



THE FORUM ON *European Expansion and Global Interaction*

This is the first newsletter of the newly-founded Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction, though in one sense it is merely a continuation of the Proto-Colonial Research of the European Expansion and has the same editor in Bob Hoover, while subscribers to the old ProtoColonial Research have automatically become members of the new organization. It is premised on the fact that the expansion of Europe, and the repercussions of that expansion worldwide up to the present, is the most important event in modern history and deserves attention as a single phenomenon. It has as its goals the exchange of ideas and information through regular congresses and the promotion of research and teaching on the topic.

The constitutional meeting of the Forum took place April 21-23, 1994, at the John Carter Brown Library, in Providence, Rhode Island, with thirty-three representatives attending from twenty-one universities. At that gathering officers were chosen, and it was decided that for the foreseeable future the Forum will hold annual conferences, of which full meetings will take place on even-numbered years and satellite ones to the American Historical Association on the odd numbered years (see the report by Carla Phillips below). Its officers are: George Winius, Brown University, president; Patricia Seed, Rice University, vice-president; Robert Hoover, Cal Poly State University at San Luis Obispo, secretary, and Thomas Cohen, Catholic University, treasurer. Members of

the executive committee, in addition to its officers, are: Michael Adas, Rutgers University; Philip Boucher, University of Alabama at Huntsville; Pieter C. Emmer, Leiden University; Edward G. Gray, Brown University; and Carla Phillips, University of Minnesota.

President's Letter

Most of you who read this will already be members of our new organization, of which this is the first newsletter. In fact, many of you are its founding members from our April meeting at Brown University in Providence and need no introduction to the F.E.E.G.I. (hence "FEEGI") at all. By the way, the acronym is due to a happy flash of recognition on the parts of Francis Dutra and Michael Adas, or at least I first heard it from them. Of course no self-respecting body can be without one, and this instance only proves that we were thinking globally even before we realized that "FEEGI" was inherent in our new name! (Perhaps we should make the Fiji islanders our honorary members!) Speaking of membership, we are open to all persons interested in European expansion overseas, and even if you are not a career academic, you are invited to join us. There is a membership application in this newsletter.

Very simply stated, our aim is to provide intellectual contact with others who can expand our comprehension of the modern world's most important historical process

and, collaterally, to increase the number of courses offered and students interested in it.

Certainly, from your enthusiastic response to our nascent organization, it is obvious that you believe that the FEEGI is not only appropriate, but overdue. Another portent of its future success was obvious at the constitutional meeting: we all got along famously together! No such scholarly organization can be influential or longlived if it fails to give pleasure as it goes about its business, and the F.E.E.G.I. shows every sign of combining purpose with good fellowship.

I should say that while the FEEGI is new, it has as its antecedent the newsletter, ProtoColonial Research, whose identity is now being merged with the FEEGI, and whose continuity is carried on in the person of our secretary, Bob Hoover. We welcome its subscribers into our own body and call your attention to the fact that dues have been waived for their first year in our new organization. We particularly value them because we realize that many are archaeologists and even cultural anthropologists by departmental affiliation, and that they approach the expansion from other and valuable viewpoints. Since the founders of the FEEGI are nearly all members of history departments, it might take us a very long time to achieve the diversity already inherent among the Proto-Colonial researchers.

With teaching in mind, I would like to find out how many courses about European expansion are being taught by those of you who

read this, and how you came upon your original interest in the field. I would also like to know whether any of you were influenced, directly or indirectly, by the famous course of the same name taught in the 1950's by Garrett Mattingly at Columbia University-who may well be the godfather of many of us. I know that the expansion course I inaugurated at the University of Florida from 1965 to 1976 was directly inspired by it, and that Paul Hoffman, of Louisiana State. among my best students in the subject at Florida, went on to teach his version, first at Wyoming and later at Baton Rouge. I also know that Del Jensen, of Brigham Young, was a Mattingly student and later created his own course. As did David Fischer, when he taught at the University of South Carolina. In a future issue, we hope to publish a complete listing of European expansion courses offered in U.S. and Canadian universities and try to determine how they came about. To this end on a later page of this letter I have included a very brief questionnaire for FEEGI members to answer and then return to us.

Meanwhile, we include a list of our current membership, including as many E-Mail addresses as we have. If you haven't yet sent in yours, please do as soon as possible. I might add as a personal note that I now have mine, but nobody has taught me how to use the system! If this is true of any others of you, I can only say that if we have already made it as far as computers, we will eventually climb the next step.

A promising proposal and a surprising result

Philip Boucher, member of our steering committee, almost as soon as he returned home from the founders' meeting, made the proposal that we seek twenty universities each willing to contribute \$500 each annually to the FEEGI treasury, giving us an annual income of \$ 10,000, in return for

which, the institutions would be listed as directors of the congress on our stationery and would certainly act as venues for future meetings.

Those with whom I have spoken all seem to think it a good idea, but our experience with FEEGI being so recent, those of us on the steering committee have not yet learned to act on proposals outside meetings, though I suspect that this is really what E-Mail is for! Phil, however, visited Rosemary Brana-Shute, of this history department at the University (formerly College) of Charleston, told her of FEEGI and of his idea, and as is characteristic of this energetic new member, she immediately sold her dean on the idea and in effect we have our first subscribing institution!

The plan now is to wait until our first (abbreviated) meeting in January for official consideration and adoption of the scheme, but I think the only modification I might conceivably propose to the enlightened Boucher proposal would be to limit the number of sponsors to ten- for what would we do with all that money, otherwise? (Which ipso facto sets me apart from major league hockey and baseball players! Maybe we should aim for twenty, after all.) But we still have a very long way to go before approaching even ten sponsors and will certainly not attain that number before our first gathering in January. If any of you wish to emulate the admirable Rosemary in the meantime, with my plenary blessing you might work up the same courage to visit your dean. I do not wish to usurp the actions of the steering committee, but we certainly are not about to quarrel about any (temporarily unilateral) action that will assure our future survival and wellbeing!

I might point out that having such institutional sponsors would not only provide future meeting places for us, but allow us to pay the air fares of: 1) our dedicated secretary and treasurer, who do all

the real work of **FEEGI**, and, 2) allow us at each full meeting to invite at our expense one or two outstanding and stimulating European scholars in our field, such as Carlo Cipolla, J. L. Miede, Guillermo Cespedes del Castillo, Roderich Ptak, or Glyndwr Williams. This would keep us in touch with our counterparts elsewhere and allow us to meet some of the leading practitioners on the other side of the Atlantic- or even in Latin America (or if we had enough money, Asia, where we might invite someone like Om Prakash, of the Delhi School of Economics. a first-class expansionist in every way.)

P.S. Most of our charter members have not yet sent in their dues. I confess, I paid mine only in October. But we will greatly appreciate- and need- them.

With my best wishes for the holidays.

George Winius

AHA Conference

At the organizational meeting at Brown, members of the Forum agreed that it would be useful to affiliate with the American Historical Association and to sponsor panels at AHA meetings every other year, between the biennial meetings of FEEGI. The AHA's rules of affiliation require that organizations have a minimum of 50 members, and preferably 100, and that they have been in existence a minimum of three years prior to application. In other words, the Forum will be eligible to apply for AHA affiliation in late April of 1997.

We can, of course, propose panels to the AHA before then and plan to do so. The Forum was founded too late to apply for the regular AHA program for 1995, but not too late to be sponsored by one of the AHA's affiliates. Wim Phillips (History, University of Minnesota), one of the founding members of FEEGI, also serves as

head of the Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies. He kindly agreed to have the Society sponsor a panel for us at next January's AHA meeting in Chicago. It grew from one of the sessions at Brown and should attract an audience of potential FEEGI members and others with similarly wide-ranging interests.

TIME AND PLACE:

SAT., JAN. 7, 9:30-11:30 A.M.
CHICAGO, PALMER HOUSE
CONFERENCE CENTER 7,
CLARK ROOM #1

**FORUM FOR EUROPEAN
EXPANSION AND GLOBAL
INTERACTION:**

THE STATE OF THE FIELD
(Sponsored by the Society for
Spanish and Portuguese
Historical Studies) **Chair:**
David Buisseret (Newberry

Library, Chicago) **Papers:**
THE N. ATLANTIC WORLD
(Karen Kupperman, History,
Umv. of Connecticut)

THE S. ATLANTIC WORLD
(Stuart Schwartz, History,
Univ. of Minnesota)

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
(Michael Adas, History,
Rutgers University)

COMMENT: The audience

The panel members will each focus on a broad geographical area to mirror the way that expansion and interaction occurred historically. Karen Kupperman will consider the Caribbean as well as North America north of Mexico, Stuart Schwartz will handle Latin America and Africa, and Michael Adas will deal with south and east Asia, as well as the Pacific.

Carla Rohn Phillips
History, University of Minnesot

Other Meetings of

Interest

Jan. 4-8 Society for Historical Archaeology Conference, Marriott Hotel, Washington, D. C. Symposium on the "Archaeology and History of the Spanish Empire from the 16th to the 19th Centuries." Also many papers on British and French in colonial North America.

Jan./Feb. "The U.S., Latin America, and South Asia" Conference in Goa, India. Institute for Latin American Studies, Auburn University, (205)844-4161.

1995 13th International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI. Sessions include: "Crusade, Jihad, and Reconquista: The Holy War in the Iberian Peninsula," "Sexual Politics in the Reign of Isabel la Catolica," etc. Contact Theresa Vann, History, University of Minnesota.

A Report from the IGEER (Instituut voor de Geschiedenis van de Europese Expansie en de Reacties daarop, Leiden) and The European Science Foundation

Leonard Blussée and I greet those of you whom we met at the constitutional meeting at Brown University in April, as well as those of you who have joined our new organization since that time, or who were subscribers to Bob Hoover's Proto-Colonial newsletter. I say "our" because we at Leiden have not only

ated with, but have also joined FEEGI and we hope to meet you at future gatherings. As those of you who were at Brown already know, our journal, *Itinerario*, has become the organ of the FEEGI as well as that of the IGEER. (We invite you to submit articles to it through our new American editors, Pat Seed and Michael Adas.)

The IGEER was founded in 1974 at Leiden University as the *Werkgroep Europese Expansie*, or Leiden Centre for the History of European Expansion and the Reactions to It, and only four years ago became an Institute which in the terms of Dutch university organization means that we are no longer governed by the university senate and committees appointed by it, but have our own independent directorate. Since we were the first academic group in Europe devoted exclusively to European expansion, it was natural that we became almost ipso facto the centre of gravity for European scholars working in the field. Over the years we not only started *Itinerario*, but undertook to sponsor a number of small congresses and other activities reaching beyond our own Dutch community and involving, most notably, colleagues in France, Germany, and England. Hence it was natural that in 1986, we gained the support of the European Science Foundation, which sponsors a number of ongoing projects in the social sciences as well as those in the physical sciences. This allowed us to create our Network for the History of European Expansion, together with its own ESF newsletter to keep expansionists within E.E.C. countries in touch with one another.

Since 1990, we have organized three summer school sessions on even-numbered years, designed to achieve various ends, for instance, to help future university teaching personnel prepare courses of their own in European expansion, or else to broaden the knowledge of doctoral students preparing their

dissertations. The last of these was held at San Feliu de Guixols, on the Costa Brava on July 18-25. It was proposed at the constitutional meeting in Providence that the ESF might hold the one in 1996 jointly with the FEEGI, possibly at Brown University or the College of Charleston. This will definitely be considered for largely offsetting the higher air fares to the U.S. in the peak season is the possibility of low-cost facilities for participants within dormitories vacated for the summer months. This would give FEEGI the opportunity to participate and in fact test the feasibility of future cooperation of this sort.

While the FEEGI (at least for the present) confines its scope to the period prior to +1825 the IGEER also deals with the period up to and including the XX century. This brings me to mention some of the publications we have undertaken in the last year or so. Through help of the ESF, we helped in creation of a special issue of the Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History on the military aspects of decolonization. It was called "Emergencies and Disorder in the European Empires after 1945" (vol. 21/3, September 1993.) Another was the volume edited by Nicholas Canny, called Europeans on the Move; Studies on European Migration, 1500-1800 (Oxford University Press, 1994), also supported by the ESE

But perhaps the most complex and far-reaching enterprise IGEER has recently undertaken was a congress held last October in Istanbul in cooperation with the universities of Cambridge, Jakarta, Beijing, Tokyo and the Delhi School of Economics, on the "Transfer of Science and Technology;" this was followed by a second meeting at Leiden last November on the same theme. It will result in a volume, or possibly two, featuring the papers presented. On a smaller scale, two oneday workshops were recently organized at Leiden by two of its

IGEER staff members, Jaap de Moor (on "War and the Expansion of Europe") and by Wim Klooster (on "The Dutch in the Atlantic, 1580-1900.")

Other activities undertaken by IGEER have included a master class for advanced M.A. honour students on "State Formation" and "The European Miracle." These, incidentally, were sponsored by a highly successful businessman, Arend de Roever, of De Roever Travel, Inc., who not only earned his university degree with us at Leiden while in the process of building his business, but is now writing his doctoral thesis on the sandalwood trade during the expansion period.

In future newsletters, I will try to keep you up to date, and it may be of interest to FEEGI readers to hear of research activities undertaken by EST network members in the various EEC countries. I will begin by asking Professor Roderich Ptak or Dieter Rothermund to report on some recent developments in Germany.

Sincerely,
Pieter C. Emmer

Newsletter Information

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction (FEEGI). Our president, George Winus, employed his considerable persuasive power on me to serve as secretary of the organization, a duty that involves organizing and producing the FEEGI newsletter. The breadth, diversity, and enthusiasm for our new organization is impressive. I ask all of you to help maintain this momentum by submitting short news items of meetings, research projects, and requests for cooperation to me. The success of the newsletter is entirely dependent on the contributions of FEEGI members, so

let's hear from you.

We anticipate two newsletter issues per year-one in January and another in July. Deadlines for submission are necessary to allow the printer time to do his job, so please send me items for newsletter inclusion by November 20 and May 20 of each year. I shall try to provide information of interdisciplinary interest, drawing on the fields of archaeology, cultural anthropology, and geography as well as history. FEEGI should then be able to incorporate readers of Proto-Colonial Research easily into the organization. We may all provide one another with differing perspectives on the same topic that will enrich all our efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you feel that I am leaning too far in the direction of Lusitanian issues or historical archaeology. I sincerely want to provide everyone with a well-balanced newsletter, but old habits and personal interests are sometimes difficult to overcome.

Finally, I want to issue a special invitation to all readers of ProtoColonial Research to join and participate in FEEGI. Since its founding by Eric Klingelhofer in 1987, PCR has dealt with European expansion from an interdisciplinary point of view. FEEGI, with its affiliation with our European colleagues in IGEER, provides the same approach within a much more powerful and encompassing framework. Colleagues on both sides of the Atlantic and in the various related disciplines have much to learn and impart. May we all benefit from this pleasant cross-fertilization.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Hoover