

CALL FOR PAPERS

"Corporate Governance in Financial Institutions: Historical Developments and Current Problems"

EABH Conference
Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 20-21 May 2011

The European Association for Banking and Financial History (EABH) is calling for papers to be presented at its annual conference. The event will take place at ING head office in Amsterdam, on May 20-21, 2011.

Governance of financial institutions is currently the topic of a broad debate. The current international economic and financial crisis has uncovered the weaknesses of some governance systems, as well its implications for the real economy.

The topic of the 2011 EABH annual conference - corporate governance in financial institutions - intends to evoke discussion about the historical antecedents and evolution of the management, control, ownership and regulation in financial institutions. In particular, the conference will focus on four topics:

(1) Models of corporate governance - How have corporate governance models developed in history? For example, what are the roots of the Continental European or Rhineland (two-tier) model vis-à-vis the Anglo-Saxon model? Do other governance models prevail in the financial sector? Has a changing environment in relation to stakeholders, globalization, and business systems had an impact on the corporate governance of financial institutions, such as banks and insurance companies?

(2) Governance mechanisms in financial institutions - Which mechanisms/factors have influenced the corporate governance of financial institutions, including ownership structures (role of families, shareholders, cooperative organizations, state banks etc.) and boards of directors? What are key differences and similarities in corporate governance of different players in the financial sector?

(3) Regulation and legislation of governance - How does government regulation relate to developments in the financial sector? What are the consequences, for example, of countries joining the EU, the consequences of the current crisis? Does an economic or financial crisis have consequences for the corporate government of a financial institution?

(4) Archives and corporate governance - How can an archivist or document manager prepare for changes in corporate governance? Key words in this topic are controlling, evidence, legal, IT. What is displayed in the company archive? How does a company archive anticipate to or play in new research topics?

All proposals for papers related to the four topics are welcome. Submitted proposals should include a title, abstract (300-400 words) and a short biography of the presenting author (100-150 words). Each proposal should demonstrate the relationship with a specific topic.

Proposals for papers should be emailed to Katja Böhmer at info@bankinghistory.de before **April 30, 2010**.

The Program Committee of the 2011 conference consists of: Ingrid Elferink (Historical Archive ING), Abe de Jong (Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University), Joke

Mooij (Company History Rabobank) and Anders Perlinge (foundation for Economic History Research, Stockholm).

The Program Committee will evaluate the submitted proposals and select those that will be included in the conference program. Notification of acceptance will be given by **June 15, 2010. The papers will be only published in the conference proceedings to be distributed at the conference itself. Therefore** the deadline for the submission of final papers is **31 March 2011. Please note: Papers delivered to the EABH office after that deadline will not be considered in the conference proceedings.**