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The Historical Society for Twentieth Century China (HSTCC) is dedicated to scholarly interchange about modern China. Founded in 1983, the HSTCC has been the organizer or co-organizer of a number of international conferences, as well as the sponsor of numerous panels at national meetings of the Association for Asian Studies and the American Historical Association. The Society is affiliated with both the AAS and the AHA.

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Vienna Conference, May 17-19, 2004

Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik reports a very good response from Europe, China, Taiwan, Japan, USA, Australia and North America. Proposals for panels and papers span all the themes of the conference outline. The conference program should be close to final by the end of October. There will be a conference homepage established, but until that time anyone wishing further information should contact the HSTCC conference site: www.lcsc.edu/hstcc/2004vienna.htm. There will be a travel package offered to include accommodation and sightseeing for those wanting to come early or stay later. The conference organizers are confident that travel funding for participants unable to obtain full support from their home institutions will be available. Publication of a conference volume most probably will be undertaken by the Austrian Academy of Science.

IAHA Taipei Conference

The 18th meeting of the International Association of Historians of Asia (IAHA) will take place at the Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, December 6-10, 2004. The theme of the conference is "Paradigm Shift in Asia: East, Southeast, and South Asia in Comparative Perspective." Seven key themes have been selected: (1) Business and trade networks; (2) Diaspora, migrations, and globalization; (3) From colonialism to nationalism; (4) Medicine, culture and religion; (5) Modernity, post-colonialism, and national identity; (6) Politics, society, and war; (7) Sources, applications, and historiography. For detailed information and deadlines see the conference website: <http://www.sinica.edu.tw/~iaha18tw>.

Recent Publications

Selected papers from the Hong Kong Baptist University-HSTCC conference held in June 2001 have been published in a volume edited by Cindy Yik-yi Chu and Ricardo K. S. Mak, *China Reconstructs* (University Press of America, 2003). Included are papers by Parks Coble, Cindy Chu, Ke-wen Wang, Odoric Wou, and Ka-che-Yip.

Papers from the June 2001 Beida conference have been published in a volume edited by Niu Dayong and Zang Yunhu, *20 Shiji de Zhongguo: Xin Guandian yu Xin Cailiao* (Jiangxi Renmin Chubanshe, 2003). Included are papers by Larry Shyu, David Barrett, John Fitzgerald, Roger Jeans, David Pong, and Ke-wen Wang.

Newsletter Editor Needs Help!!!

Don't be overly modest! Send news of books and major articles, professional honours, and any other achievements to Newsletter Editor Elisabeth Koll (exk21@po.cwru.edu).

Membership News

Guido Samarani was appointed vice-dean of the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Civilizations, Ca'Foscari University, Venice, in November 2002. He was also named a European member of the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation in late 2002.

Linan Morris Bian's article, "The Sino-Japanese War and the Formation of the State Enterprise System in China: A Case Study of the Dakou Iron and Steel Works, 1938-1945," has been awarded the Newcomer Article Prize for the best article in *Enterprise & Society* for the year 2002 by the Business History Conference.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Historical Society for Twentieth Century China: March 29, 2003, New York Hilton

Presiding: Elisabeth Koll, vice-president.
Attending: Board members Ke-wen Wang and Parks Coble and ten members.

1. The minutes of last year's meeting in Washington, D. C. which were distributed in the newsletter were approved.
2. A report from President Guido Samarani who was unable to attend was presented. He apologized for his absence and expressed thanks to Elisabeth Koll and David Barrett for their help with the newsletter. He also expressed interest in hosting a future conference of HSTCC in Venice.
3. The treasurer's report from David Barrett was presented. The balance as of April 6, 2002 was \$4,362. Income from that date to March 26, 2003 was \$1,237. Expenditures for the same period amounted to \$748, the largest being a \$500 grant to Hong Kong Baptist University towards publishing papers from the 2001 HKBU-HSTCC conference. Routine expenses, including the Newsletter, made up the remainder. The bank account, as of March 26, 2003, stands at \$4,851, with

no outstanding liabilities. Tsing Yuan moved acceptance of the report. Ke-wen Wang seconded. The motion carried.

4. The motion by David Barrett to grant overseas members a one year "fees holiday" was discussed. Since it is difficult for them to take part regularly in HSTCC activities in North America, and since US dollar bank drafts are often costly, overseas members should be granted a one year extension of their current membership. Thomas Grunfeld moved acceptance of the motion, Tsing Yuan seconded, and the motion carried.

5. The Vienna Conference. Vice-president Koll reported that board member Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik is proceeding with plans to host a conference with HSTCC in Vienna in late May 2004. The theme of the conference will be "China Meetings the World: China's Changing Position in the International Community, 1840-2000." A call for papers would go out shortly.

6. There was general discussion of future conference venues. Caroline Tsai and Peter Zarrow will examine the possibility of meeting in Taiwan. Some interest in Australia was expressed. The group encouraged President Samarani to pursue a future conference in Venice. No specific motion was made.

7. New business. There was some discussion about the need for a paper newsletter and of the possibility of using email to remain in communication. No specific motion was made.

8. Parks Coble noted that the HSTCC website has been recently updated. Vice-president Koll suggested that members email announcements to her which she would screen and forward to our webmaster Marilyn Levine.

9. Vice-president Koll mentioned that the society has submitted a panel for inclusion in the 2004 program for the American Historical Association. If accepted the program would read, "co-sponsored by the HSTCC."

The meeting was adjourned.