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A Painting OF A maroon elder in Suriname. The original is found in the book, [AVoyage a Suriname ...](#) published in 1839 by Pierre Jacques Benoit and is extracted from the web publication, [The Atlantic Slave TRADE AND Slave Life in the Americas: A Visual Record](#), by Jerome S. Handler and Michael Tuite Jr. (<http://hitchcock.itc.virginia.edu/Slavery/index.php>)

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## THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

### **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

*at the*

***Opening Ceremony of the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the ACH  
The Krasnapolsky Hotel, Paramaribo, Suriname, May 11, 2008***

Hon. Minister of Home Affairs and long-time ACH member, Maurits Hassankhan, Board Members, Faculty Members and Students of the Anton de Kom University of Suriname, Mr. Jerome Egger (LOC Chair) and Members of the Local Organizing Committee, Members of the Executive Committee of the ACH, other ACH members, distinguished guests all, *goede avond, buenas tardes, bon soir*, good evening and welcome to yet another opening ceremony of the Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians. I hope all the mothers present had a Happy Mothers' Day. On behalf of the ACH (those present and those still on their way here), I also extend congratulations to the University of



Suriname, which, like the ACH, is celebrating a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, in our case, the 40<sup>th</sup> annual conference. A special welcome to new members of the ACH. I will meet you at the President's lunch for new members later this week, but I invite you to stand now and be recognised by the membership and friends of the ACH.

Now, rumour has it that last year, my resolve to give my welcome in the languages of the ACH caused me to earn the record of the longest welcoming address by an ACH President in the Association's history. You will be pleased to learn that thanks to the LOC, I will not have to chase that particular record tonight, as we have simultaneous translation in French, Spanish and English and a summary in Dutch.

It is good to be back in Suriname after the successful 1998 ACH Conference held at the Stardust Hotel. Some of you remember Stardust, I am sure. We look forward once more to enjoying the hospitality of our Surinamese colleagues; to experience the local cuisine and other aspects of Surinamese Culture and Heritage. We also look forward, of course, to the intellectual stimulation of the conference; for the conference should offer more than retail therapy, "socio-shopical research" and culinary feast – critical as those are for the balanced life that we all try to lead.

As an over 40, the ACH, like many present, now embarks on the middle years of its life, having passed through its youth, complete with adolescent-like bumps, bruises and growing pains. But if it is true that life begins at 40, then the Association should be looking forward to an exciting life ahead. Let us celebrate our achievements and pay tribute to those who took us this far. In this regard, I invite you to join with me and applaud all past presidents, past executive committee members, and those who have served on the various sub-committees of the ACH, over these 40 years. The Executive Committee intends to ask the permission of the membership to confer the title of "honorary life member" on the "founders" of the ACH and we hope that you will agree. Of course, we are pleased to have several life members here, including the newest life member, Minister Maurits Hassankhan.

Our task as a mature Association now is to chart a future with new vision and energy. As we embark on the next 40 years, let us chart an academic agenda that will continue the positives and correct the short-comings of the past. Let us each endeavor to play a more active part in recruiting new, and especially young, members to the ACH; to fund-raise so that financially challenged graduate students and junior scholars can attend our conferences, and to make personal donations if we are in a position to do so. I am pleased to announce that Dr. Virginia Gould and Dr. Gail Saunders, even in the midst of their grief, have started us off in this direction through the establishment of the **Gould-Saunders Memorial Endowment Fund of the ACH** in memory of their late husbands, Jeffrey L. Gould, M.D. and Winston V. Saunders, C.M.G. This US\$50,000.00 fund will be administered by the Executive Committee of the ACH in consultation with Drs. Gould and Saunders; and we thank them so much for their generosity. Dr. Gould could not be at this Conference (and sends her apology); and Dr. Saunders has not yet arrived; but Dr. Saunders will make the presentation officially at Thursday's AGM.

I appeal to senior scholars to become mentors and unofficial supervisors to all the graduate students in our midst, some of whom do need us to guide them on the treacherous historiographical highways and byways and listen carefully to the papers they present so that they do not repeat our mistakes of the past or attract the description of neo-Columbian scholars. Let us inject new creative approaches to our annual conferences. We all know the danger of becoming stale and irrelevant as we age – unless we are bold enough to re-invent ourselves.

Finally, for those of us from parts of the Caribbean and the Americas that marked the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of the British Act to end the Transatlantic Trade in Africans – called the "bicentennial" by some – and who would have noticed the still too high level of ignorance about Africa, slavery and the beneficiaries of the trade in Africans; the myopic attitude towards its persistent legacies; and the continuing need for public education, let us endeavour to intensify our own public education work, even if we attract the description of public/popular historians and /or activists. What is so bad about such descriptions anyway! We still need to contribute to the project of language deconstruction as we seek to produce more liberating narratives of self, never mind the caution about the creolization of Caribbean history. I know that as an Association we try to keep out of the politics of the host countries; but if and when the need arises for us to speak out and take a stand on any issue, then we must never be afraid to do so. Edward Said has reminded us that: "the intellectual [should be] an individual in society that confronts orthodoxy and dogma; who cannot be reduced simply to being a faceless professional, a competent member of a class going about his/her business [but] an individual endowed with a faculty for representing, embodying, articulating a message, a view, an attitude, philosophy or opinion **to**, as well as **for**, a public."<sup>i</sup> Whether we like it or not, as many societies, influenced by post-colonial discourses, become increasingly historicised, struggles over history and its representation are implicated.

Once again, thank you for being here, enjoy the conference and on behalf of the ACH, I say *muchas gracias, danke, merci*, thanks, to our sponsors and conference organisers who have worked so hard to host us.

## **41<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE, GUADELOUPE 2009**

### **ADVANCE INFORMATION 41ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE, IN GUADELOUPE, 2009**

The 41st Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians is scheduled for 2009, in St. François. The date given is the week 11 to 17 May . The conference will be at the hotel la Plantation, in St François, the eastern, touristic part of the island, safer than the Pointe à Pitre neighbourhood. Another Hotel is available fairly close to this one, with almost the same prices. The hotel is a luxury hotel, but our ACH representatives in Guadeloupe have succeeded in having affordable prices, especially if people share rooms (they are really spacious, with a terrace). The prices will be 74 euros for the room (37 euros/if two persons share) or 80 euros for a single room There are more luxury rooms (ten euros more with a wider terrace), and some huge ones, with a mezzanine (two double beds or 4 singles) and affordable for 3 or 4 persons for 115 euros (29 to 39 euros each if shared by 3 or 4). The breakfast is not included (8 euros), but also could be made in the rooms' kitchens. The hotel has a huge swimming pool, a nice view and is located at 2km from the beaches and St François town. The field trip will be to the nearby island of Marie-Galante.

There is no visa needed for Européans, and North Americans (USA, Canada), most of the Caribbean countries need one, and the Guadeloupean ACH members are discussing , with French authorities, the possibility of obtaining a visa in the airport for the ACH members. American Airlines, Air Canada, Air France-KLM, LIAT (and more) have regular flights to Guadeloupe. In addition, there is a ferry from St Lucia to Guadeloupe - one way to get a better fare.

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The following themes have been proposed for the 41st Annual Conference of the ACH:

- Reading, Language, and Identity
- Gendered Lives
- Comparative Social Control/Slavery and Protest Movements.
- Cultural Identity
- Historiography of the Caribbean
- Tourism and Heritage
- Political History
- Health, Sports, and the Body
- French Slavery and Abolition
- Gwaca and Other Festivals
- Comparative Issues of Race and Society
- Challenges to Teaching History
- Poor White Communities in the Caribbean
- Migration Circum Caribbean
- *Capitalism and Slavery* Revisited

### INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

The Executive Committee will be pleased to receive offers of papers and panels focusing on the proposed themes, *although other themes will not be excluded from consideration*. The Committee will give priority to organized panels (presenters & chair) that fit into the proposed themes, especially those that are comparative/pan-Caribbean. **Individual papers will also be considered, but they will be given a lower priority.** Please use the proposal form at the end of the Bulletin to submit your panel or paper proposals.

Persons offering to organize a panel should take note of the following:

- ❑ Specify the names of three or four confirmed participants, the titles of their papers, and the overall theme of the panel.
- ❑ Provide the Secretariat with information regarding the institutional affiliation and the full mailing and e-mail addresses of panel convenors and participants.
- ❑ Send an abstract (250-400 words) of each paper to be presented. This abstract should indicate what new information/ approaches the paper would provide, as well as the major archival resources used. **Abstracts must be submitted in Spanish French and English.** Proposals that do not conform will not be considered.
- ❑ Where a proposed panelist is not a member of the ACH, panel organizers should provide a **brief** curriculum vitae (not more than three pages) and request the person to apply for membership of the Association.
- ❑ Panel organizers will be responsible for ensuring that papers are properly integrated into the overall theme.
- ❑ If a panel is accepted, its organizers will be responsible for ensuring that panelists submit their papers in good time and that they are informed of the contents of each other's papers. A copy of each paper **MUST** be sent the Panel Chair ahead of the start of the Conference.
- ❑ For each panel it accepts, the Executive Committee may nominate a chairperson to moderate the session; but proposers are also free to suggest their own panel chair.
- ❑ Individuals offering single papers should also send a summary of their proposed presentations as outlined above.

NB: The ACH is particularly concerned about proposers of panels and presenters who, after the approval of their presentations, are absent from conferences ***without the appropriate courtesies***. Special note will be taken of such cases and their participation in future conferences might be prejudiced.

**All offers of panels and papers for the 2009 ACH Conference, along with abstracts, and CVs where relevant, should be sent via e-mail to Pedro L. V. Welch, Department of History and Philosophy, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Cave Hill, St. Michael, Barbados; e-mail: pedro.welch@cavehill.uwi.edu or pedro.welch@gmail.com. A hard copy should be mailed, even if an e-mail submission is sent. Please also **copy to the President at <verenalber@yahoo.com>** **The deadline for proposals is August 30, 2008.****

**AGM MINUTES**  
**Thursday May 15, 2008**  
**Conference Room, Krasnapolsky Hotel, Paramaribo, Suriname**

**AGM MINUTES**

Present:

Adderley, Allen, Augier, Bégot, Blackett, Brana-Shute, Brereton, Burrowes, Cateau, Collins-Gonsalves, Dalby, de Barros, Doelahasori, Dumont, Egger, Fergus, Gaztambide, Gosse, Hoefte, Hume, Jiménez-Muñoz, Jacobs-Browne, Jap-a-Joe, Josephs, Kurti, Laurence, Marshall, Martin, Mayers, McCallum, McGowan, McKenzie, Mitchell, Moitt, Neus, Pemberton, Penn, Pinas-Darson, Reid, Roper, Samson, Santiago-Valles, Saunders, Shepherd, Stolz, Terborg-Penn, Timothy, Toussaint, Turner, Walker-Killkenny, Watson, Welch, .

1. The President, **Verene Shepherd**, called the meeting to order at 3.00 pm and welcomed the members present. A special welcome was given to the new members who were attending their first AGM.. The President noted that the ACH membership was saddened at the passing of **Fitz Baptiste** and **Aime Cesaire**, invited **Claudius Fergus** and **Danielle Bégot**, respectively, to offer tributes, following which, the assembly stood in a minutes silence, in solidarity with the families of these stalwarts. Following this, Life Certificates were presented to Janice Mayers, Learie Luke, and Maurits Hassankhan, the latter two being presented *in absentia*.
2. Apologies were received from **Patterson**, and **Buffon**, who could not attend.
3. The Agenda was considered and adopted
4. The Minutes of the May 17, 2007, AGM in Jamaica were considered and adopted after it was voted to amend the list of participants to delete the reference to **Hoefte**. At this point, the Secretary-Treasurer reminded members that they had been invited to sign the attendance list and any omissions in the later bulletin would almost certainly be due to a failure to perform that task.
5. At this point, **Shepherd** invited members to consider the granting of Honorary Life Memberships to the original founders of the ACH. The AGM supported this proposal and it was further informed that apart from those who were present, the **EC** would make every effort to ensure that all the founding members would be identified and honoured at a future occasion.
6. **Matters arising:** The AGM was informed that **Virginia Gould** and **Gail Saunders** had donated a sum of US\$50,000 to the ACH for the purpose of establishing an endowment fund. This fund was to be used to support the participation of postgraduate students and persons from countries where economic conditions might preclude attendance at the ACH. **Gould** was unable to attend the ACH Conference and **Saunders** presented on their behalf. **Shepherd** received the cheque on behalf of the ACH and promised that the **EC** would work with the two benefactors to prepare the ground rules for the award, and to oversee the administration of the fund. She also promised to circulate a draft terms of reference for comment by the membership.



7. The AGM also considered the question of a domain name and website for the ACH and was informed that the webmaster in Barbados was working on these and the matter would shortly be concluded. **Shepherd** confirmed that she had delivered the citation, certificate, and cheque to the winner of the Elsa Goveia Prize. On the question of the Neville Hall - Andrés Ramos Mattei Prize, **Welch** reported that he had omitted to make contact with the various publishers and proposed that the committee that had been elected at the last AGM be permitted to function in 2009 and to report at the same time as the 2008-2009 Elsa Goveia committee. Thereafter, a prize would be also awarded in the following year, at which time the alternation between that prize and the Elsa Goveia Prize would be restored. **Hoefte** observed that the Chair of the Committee would normally make the contact with the various presses. The AGM adopted the proposal and asked the **EC** to confirm the Chairmanship of the Prize Committee. **Jiménez-Muñoz** expressed gratitude at the honour to Andrés Ramos Mattei as represented in the prize in his and Neville Hall's name. The AGM then considered the matter of the **UNESCO** volumes. Augier reported the news that **Alwyn Bully** had not been replaced in the Kingston office, which he saw as a matter that needed urgent resolution. However, the good news was that both volumes on the Caribbean were with McMillan and the proofing and copy-editing of Volume 4 were almost over. Volume 3 had not been started as yet, but he hoped that this would be out before the end of the year. **Shepherd** noted that the **EC** had discussed the news that there had been the destruction of some UNESCO volumes that had been warehoused in Europe. **Augier** then reported that he had received an e-mail with an extract from the *Washington Post* that alleged that several thousand volumes had been pulped. The origin of the order to have the volumes destroyed appeared to be below the level of the Director General. However, there was some anxiety since it was reported that several volumes of the Latin American History series were among those listed as being destroyed. There was, therefore, some cause for concern as it was possible that some volumes of the General History of the Caribbean might be at risk. **Augier** reported finally that he had been in touch with Professor Rex Nettleford and had asked his support in sending an e-mail to the Director General of UNESCO on the matter. **Shepherd** responded by informing **Augier** that the ACH would await the outcome of his enquiries. Later if the **EC** desired, it might state its position on the matter.
8. **Report of LOC:** **Shepherd** invited the President of the Suriname LOC, **Jerome Egger**, to report on the just concluded 40<sup>th</sup> ACH Conference. **Egger** reported that there had been some problems in organizing the conference. He apologized to the AGM for the problems that had plagued the translation equipment on the first day of the Conference. Regarding the submission of papers, it was pointed out that there were very late submissions to the Loc. In fact when the March 03 deadline had been reached, only one paper had been submitted. The Loc had had strong support from a local company that had arranged to photocopy the papers and without this support it would have been virtually impossible to have had the papers reproduced, especially since a number of papers were submitted very late. **Shepherd** noted that one presenter had been permitted to present, but not on the day that she had been originally scheduled, because her paper had not been delivered early enough and it was in the wrong format.
9. **Comments on the Conference and the Report of the LOC:** **Hoefte** thanked the LOC for their very good effort. **Jiménez-Muñoz** also thanked the LOC and suggested that for the future, it would be useful to see the institutions that participants were connected to on the papers. Additionally, she felt that the method by which the LOC would receive payment for such aspects of the programme, as the field trip, should be clearly communicated. Many members had arrived in Suriname to discover that travellers cheques were not being accepted. More advance information on the field trip was also

required. **Brereton** also thanked the LOC for its work and observed that some papers did not appear to meet the standards expected of a conference of the calibre of the ACH Conference. She suggested that in order to maintain standards, the **EC** needed as much information as possible on panels. The multi-language requirement for abstracts had to be adhered to. Additionally, the abstract had to indicate new sources, new discussions, new perspectives and, at the very least, provoke thought. Members of the **EC** were regulars and ought to be in a position to monitor these issues. **Shepherd** reminded **Brereton** (a former President) and the AGM, that all previous ECs had struggled with the same challenges as it was not always possible to tell paper quality from abstracts. **Dalby** supported the idea of having the institutional connections of presenters identified and noted that he had submitted his passport details but there had been no acknowledgement. **Egger** apologized. **Dumont** (a member of the vetting team for the 2008 conference), repeated the main points made by **Brereton** and argued that the **EC** should refuse proposals if the abstracts were unsatisfactory. He also noted that it was time to raise the alarm on the quality of papers. As far as the question of meeting deadlines, the use of the internet and the e-mail could facilitate this. No paper should be accepted after the deadline. Dumont referred to an observation made by **Bégot** during the Roundtable discussion, and felt that the Chairs of panels might play a greater role in stimulating discussion on papers. The impact of these proposals might mean few papers at the Conference, but that was not, in his opinion, a major problem. **Bégot** continued in the same vein as **Dumont**. She felt that there were a number of mediocre papers. In part the problem was due to non-compliance with the rules. She stated that there were only abstracts in the three languages on three papers. **Shepherd** disputed this observing that she had had a count and the majority of papers had complied. **Bégot** continued noting that some of the translations that had been attempted were so bad, generated by internet sources, that one might think that they had been written by "Groucho or Harpo Marx". She observed that at question time, questioners were not being introduced as was the custom. There was a need to stop accepting papers past the deadline. Additionally, there was the high cost of translation, but there seemed to be no attempt to meet the needs of the small numbers of Spanish and French colleagues. If there was going to be no use of the headsets, then we might well abandon the question of translation altogether. **Adderley** supported **Bégot's** observations, and supported a suggestion by **Dumont** that a discussant might be a good idea for the various panels. The meeting was informed that the suggestion had been made before and rejected by the AGM. However, Brereton suggested that the ACH could carry out an experiment with discussants and then evaluate for the future. An alternative suggestion was that chairs act as discussants. **Hoefte** informed the AGM that at least one potential participant had not come to the Conference because she had not received a reply. **Welch** observed that where applicants did not receive a reply from the Secretariat of the ACH, there were other means of contact. There was, in the first case, more than one e-mail address given and, additionally, there was the telephone and "snail mail". **Gaztambide** supported **Bégot's** stance on the question of translation but disagreed on the question of the abstracts, noting that there had been some improvement in this area. He found that the **EC** might have been too flexible in attempting to offer a full programme, although he acknowledged that in general submissions were reduced. With respect to the field trip, he felt that the **LOC** was, perhaps, too inclined to offer a leisurely experience, than to offer a more educational and cultural programme. **Moitt**, noting that he was speaking as a member of the **EC**, observed that the generality of the comments implied a lot more work for the Secretary-Treasurer. The call for papers might have to go out earlier. **De Barros** felt that one way forward was to ensure that there were strong chairpersons. **Josephs** felt that e-mailing the abstracts was a preferable option. **Kilkenny** observed that no fixed date had been given for the conference in the early notification and noted that it had been suggested that some papers were accepted

because some presenters could not get funding unless they were presenting papers. **Shepherd** corrected her on this, stating that the 2008 EC did not use such a criterion for accepting papers. **Kilkenny** may have been referring to those who asked to Chair as a guarantee of funding from their institutions. **Terborg-Penn** felt that where panels had been suggested, the panelist might themselves suggest the chairs for those panels. **Welch** observed that in this case, there were some panelists who were unaware of the professional and institutional backgrounds of potential chairs and were not, therefore, in a position to select these. **Dumont** felt that the answer might rest in having fewer panels. **Shepherd** returned to the point of the abstracts in three languages and asserted that she had done the Maths. There were 28 papers with abstracts, and nine without. **Egger** responded on the issue of the field trip and observed that some 10 years previously, the complaint was that the field trip was too long and tiring. At this point, **Shepherd** invited the **Secretary-Treasurer** to present the report of the Secretariat and the Financial Report.

10. **Secretary-Treasurer's Report and the Financial Report:** **Welch** reported on the work of the **EC** over the preceding year: He reported that for the period May 2007-May 2008, the **EC** had met on three occasions – May 17, 2007, October 22, 2007, and May 11, 2008. The Committee had discussed and made recommendations on several issues including the question of a website for the ACH, the voting procedures used at the ACH Conference, the protocols to be adopted in relationships between the **EC** and the **LOC**, the question of a report of the destruction of UNESCO volumes, panels for the 2008 Conference, arrangements for the 2008 Conference, venues for the 2010 Conference, the ACH Constitution, the Gould-Saunders endowment fund, the role of chairs of the various panels, the conferral of Honorary Life Membership on founder-members of the ACH. It was decided that the last item would be put to the AGM for a decision. Two bulletins had been published on the ACH website at Geocities.com. During the year 25 new members were added and three members joined the category of Life Member. The ACH now some 459 members listed in the records but many of these have lapsed membership. **Welch** proposed, and the AGM adopted the suggestion that a final attempt to contact members by regular mail should be made in the ensuing year. The web-master was continuing the process of developing a dedicated website for the ACH and this would shortly come to fruition. **Welch** again expressed the thanks of the ACH Secretariat for the important contribution to its expenses made by the UWI, Cave Hill, led by the principal and ACH colleague, Professor Hilary Beckles.

**FINANCIAL REPORT, MAY 2007-MAY 2008**  
**ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN HISTORIANS**  
*(Prepared by PEDRO WELCH, SEC-TREASURER)*

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Balance brought forward from 2007 Conference	\$10,531.32 US	Remittance to LOC Trinidad	\$2,500.00 US
In Puerto Rico account	\$313.03 US	Bank service fee	5.05 US
Dues collected during 2008 Conference and up to May 14	\$1,590.00 US		
<b>TOTAL \$US</b>	<b>\$12,434.65 US</b>		
TOTAL In Barbados account (\$ BDS.) from fees paid in Barbados dollars before 2008 Conference	\$1,060.21 BDS		
Fees received at 2008 Conf in Barbados dollars	\$700.00	<b>EXPENSES OF SECRETARIAT</b>	
<b>Total \$BDS</b>	<b>\$1,760.21</b>	Fees	\$ 125.00 US
		Air Travel and costs	\$ 435.05 US (paid out of ACH funds)
			\$425.00 BDS paid by the UWI
		Servicing of Executive Meeting	\$ 775.00 BDS (Met by UWI, Cave Hill)
		Expences of the Executive Committee 2008 Conference	\$ 140.00 US
<p>Note: Members of the ACH Executive, with the exception of the treasurer, travel at their own expense to the executive meetings and meet their own accommodation costs. This is a contribution to the ACH in kind and is identified but not accounted for in this budgetary and accounting statement. In addition, the support for the Secretariat at Cave Hill, is documented but is not calculated in the Balance of the Barbados account, since it is requested to meet expenses and is not entered into that account. Accounting for those sums is made with the UWI, Cave Hill Bursary. The ACH is grateful to the Principal of the UWI, Cave Hill for his support.</p>			
		Balance in US & PR accounts	\$ 9,229.55 US
		Balance of \$Bds	\$1,760.20 BDS.

- 11. Report of LOC Guadeloupe:** **Shepherd** invited **Bégot** and **Dumont** to present the preliminary report of the LOC in Guadeloupe. **Dumont** noted that there were a number of public holidays in the French overseas territories and the best periods for the Conference were either May 10-16, or May 18-24. There was also the problem of high fares in April. Apologies were made for Alain Buffon who could not attend the AGM. Another problem was the cost of hotel accommodation as the strength of the Euro was pushing up prices. In this context, the LOC was proposing St. François in the east of Guadeloupe as the venue. There was the Hotel La Plantation which had excellent facilities. The prices, too, might be reasonable with the price for a single room being about 90 Euros, but if two or three persons shared, the cost might be about 70 Euros per night. Not far away, there were older hotels where the prices might dip as low as 23 Euros. The hotels would require early reservations. A field trip would be planned for Marie Galante. At this point, **Watson** urged members to work early on the question of visas.
- 12. 2010 Conference:** **Shepherd** reported that the 2010 ACH Conference was originally proposed for Cuba but it seemed that there was no definite word from our colleagues there. In that context, while continuing to seek some definite word, other venues, including St. Lucia would be examined.
- 13. Report of the Nominating Committee:** **Pemberton**, Chair of the Committee, reported that the votes had been counted and the duly elected members of the **EC** were **Shepherd, Gaztambide, Welch, Doelahasori, Fergus, Dumont,** and **Terborg-Penn.**
- 14. Presentation:** At this point, the **President** thanked **Moitt** who had given yeoman service to the **EC** over the past years and presented him with a token of appreciation.
- 15. Election of the Nominating Committee:** the following were elected by the AGM : **Brereton** (Convenor), **Santiago-Valles,** and **Bégot.**
- 16. Election of the Elsa Goveia Committee:** The AGM deferred the selection of this Committee to the incoming Executive Committee.
- 17. Conferral of Honorary Life Membership:** In a moving presentation, the AGM conferred Honorary Life memberships on **Marshall** and **Augier.** In presenting the certificate, **Shepherd** informed the AGM that the other founder-members would receive certificates at the earliest opportunity. **Marshall** spoke on behalf of the two recipients and thanked the AGM for the conferral.
- 18. Themes for the 2009 Conference:** The themes for the 2009 Conference were proposed as follows:

**Reading, Language, and Identity; Gendered Lives; Comparative Social Control/Slavery and Protest Movements; Cultural Identity; Historiography of the Caribbean; Tourism and Heritage; Political History; Health, Sports, and the Body; French Slavery and Abolition; Gwaca and Other Festivals; Comparative Issues of Race and Society; Challenges to Teaching History; Poor White Communities in the Caribbean; Migration Circum- Caribbean; *Capitalism and Slavery* Revisited**

\*\* There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6 pm.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**The ACH takes pleasure in announcing the establishment of the Gould - Saunders Memorial Endowment Fund of the ACH, courtesy of two of our members, Virginia Gould and Gail Saunders, in memory of their late husbands, Jeffry L Gould, M.D. and Winston Saunders, CMG, respectively. The purpose of the Fund is to provide assistance for graduate students and (and in some cases junior scholars) from universities and other institutions in the Caribbean and Central America to attend the ACH conferences. At this time, preference will be given to those from Cuba, Guyana, Haiti and Suriname. The first award is expected to be made in 2010 for attendance at the 2011 conference. For now, an initial grant out of ACH funds will offer some assistance with the cost of an economy return air-fare.. For the first few years, there will be just one award per year; but awards will increase as the interest on the principal builds.**

**\*\* Members are asked to comment on the following suggestions for application\*\***

Applications for the first award should reach the President of the ACH by April 2009. The applicant should:

- be a member of the ACH in good financial standing
- be in the final year of the PhD programme
- intend to present a paper at the 2010 conference
- enclose a recent CV, support letter from supervisor and paper proposal with his/her application
- submit a budget (including invoice from travel agency)

**Additional note for Junior scholars who wish to apply.** Please note that Junior scholars should:

- hold a permanent position in his/her Department
- be employed for 1-5 years
- be presenting a paper at the conference
- submit an Invoice from a travel agency
- submit a letter of support from the Head of his/her Dept.

Please send applications to:

Verene A. Shepherd, Faculty of Humanities & Education, UWI, Mona, Kingston 7, Jamaica.  
E-mail: [verenalber@yahoo.com](mailto:verenalber@yahoo.com)



## DO YOU WISH TO ORGANISE AN ANNUAL ACH CONFERENCE?

From time to time the ACH receives queries about what is involved in organising an annual conference as well as the respective responsibilities of LOC and EC once the conference starts. The 2008 Executive Committee attempts to set out the bare bones of a protocol and would invite comments from the membership.

**Host Country:** Must be within the Caribbean/Circum-Caribbean region and ideally, should be approved by the general membership at an AGM 2 years before the proposed conference. The ACH should have at least one member in the host country willing to chair the LOC and liaise with the EC

### **Responsibilities of the LOC:**

- appoint a Chair and good size team
- select a suitable date, in consultation with the EC/the membership
- select a conference venue with facilities for a secretariat and capable of seating at least 150 people.
- identify a conference hotel or a choice of hotels, including budget accommodation\*
- identify sponsors for local costs (e.g. venue, reception, interpreting, transportation, secretariat)
- arrange the technical needs of the conference (simultaneous interpreting in Eng, Sp., Fr); power point facilities, microphones, headphones, etc
- organise transportation to and from conference venue and receptions.
- organise field trip \*
- organise lunch, tea and coffee breaks for at least 4 days (use colour coded chits for each day)\*
- organise the President 's lunch for **new presenters**
- organize the opening ceremony (inc. speakers, printing of programmes and invitations, in consultation with the EC)
- provide information for delegates on local weather, currency, visas, health requirements, etc
- set deadline for paper submission and collect, print and package papers and other conference material ahead of registration
- provide colour-coded name tags to identity LOC, EC and general membership
- if needed, organize airport transfers
- organise and print conference programme in consultation with EC (with at least 2 panels on local themes)
- decide on registration fee\* for delegates and maintain a table for registration etc
- organise display areas for publishers (ideally in the vicinity of the coffee breaks and away from conference room to minimise noise)
- organise closing fête

**The night before the Conference:** meet with Pres and EC and brief them on Conference  
 - at the Conference, monitor all domestic activities, needs and logistics

\* = to be paid for by each delegate

### **Responsibilities of the EC: Before the Conference:**

- work with the LOC to approve date, venue, hotels, events, speakers and programme ahead of the conference
- host planning meeting, with attendance of all EC members and the Chair of the LOC
- organise the academic programme, including selection of chairs/discussants
- publish a Bulletin with all conference details in good time to guide the membership

**At the Conference:**

- organise a joint EC/LOC meeting
- participate in the opening ceremony (ensure that members meet the LOC). President usually gives a short address
- help the LOC to ensure that sessions are kept to time
- monitor the implementation of the programme, esp. where chairs and panelists have dropped out and substitutions are needed on the spot
- organise the AGM
- collect dues from each member and issue reminders (Secretary-Treasurer)
- organise the voting
- ensure that new members are introduced to the general membership
- monitor the academic programme for standards to guide paper selection for future conferences
- host one post-AGM EC meeting

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES

- 1: Crossroads Conference, UWI, Mona: 3-6 July 2008. Contact [sonjahst@yahoo.com](mailto:sonjahst@yahoo.com)
- 2: ASWAD Conference, Ghana, August 2009. See ASWAD website.

## MEMBERS NEWS

The President has been appointed to the Steering Committee of SEPHIS – South-South Exchange Programme for Research on the History of Development.

The Secretary-Treasurer has been appointed as Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Education, UWI, CAVE HILL.

Swithin Wilmot has been appointed as Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Education, UWI, MONA

Bernard Moitt has been appointed Chair of the Department of History, at the Virginia Commonwealth University.

The UWI, Cave Hill Campus, has conferred on Alvin Thompson, the title of Professor Emeritus, after his retirement in late 2007.

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<sup>i</sup> Said, *Representations of the Intellectual*, pp. xii-xvi, p. 11