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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BONNE ANNÉE!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2004-2005

During the Annual General Meeting held at the Amaryllis Hotel, Barbados, May 20, 2004, the following persons were elected to the Executive Committee:

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LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS 37^H ANNUAL CONFERENCE**DATES:**

The 37th annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians is scheduled for May 9-13, 2005 in Cartagena, Colombia. Registration for the conference will be restricted to ACH members in good financial standing. Registration will begin on Sunday, May 8th, and members and presenters are encouraged to make travel plans early so that arrival in time for the start of the conference can be guaranteed. The opening ceremony will be held on Monday, May 9th. Academic activities will start on that morning, and continue until Thursday, May 12th. The LOC has reserved Friday May 12th for a full day field trip to the Rosary Islands(by boat).

ACCOMMODATION:

The Hotel selected for the Conference is the Hotel Caribe. It is one of the most traditional hotels in the city and provides good prices and excellent facilities for the meeting. The single room rate will be approximately US\$70 per night. Additional persons in the same room will pay US\$30 per person . Taxes are 7% of the price of the room and there is a one dollar insurance fee. Reservations should be made at via e-mail: ventas2@hotelcaribe.com . The reservation of 50 rooms for the ACH will be held until February 28, 2005. The web page of the hotel is www.hotelcaribe.com . The hotel is across the street from the beach and has a swimming pool, tennis court and a gym.

WEATHER/DRESS:

The temperature in May is usually in the mid to high 80s (F). However, in the evenings it can become fairly cool. You are therefore advised to bring a jacket or sweater. Men are expected to wear jackets and ties or a formal shirt jacket at the proposed Government House Reception. Please note that the meeting room will be air-conditioned.

TRAVEL AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Presenters and other participants should note that air connections are fairly easily organized through Miami. Additionally, however, there is the possibility of traveling via Copa out of Panama or through Caracas, Venezuela. In the case of the Caracas connection, however, the flight does not go directly to Cartagena and travellers would have to connect at Bogotá. Transportation from the airport to the hotel is easily obtained. The Local Organizing Committee will have a booth at the airport which will provide some information on the taxi services. Note that the cost of a taxi to the hotel is US\$7.00 maximum. Please note that you will need a valid passport and a round-trip airline ticket. A departure tax must be paid of US\$31.00. No visas are required for citizens of countries, which are members of the British Commonwealth, the United States of America, Canada and the United Kingdom. Visas are required for citizens of the **Dominican Republic, Haiti, Cuba, and Nicaragua**, and most countries in Africa, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East. If you are in doubt please check with the foreign affairs department of your local government .

**IMPORTANT!
INSTRUCTIONS
TO
PRESENTERS**

Presenters of papers are asked to make their travel arrangements early to ensure arrival in good time for their panels. The ACH has the following rules that every presenter, without exception, is expected to follow:

1. Every presenter has to be a member of the ACH in good financial standing. Those presenters that are not members are

expected to become members before the meeting or during registration at the conference.

2. Presenters can present their papers in any of the following languages: English, French or Spanish.
3. Papers must be submitted on A4 or quarto-sized paper (8.5 x 11) in good quality type-script. Papers must not exceed 20 pages including notes and references and should be typed double-spaced using a point 12 font.
4. Presenters should provide the Local Organizing Committee with the following:
 - ⇒ A copy of their paper for reproduction before the conference. **No one is allowed to present that has not provided sufficient copies of their paper for distribution.**
 - ⇒ An abstract of their paper (250-300 words) in English, French and Spanish. The abstract should be received by the LOC at the same time as the paper. Please be sure that your abstract includes: a) your full name, b) your institutional affiliation and c) full title of the paper.
5. Presenters are encouraged to distribute their paper to the other members of their panel and to the panel chair before the conference.
6. Papers are never read in their entirety at ACH conferences, but should be summarized in 10-15 minutes
7. It is strongly suggested that presenters meet with their panel chair with sufficient time prior to their presentation. Panel chairs receive specific rules for the presentation and can, therefore, coordinate the presentation with all panel members.

Photocopying of Papers: Presenters should send a diskette and a hard copy (no e-mails, please) of their papers and abstracts in English, Spanish and French (250 words) to the LOC no later than March 18, 2005. Presenters who are not able to meet this deadline should contact the LOC to make special arrangements or bring at least 120 copies of their paper for distribution before their presentation.

Presenters must arrive one full day before their panel to ensure circulation of their papers. Presenters whose papers are not circulated will not be allowed to make a presentation.

For further details contact: Professor Adolfo Meisel, Banco de la Republica, Calle 23 No.3 Plaza Bolivar, Cartagena, Colombia, Tel (095) 660 0761 – 660 0808, e-mail: ameisero@banrep.gov.co An alternative e-mail for Professor Meisel's Secretary, Alma, is aportoma@banrep.gov.co . Ideally, queries should be sent to Alma, attention Professor Meisel.

Program for the 37th Annual Conference Cartagena, Colombia

Sunday, May 8th

*Delegates Arrive
Pre-Registration*

Monday, May 9th

9-12:00

Registration

9:00-10:00

Opening Ceremony

10.30-12:00

1st Panel

The Imperial and the Local in the Construction of the Caribbean

Chair: Antonio Gaztambide

Rosalyn Terborg-Penn, "Complexities of Race, Class and Gender in Reconstructing Identities: A Comparative View of Afro-Cuban and African American Oppositional Strategies to Racism in the Early 20th Century"

Jeffrey Kerr-Ritchie, "Constructions of 'Race' in Post-Emancipation Societies

Gladys Jiménez Muñoz, "The Daughter of the Caribbean versus 'A Body at Risk': Race' and Class Among Nationalist Women in Inter-war Puerto Rico"

Kelvin Santiago-Valles, "Our Race Today [Is] the Only Hope for the World: An 'African Spaniard' as Chieftain of the Struggle Against U.S. Sugar Slavery in Puerto Rico, 1926-1937"

12:00-1.30

Lunch

1:30-3:00

2nd Panel:

COLOMBIA PANEL #1

Chair: Woodville Marshall

Adolfo Meisel and Margarita Vega, "Ethnicity, Income and Height in Colombia, an Anthropometric Approach"

Archibold

Ann Twinam, "Purchasing Whiteness: Conflicting Visions of the Mutability of Pardo-ness and Mulatto-ness in the Spanish Caribbean"

Annie Saunier, "Les filibustiers des Antilles françaises et Carthagène"

3:00-3:30

Break

3.30:5:00

3rd Panel:

Obeah and Spiritualism

Chair: Roberta Kilkenny

Kenneth Bilby and Jerome Handler, "Healing and Protection in West Indian Slave Life"

Diana Paton, "The Truth About Obeah: Representations from Inside and Outside the Caribbean"

Lara Putnam, "Travelling Powers: Obeah and Other Systems of Healing and Retribution in the Western Caribbean"

Juanita De Barros, "Obeah and Medical Fraud in Post-Slavery British Guiana "

Tuesday, April 10th

9:00-12:00

Registration

9:00-10:30

4th Panel:

Business and Entrepreneurship

Chair: Selwyn Carrington

Kathleen Monteith, "Financing Agriculture and Trade: Barclay's Bank (Dominion,

Colonial and Overseas) in the West Indies, 1926-1945"
 Aviston Downes, "Working Class Insurance from the 1930s"
 Celia Karch, " Entrepreneurship and Access to Capital in the British West Indies, 1840-1955"

10:30-11:00
 11:00-12:30

Break

5th Panel:

Race and Racial Formation

Chair: Tiffany Patterson

Jean Stubbs, " Reflections on the Greater Caribbean: Multiple Identities in the Atlantic World"

Annette Insanally, "Race, Culture and Identity in 150 years of Intra-Caribbean Migration"

Aline Helg, " Inclusion or Exclusion? Race, status and Gender in Early Independent Caribbean New Granada"

Jaime Arocha Rodriguez, " Estereotipos y Escencias en al Reconstrucción de los Afrocolombianos en Bogotá"

12:30-2:00
 2:00-3:30

Lunch

6th Panel:

Cities, Heritage and Public Memory

Chair: Janice Mayers

Gail Saunders, " Nassau's Heritage and the Impact of Tourism"

Liliane Chauleau, " Fort-De-France, Capitale De La Martinique: L'évolution de la ville du XVIIe siècle à nos jours"

Jane Landers, "The African Landscape of Cartagena in the 17th Century"

Verene Shepherd, "The Other War memorial: Honouring Anti-Slavery Rebels in Jamaica"

3:30-4:00
 4:00-5:30

Break

7th Panel:

Slavery Race and Gender

Chair: Richard Blackett

Janette Gayle, " The case for Ann Gill: Free Coloured Heroine of Barbados"

Bernard Moitt, "Shifting Strategies in the Struggle Against Bondage: Marronage Among Enslaved Women in Martinique and Guadeloupe"

Alvin Thompson, "Gender and Marronage in the Caribbean"

Frédéric Régent, " la formation de la classe des libres de couleur en Guadeloupe"

Wednesday, May 11th

8:30-12:00

Registration

8:30-10:00

8th Panel:

Cartagena: Race and Colour

Chair: Juan Gonzalez Mendoza

Alfonso Múnera, " la formation d'une classe moyenne de noirs et mulâtres libres à Carthagène des Indes au 19^{ème} siècle"

Raúl Román, " La presencia negra y mulata en la construcción de una memoria política en Cartagena a finales del siglo XIX y principio de XX"

Elisabeth Cunin, " Du métissage au multiculturalisme: réflexions sur la construction de la catégorie <<noir>> à Cartagena"

Jean-Luc Bonniol, " le préjugé de couleur du côté d l'histoire des representations: un problème de genèse et de rémanence"

10:00-10:15
 10:15-11:45

Break

9th Panel:

Commerce and Migration

Chair: Gerard La Fleur

Howard Fergus, ""Friendly fire" – the circulation of sportmen in the south Caribbean in the period before World War 11"

- Roland Ely, "Migrations of Sephardic Merchants in the Greater Caribbean: A Case Study of the Cuban Lobos, 1641-1960"
- Frank Robinson, "Panama and the Silver men: Defensive nationalism and Exclusionary Politics"
- Barbara Josiah, "Migration and Mortality in the Development of Guyana's Gold and Diamond Industries, 1890-1956"
- 11:45-1:15 **10th Panel**
Health Policy in the Caribbean
Chair: Roy Augier
Rita Pemberton, "Health and Protest in Trinidad and Tobago: The Role of Health Issues in the Disturbances of the 1930s"
David Gosse, "European Doctors of Early Nineteenth Century Jamaica; Victims or Villains"
Jacques Dumont, "Health and Conscription in the West Indies at the Beginning of the XXth Century"
Jacques Adelaide-Merlande, "The yellow fever in the French West Indies between 1804 and 1828"
- 1:15-2:00 **Lunch**
- 2:30 - **Free Afternoon/CITY TOUR**

Thursday, May 12th

- 8:30-11:30 **Registration**
- 8:30-10:00 **11th Panel**
The Legacy of Eric Williams
Chair: Roderick MacDonald/DavidTrotman
Maurice St.Pierre, "Eric Williams and the Chagauramas Affair"
Colin Palmer, "Eric Williams in the 1950s"
Fitz Baptiste, "The Emergence of Eric Williams and the PNM in Trinidad and Tobago Politics as Gleaned from State Department Sources"
Tony Martin, "Eric Williams and Marcus Garvey"
- 10:05-11:35 **12th Panel**
Representations of Death and Dying in Caribbean History
Chair: Gad Heuman,
Fernando Pico, "To Die With the Sacraments in Cayey (Puerto Rico) in the First half of the 19th Century"
Cecile Celma, "Symbols, Rituals and Meanings of Death in the French Antilles"
Horace Scobie, "Couba (1780) and Seacole (1854-1856): Modelling Effective International Health Policy"
Pedro Welch and Karl Watson, "Wills and Gravestones: Representations of Death in pre-Emancipation Barbados"
- 11:35-12:00 **Break**
- 12:00-1:30 **13th Panel**
Business and Entrepreneurship
Chair: Alain Buffon
Philip Howard, "The Struggle for Social and Economic Justice: The Experiences of Jamaican and Haitian Immigrant Braceros in the Cuban Sugar Industry"
Patricia Stafford, "A Sop to the Conscience or the Creation of a Virtuous Circle? Colonial Development and Welfare in Barbados"
Fiona Rajkumar, "An Analysis of the Roles of Associations and Informal Networking Systems in the Establishment of Three Entrepreneurial Ethnic Groups"
Hélène Servant and Michel Rodigneauz, "La guerre de course aux Antilles, 1793-1810"
- 130-2:30 **Lunch**
- 2:30- 4:00 **14th Panel**
Race And Racial Formation
Chair: Bridget Brereton
Dominique Rogers, "la genèse du préjugé de couleur dans l'ancienne Saint-Domingue"
Jean Pierre Sainton, "L'intégration politique des libres des indiens en Guadeloupe"

au cours de la première moitié du XX^{ème} siècle”

Lynne Guitar, “ Where Have all the Taino Gone? Documenting How and Why a Mixture of indigenous, African, and European peoples became ‘Spanish’ ”

Melisse Thomas-Bailey, “ Writing Race Wrongs: Revisionists Discourses of the Afro-Caribbean Intelligentsia, 1850-1950”

4:00-4:15

Break

4:15-5:30

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Friday, May 13th

Field Trip

IT MUST BE NOTED THAT THE CONFERENCE PROGRAMME IS SUBJECT TO MINOR ADJUSTMENTS

Remember!

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Arrival

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Departure

Date: _____ Time: _____ Airline: _____ Flight #: _____

Field Trip:

Field Trip to the Rosary Islands: Includes transportation, tour, .

I wish to go on the field trip: ___ Yes ___ No **Number of persons:** _____

Join the ACH

Yes! I want to join the ACH. I enclose dues as follows:

- Professional \$25 Student \$10
- Institutional \$50 Life \$250
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Yes No

Members are reminded that if they have not recently paid their dues or did so during the Annual Conference, dues for 2005-2006 are due now, since our membership year runs from April to April.

All payments must be made in US dollars, please make checks payable to: "The Association of Caribbean Historians"

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Obituaries

◆ DAVID WATTS: HISTORIAN AND GEOGRAPHER

The news of David's death in late 2003 came as a shock to us all. His work of over half a century had made him a well-known figure in the community of Caribbean scholars, his first published paper on the Caribbean - Barbados to be precise - dating back to 1964. Geography was his discipline, but he was perhaps as well known to the historians for his scholarship on historical geography - or was it geographical history?

He did his undergraduate study in Geography at University College London and went on to do his MA at the University of California, Berkeley, in the 1950s. In 1963, he completed his PhD on 'Plant Introduction and Landscape Change in Barbados 1625-1830' at McGill University, Montreal. His long and impressive career took him as an academic to the United States, Canada, Australia, China, Korea, Saudi Arabia, and the Netherlands; to Puerto Rico and Barbados in the region; and to Scotland and Wales, as well as England, where his long-standing post from 1963 up until his death was at the University of Hull. Fluency in French and Spanish, and a reading knowledge of German and Italian, undoubtedly helped cement the depth and breadth of knowledge that characterised his work. His approaches to biogeography and the scale and consequences of environmental degradation on vegetation and soil influenced researchers across the world.

In the Caribbean context, his best-known publication is *The West Indies: Patterns of Development, Culture and Environmental Change since 1492*, published by Cambridge University Press, 2000 (electronic reprint) [1990/1987]. He also has papers and monographs on Eastern Caribbean water balance and soil erosion; attitudes and land use; and environmental institutions, legislation, and environmental change in early settlements; Hispanic New World agriculture; wider Caribbean colonial biogeography; ecological responses to post-Columbus ecosystem shock; environmental quality of post-emancipation Afro-Caribbean land; and cultural influences and development-induced renewable resource depletion and environmental degradation.

His links with Barbados were particularly strong. In the late 1990s, he and Selwyn Carrington published *A Plan for the East Coast of Barbados: Terrestrial Ecology*, grounded on research funded by the Barbados Government, Halcrow Ltd., and the Caribbean Development Bank. His first publication was *Man's Impact on the Vegetation of Barbados, 1627-1800*, in 1966; and, in the 1970s and 1980s, he produced articles on original forest and vegetation change, seventeenth-century dung farming, cane-hole agriculture, estate agriculture and soil loss, changes in flora, and biogeographical variation in mahogany woodlots. In tandem, he researched the impact of the abandonment of sugar plantation agriculture on Nevis.

On a personal level, David was witty and jolly in character, at the same time self-effacing, and always ready to share his knowledge with other scholars. His first encounter with the Association of Caribbean Historians was not altogether felicitous. He had travelled to the Conference, that year in Jamaica, without having submitted his written paper. According to ACH rules, he was therefore not allowed to present. Fortunately for ACH, he displayed academic largesse. He enjoyed the conference and decided to return, the next time duly submitting his paper on time. While not for a moment doubting the academic draw of ACH, there were also special personal reasons, as ACH played a large part in what was to become a lasting partnership with our colleague Nancy Naro. David is already sadly missed, and our thoughts go to Nancy who knows how much the Caribbean meant to David.

Jean Stubbs
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RENE ROMER

René Römer, 1929-2003

Professor René Antonio Römer, former member and official of the ACH, died suddenly on February, 25, 2003, in Curaçao, at the age of 73. Professor Römer studied Political and Social Sciences at the Catholic University of Nijmegen, the Netherlands, and defended his doctoral thesis *Un pueblo na kaminda/Een volk op weg* [A people on it's way] in 1977 at the University of Leiden. He authored and (co-)edited many books and articles on the Netherlands Antilles, particularly his native Curaçao, and Dutch-Antillean relations. His scholarly career as a sociologist culminated in his appointment as Rector Magnificus and Professor at the University of the Netherlands Antilles (1981-1983) and as Professor Extraordinarily at the University of Groningen (1991-1996).

From 1983 through 1990, Professor Römer served as Governor of the Netherlands Antilles. In this capacity, he witnessed the secession of Aruba from the Netherlands Antilles. Both as a governor and as a private person, he strongly supported the continuation of the direct relationship between the Antilles and Aruba and the Netherlands. Near the end of his life, he even suggested that the French model of *départementalisation* might work better than the Dutch model of significant autonomy for the Caribbean parts of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

René Römer was a respected scholar in Caribbean circles. He was certainly a key organiser of the only ACH conference ever held in the Netherlands Antilles--Curacao, 1979. He served on the editorial Board of the UNESCO History of the Caribbean and was co-editor of Volume V, *The Twentieth Century*, which came out this year. His colleagues remember him as a helpful and responsive co-editor. Fluent in the major languages spoken in the Caribbean, he was not only a participant but often also an interlocutor and mediator at ACH conferences.

LUCIEN ABENON

The Executive Committee of the ACH wish to express its deepest sympathies to the family of the late Lucien Abenon. Professor Abenon was a long-standing member of the ACH and is remembered by some of the members as a "gentle soul" Affable and possessed with the soul of a true Caribbean citizen, interactive with all of the various cultures of the region, he will be missed at our annual meetings. Professor Abenon passed away on Monday, October 18, 2004. The ACH was represented at the funeral service by Danielle Begot, the President, who presented a wreath sent by the Association. In addition, e-mail messages from members were read and translated by Danielle Begot at the ceremony. Lilliane Chaleau and Jacques Adelaide also attended the ceremony.

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN HISTORIANS

Gail Saunders

In the recent graduation ceremony, held at the Mona campus of the University of the West Indies, Gail Saunders was recently awarded a Honorary Doctorate of Laws degree. This represents a crowning achievement in her career. The ACH community offers its warmest congratulations. Gail has served previously as Secretary-Treasurer (1998-2000) and President (2000-2002). Her many publications including Bahamian Society After Emancipation (Ian Randle, 2003), are testimony to one of the region's foremost contemporary contributors to Caribbean historiography.

FR. Anthony de Verteuil

Fr Anthony de Verteuil received an honorary degree from UWI at the St. Augustine campus on October 29, 2004. He is a well-known Trinidadian educator and Roman Catholic priest, who taught at two of

Trinidad's leading boys' secondary schools, Fatima College and St Mary's College, and served as Principal of the latter for many years. But he will be best known to ACH members as the author of many books on the history of Trinidad and as an outstanding representative of the lively tradition in the region of historical research and writing carried on outside the academy. His meticulously researched and often beautifully illustrated books have greatly enriched our understanding of Trinidad's history, especially in the 'long' nineteenth century (1783-1914).

Alvin Thompson

Professor Alvin Thompson of the UWI (Cave Hill) has recently won a prestigious award, "the Prize of Caribbean Thought Award", given by the State of Quintano Roo, Mexico, for a manuscript entitled "Flight to Freedom: Runaways and Maroons in the Caribbean". The ACH community warmly congratulates our colleague and looks forward to the publication of this important work.

Publications:

Some recent publications by members include:

Busha's Mistress or Catherine the Fugitive: a stirring romance of the days of slavery in Jamaica. Edited with an introduction by Paul Lovejoy, Verene Shepherd & David Trotman (Kingston: Ian Randle, 2003)

Liberties Lost: caribbean indigenous societies & slave systems. Hilary Beckles & Verene Shepherd (Cambridge: CUP, 2004)

No Bond But The Law: Punishment, Race, and Gender in Jamaican State Formation, 1780-1870. Diana Paton (Duke University Press, 2004)

Slave Society in the City: Bridgetown, Barbados, 1680-1934. Pedro L V Welch (Kingston, Oxford: Ian Randle Publishers , James Currey Ltd., 2003)

Caribbean Perspectives on African History & Culture . Edited by Richard A Goodridge (Barbados: Department of History and Philosophy (UWI), 2004)

Chattel House Blues: Making of a Democratic Society in Barbados, from Clement Payne to Owen Arthur. Hilary McD Beckles (Kingston, Oxford: Ian Randle Publishers, James Currey Ltd., 2004)

Great House Rules: Landless Emancipation & Workers' Protest in Barbados, 1838-1938. Hilary McD Beckles (Kingston, Oxford: Ian Randle Publishers, James Currey Ltd. 2004)

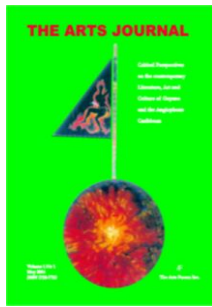
The Birth Of Caribbean Civilisation: A Century of Ideas about Culture & Identity, Nation & Society. Compiled and Edited by O. Nigel Bolland (Kingston, Oxford: Ian Randle Publishers, James Currey Ltd., 2004)_

Founded Upon The Seas: A History of the Cayman Islands and Their People. Michael Craton. (Kingston: Ian Randle Publishers, 2004)

Not for Wages Alone: Eyewitness Summaries of the 1938 Labour Rebellion in Jamaica.

Edited by Patrick Bryan and Karl Watson (Kingston: History Department (Mona), 2003)

Information of Interest



The Arts Journal: Critical Perspectives on the contemporary Literature, Art and Culture of Guyana and the Anglophone Caribbean

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This is a peer-reviewed Journal published annually.

Volume 1 Number 1 May 2004 has just been launched to excellent reviews (115 pages).

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The Atlantic world and the Dutch, 1500-2000

In February 2004 the project 'The Atlantic world and the Dutch, 1500-2000' was launched as a joint initiative of the KITLV/Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (www.kitlv.nl) and the Municipal Archives of Amsterdam. The project focuses on the study and preservation of Dutch sources (archives as well as printed sources), kept in the Netherlands and elsewhere, and on other aspects of the tangible and intangible mutual heritage that was formed during five centuries of contacts between the Netherlands and countries in Africa and the Americas.

Geographically the project is confined to the sphere of influence of the former Dutch West India Company (1621-1791) and concentrates mainly on the countries in which more or less permanent Dutch settlements were established: Angola, Aruba, Brazil, Ghana, Guyana, the Netherlands Antilles, Suriname, and the United States. But territories where contacts were more transitory, like for instance Gorrée, São Tomé, and Tobago will certainly not be excluded. For most countries, the period considered will be confined to the years that the West India Company was actively present, long before 1800. For Ghana the period has been extended to 1872, when this country came under British rule; for Suriname to its independence in 1975; and for Aruba and the Netherlands Antilles, which still are part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, up to the present.

The project will be carried out in two stages. During the preliminary phase institutions and individuals that potentially have an interest in the project are being identified and contacted. Next, an inventory will be drawn up of relevant collections of sources (both archival and printed sources) in the Netherlands and elsewhere, including information on their accessibility and physical condition. Finally information will be gathered about all relevant initiatives, the state of historical research (in the broadest sense), and desiderata. On the basis of this information, which will largely be gathered through the identified respondents, a project plan for the second phase will be drawn up.

The work is being executed at the KITLV/ Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies by Han Jordaan, M.A., under the supervision of Professor Gert Oostindie, director of this institute. The first phase has jointly been financed by the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) and the HGIS programme of the Dutch ministries of Foreign Affairs and Education, Culture and Science, while the Amsterdam Municipal Archive and the KITLV/ Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies have also contributed. An advisory board, consisting of representatives from the Amsterdam Municipal Archive, the Dutch National Archive, the Erasmus University Rotterdam, Leiden University, the National Institute for the Study of Dutch Slavery and its Legacy and the National Library of the Netherlands, has been appointed.

It is our intention to discuss the preliminary results and conclusions of the initial phase of the project at an international expert meeting in 2005. In the meantime we call upon archivists, historians, librarians, and other professionals with an interest in the mutual Atlantic heritage to send us information, suggestions, and ideas.

More information can be found on the website of the KITLV/Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (www.kitlv.nl/atlantic.html). For further details you may also contact Han Jordaan (jordaan@kitlv.nl).