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### **Biennial Prize for young scholars working in the field of European banking history**

The European Association for Banking History has inaugurated a prize of 2500 Ecus to be awarded for the first time in 1995 to any individual scholar, or to a team of no more than three individuals, for the production of a study in the field of banking history. Entries for the prize should be concerned with *either* an institutional, economic or social aspect of European banking, *or* may be a biography of a European banker or banking dynasty. Such studies should be scholarly works, be unpublished, and of 80–120,000 words in length. Applicants for the prize must be not more than 35 years of age at the time of the submission of their manuscripts. Entries may be in any European language, but must be accompanied by an abstract of 3000 words written in English. Together with awarding the prize, the EABH undertakes to publish the successful study. The closing date for the receipt of entries for the 1995 prize is 31 December 1994. Further details can be obtained from Professor Dr Manfred Pohl, European Association for Banking History e.V., Alte Rothofstraße 2–4, D-60313, Frankfurt-a.-M., Germany; tel: (69) 131 0231; fax: (69) 29 50 74.

### **Perspectives**

*Perspectives* is a new magazine on banking history published by the EABH and aimed at an audience comprised not only of historians but also bank staff. Its purpose is to present the results of historical research in a visually appealing form, thereby making them more accessible to those interested within banks. *Perspectives* aims to offer differing viewpoints and new frames of references – to take up topical issues and examine them in terms of their historical dimension. The first issue focused on the European Monetary Union and central banks. The second issue, currently in preparation, takes a closer look at Eastern Europe and the historical development of this region in order to place changes since 1989 in their proper perspective. For further details, please contact the European Association for Banking History e.V., Alte Rothofstraße 2–4, D-60313, Frankfurt-a.-M., Germany; tel: (69) 131 0231; fax (69) 29 50 74.

### **The History of the National Bank of Hungary**

Following the decision of the Presidium of the National Bank of Hungary in 1987, research commenced on the whole historical development of this institution. The history is being

written under the guidance of an editorial board lead by Mátyás Timár, president of the Bank between 1975 and 1988. György Tallós, the former deputy president of the Bank and a continuing adviser to the president, is the editor-in-chief. The first volume, *From the National Bank of Austria to the National Bank of Hungary 1816–1924*, was published in December 1993 by Közgazdasági és Jogi Könyvkiadó Rt, Budapest and is reviewed in this number of the *Review*. The next volume will be concerned with the quarter of a century between 1924 and 1948, when the Bank fulfilled central functions. Its main themes will be stabilisation in the mid-1920s, the impact of the world economic crisis, the introduction of foreign exchange control in 1931 and the effects of the Second World War and its aftermath. The third volume will consider developments from 1949. Following the publication of the third volume, a summary of all three will be published in German and English, while each of the three contains lists of contents in German and English. The history is based largely upon the Bank's own archives, but in conjunction with the use of primary material largely held in Austria, France and Germany and by the League of Nations.

As part of the celebrations of the seventieth anniversary of the foundation of the National Bank of Hungary, an international conference of banking historians on 'Rebuilding the Financial System in Central Eastern Europe' in Budapest in November 1994 is being organised jointly by the Bank and the EABH. Speakers from countries within this region of Europe will participate.

### **Eleventh International Economic Congress, Milan, 12–17 September 1994**

Amongst the many sessions to be held, the following may be of particular interest to financial historians:

- A2 Global enterprise: big business and the wealth of nations in the past century 1880s–1980s. F. Amatori (Italy), A. D. Chandler (USA) and P. Fridenson (France).
- B10 Foreign investment in Latin America: impact on economic development 1850–1930. C. Marichal (Mexico).
- B12 The evolution of modern financial institutions in the 20th century. G. D. Feldman (USA), U. Olsson (Sweden) M. Bordo (USA) and Y. Cassis (Switzerland).
- B14 Management, finance and industrial relations in the maritime industry. S. P. Ville (Australia) and D. Williams (UK).
- C13 Comparative history of European stock exchanges. R. Michie (UK) and S. Baia Curioni (Italy).
- C20 Capital flows and entrepreneurial strategies in southern Europe and the Balkans. G. Dertilis (Greece).
- C35 Le financement de l'entreprise au fil de l'industrialisation (Milieu XVIII<sup>e</sup>–milieu XX<sup>e</sup> siècles). Ph. Jobert (France), A. Plessis (France) and M. Moss (UK).
- C39 Saharian business and merchant capital in 19th century international commerce. E. McDougall (Canada) and R. Austen (USA).
- C48 West meets East: Pacific banking, 1859–1959. N. Tamaki and S. Nishimura (Japan).
- C50 The free-standing company within the international economy. H. Schroeter (Germany).