



Call for offers of Symposia

to the

24th International Congress of History of Science, Technology and Medicine

University of Manchester, UK

Monday 22 - Sunday 28 July, 2013

The Congress will consider two forms of submission: **Symposia** and **Individual Papers**. A Symposium is an organised thematic panel consisting of several papers addressing a specific topic. The call for Individual Papers will be managed separately, and will open in May 2012. The call for Symposia is now open.

How to submit

Please download a submission form:

- [Microsoft Word \(.doc\) format](#)
- [Rich Text Format](#)

After completing the form, please email it to submissions@ichstm2013.com.

General guidelines

The Congress requires that each Symposium is organised by **two or more individuals from different countries**. Organisers may be representatives of institutions, or act together as individuals. We encourage organisers to ensure that the composition of their panels reflects a range of different national backgrounds and perspectives.

The theme of the 24th Congress is **Knowledge at work**. We construe this theme broadly, and encourage studies of the creation, dissemination and deployment of knowledge and practice across all periods, and from a variety of methodological and historiographical approaches. Possible areas of investigation may include, but are not limited to

- case studies of knowledge-making and knowledge-use in particular scientific, technological and medical communities
- the use and adaptation of scientific knowledge in the workplace, the home, and the wider world

- how facts, and other knowledge-claims, travel between disciplines, countries and communities
- relationships between those knowledge-making enterprises which are described as 'science' and those which are not, and the dynamics of the boundaries between them
- definitions and meanings of 'pure', 'fundamental' and 'applied' research
- how scientists, engineers and healthcare professionals (and their historical antecedents) work, and whom they work for
- the status relations of knowledge and work, including the roles of 'artists', 'artisans', 'professionals', 'amateurs', 'devotees', 'operatives', 'philosophers', 'adepts', 'scientists' and 'workers'
- sites and geographies of knowledge-production and knowledge-exchange: laboratory, field, factory, hospital, ocean...
- communication about science: forms and genres, advocacy and dissent, authorship and audience in print, manuscript, broadcasting, digital media and performance

All proposals should indicate the relevance of the Symposium to the Congress theme, broadly considered.

Each Commission of the Division of the History of Science and Technology of the International Union for the History and Philosophy of Science is expected to organise at least one Symposium in its area.

The Congress has no funds to support Symposia, excepting the probable availability of student bursaries (to be announced at a later date). However, any sponsorship (academic or commercial) that a Symposium may obtain will be fully acknowledged at the Congress and in its publications.

Programme structure

The expected timetabling is as follows: each day of the Congress will be divided into two half-day sessions, and each slot into two 90-minute slots (giving four slots per day). See [Programme outline](#) for the current anticipated schedule.

Each Symposium must occupy **at least two 90-minute slots** (that is, one half-day), and no more than 16 slots (four full days). We will timetable Symposia sequentially across consecutive slots where possible, although this cannot always be guaranteed.

Organisers are strongly encouraged to request **an even number of slots** so that we can allocate full mornings or full afternoons to Symposia. We are, however, willing to consider (for instance) a three-slot Symposium. Five-slot Symposia are discouraged, as this would give one full day of activities plus one isolated single slot on a different day.

Within the structure of 90-minute slots, Symposium organisers are free to propose any arrangement of speakers. For instance, a session may contain eight 10-minute papers or three 30-minute papers, with or without commentators.

There is no limit to the total number of papers in a Symposium proposal, provided they can be accommodated in the slots requested.

To minimise clashes, the Programme Committee also reserves the right to add papers from elsewhere to a Symposium.

Language

Papers may be presented in any of the following languages: English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Chinese, Portuguese, Russian and Arabic. Descriptions of Symposia may be submitted in any of these languages, but must be preceded by a French or English translation.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide facilities for translation at the Congress.

Policy on speakers making multiple contributions

One of the key aims of the Congress is to bring together as many scholars as possible for mutual discussion. To include the maximum number of speakers within the constraints of the timetable, we have to stipulate that **no individual may present more than one paper at the Congress**, as a stand-alone presenter and/or as part of one or more Symposia.

Individuals presenting in one session are, however, permitted to

- co-organise a different session (provided they do not contribute a paper to that session too)
- commentate on a different session
- chair a different session (or their own session, if the Symposium organisers approve of presenter-chaired sessions)
- organise or take part in non-paper-session activities around the Congress, as agreed with the organisers.

The organisers will do their best to avoid clashes between proposed multiple commitments, but the large number of parallel sessions at the Congress means this cannot be guaranteed. Please contact us if you need further information.

Completing the submission form

Symposium organisers are required to complete all the spaces on the form.

Your 'Description of the Symposium' should explain how the Symposium addresses the theme of 'Knowledge at Work', and indicate as far as possible who will be speaking (the Programme Committee appreciates that you may only be able to give provisional details at this stage).

All proposals must be accompanied by **five keywords** reflecting the theme of the Symposium. To minimise clashes in a programme which will include many parallel sessions, the choice of these keywords is vital, as they will be used to determine the

first draft of the programme. Keywords may be short phrases, and might include a geographical region, a chronological period, a theme, a named individual, etc. For example: 'nineteenth century', 'institutions', 'chemistry', 'England', 'Humphry Davy'.

The form will be taken down at midnight (British Summer Time) on **Monday 30 April 2012**. No proposals can be considered after this point.

The Programme Committee will send confirmations of all accepted proposals to the named organisers, via the contact details given, by **Saturday 30 June 2012**. It will then be the responsibility of the Symposium organisers to ensure that their speakers submit their individual abstracts via the individual paper submission system.

Organisers should note that no speaker will appear on the programme who has not registered by 1 July 2013. It is the organiser's responsibility to make sure that all potential speakers are aware of this.