congress programme. Only CISH-ICHS members can submit proposals.

The Irish Committee for Historical Sciences would like to invite any historian or group of historians working on the island of Ireland to submit proposals for the Poznan 2020 Congress.

The deadline for submission of proposals to CISH-ICHS is 31 January 2017.

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## Congress Details

### *Format of the Congress*

The Congress is organised around four different session 'types'. These are:

1. **Major Themes.** Four of these will be chosen. The session will occupy one whole day and involve no more than 12 speakers. Themes should, where possible, involve several geographical locations and include a wide chronological range. Attention should be given to gender and age balance in the chosen speakers/participants.
2. **Joint Sessions.** Around 30 of these will be chosen. They must be organised by at least 2 CISH-ICHS members. They last 3 hours and involve no more than 6 speakers/participants.
3. **Specialised Themes.** Around 20 of these will be chosen. They last 3 hours and involve 6-8 speakers/participants.
4. **Special Sessions and Round Tables.** Around 20 of these will be chosen. These are discussions of a substantial paper related to a major question and written by the convenor of the session. The convenor then invites up to 4 additional discussants to take part in the round table. The session lasts for 3 hours.

### *New Developments at the XXIII Congress*

The CISH-ICHS will introduce a number of new activities at Poznan 2020:

- \* Polish organisers will be running poster sessions, possibly with input from other member committees
- \* the Jaeger-LeCoultre International Award for History ICBS will be awarded in a public ceremony

\* there will be opportunities for universities, research centres and recently completed doctoral students to come together in 'Research Forums', career sessions, presentations on institutional research projects and more

## Format for Proposals

At this stage, proposals are meant to be quite brief. They must include:

- \* the name of the CISH-ICHS member (in this case, Irish Committee of Historical Sciences)
- \* the session format that has been chosen
- \* the title of the session
- \* a 5000 character outline of the aims and content of the session in either English, French or Spanish (roughly 800 words)
- \* the name and contact details for the lead organiser/convenor

A short form has been provided and proposals should be submitted using this form.

### *Further Details about the Poznan Congress*

The Polish Academy of Sciences, which is hosting the Congress on behalf of the Polish Committee of Historical Sciences, has produced a lengthy report on their plans for the event. This includes some details about the Congress 'intellectual rationale' and 'organizational concept'. These descriptions may prove helpful in framing proposals and can be found here:

[http://www.cish.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Poznan\\_2020\\_Application.pdf](http://www.cish.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Poznan_2020_Application.pdf)

The CISH-ICHS website can be found here, along with links to the XXII Congress programme in Jinan, China in 2015.

<http://www.cish.org/index.php/en>

### *Selection Process*

The CISH-ICHS selection committee will meet at Neuchatel in 2017 to review proposals and prepare a draft Congress programme. Successful proposals will be posted on the CISH-ICHS website. Member organisations will be invited to comment on the programme and suggest changes. These will be discussed at the CISH-ICHS General Assembly in Moscow in September 2017, and the final programme decided by vote. The CISH-ICHS board can ask members with similar proposals to work together. Those whose proposals are rejected will be notified by their member committee.

Organisers of sessions that have been chosen now begin to organise their panel and recruit participants. A second call for proposals will be sent in order to fill gaps or to complete panels as required.

## Irish Committee Submission Process

Proposals can only be sent to CISH-ICHS via the Irish Committee.

We do not wish to impose any internal requirements as to content, approach, geography or time period. We see our remit as representing all types of history as it is practiced on the island of Ireland and would encourage submissions which represent this diversity. We would, however, especially welcome proposals which seek to explore in some way the particular political circumstances of the decade 1912-22 for Ireland, both internally and in its wider international context. We feel this topic and its related themes and ideas might be of particular interest to the diverse constituencies represented in the CISH-ICHS leadership.

We do not intend to run our own internal selection process, and will be happy to forward all reasonable proposals on to CISH-ICHS.

In order to ensure proposals are submitted to CISH-ICHS in good time we ask that proposals be submitted using the CISH-ICHS form to <<janice.holmes@open.ac.uk>> no later than **25 January 2017**.

Further details can be had from the Chair of the Irish Committee, Janice Holmes at [janice.holmes@open.ac.uk](mailto:janice.holmes@open.ac.uk).

Copies of all of the relevant documents can be found on the Irish Committee of Historical Science's website [www.historians.ie](http://www.historians.ie).