



6th Sound Toll Registers Online Conference

Antwerp, Thursday 22 October – Friday 23 October 2015

A presentation of the conference

The Sound Toll Registers (STR) are the accounts of the toll which the king of Denmark levied on the shipping through the Sound, the strait between Sweden and Denmark. They have been conserved (with gaps in the first decades) for the period from 1497 to 1857, when the toll was abolished. From 1574 on, the series is almost complete.

The STR are kept by the Danish National Archives (Rigsarkivet) in Copenhagen. The STR contain data on 1.8 million passages. The officials of the tollhouse at Elsinore recorded many data of each passage.

The STR are an important source for research on trade, transport, production and consumption in Europe, and also on the shipmasters' life in the merchant marine. They are among the most important serial sources of the economic and maritime history of Europe. A large portion of the commodity transport within Europe went via the Sound. The STR contain data on that exchange for a period of more than three and a half centuries. There is no other source for the European shipping and trade which covers a period of that length.

Sound Toll Registers Online (STR Online) is the electronic database of the Sound Toll Registers (STR) <http://www.soundtoll.nl>

STR Online is a project of the University of Groningen (the Netherlands) and Tresoar, the Frisian Historical and Literary Centre Tresoar in Leeuwarden (the Netherlands). It started in 2009 and is supported by the Danish National Archives in Copenhagen (Denmark), the University of Leipzig (Germany) and the Fryske Akademy in Leeuwarden (the Netherlands). The conference has also been made possible by the financial support of the Samenwerkende Maritieme Fondsen (Cooperating Maritime Foundations): www.samenwerkendemaritiemefondsen.nl.

The Royal Belgian Marine Society (www.kbma-armb.be) is very honoured to contribute to the STR Online project by hosting the annual 6th Sound Toll Registers Online Conference in Antwerp, with the friendly cooperation of the MAS (Museum aan de Stroom: www.mas.be).

The Sound Toll Registers Online conference presents contributions on the state of affairs of the project, source criticism on the Sound Toll Registers and comparable sources, intended researches, and recent findings with regard to specific commodities and geographical areas based on the Sound Toll Registers Online.

Program

Thursday 22 October 2015

- 09.00-09.45 **Coffee**
09.45-09.55 **Welcoming words by Louis le Hardy de Beaulieu** (Royal Belgian Marine Society & Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium)
10.00-10.10 **Jan Willem Veluwenkamp**, (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, the Netherlands) & **Siem Van der Woude** (Tresoar, the Netherlands), *Sound Toll Registers Online. State of Affairs*

First session: *Belgium and the Baltic*

Chair: Christian Koninckx,

Royal Belgian Marine Society & Vrije Universiteit Brussel

- 10.15-10.50 **Werner Scheltjens**, (Universität Leipzig, Germany) & **Michael-W. Serruys**, (Royal Belgian Marine Society & Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium), *Ostend, the Austrian Netherlands and the Baltic trade (1715-1795)*
10.50-11.00 **Coffee break**
11.00-11.35 **Jan Parmentier**, (MAS, Belgium), *Joannes Baptiste Liebaert, an entrepreneur in Baltic shipping, 1756-1786*
11.40-12.15 **Hilde Greefs**, (Universiteit Antwerpen, Belgium), *The maritime trade between Antwerp and the Baltic in the first half of the nineteenth century*
12.15-14.30 **Lunch and excursion (MAS)**

Second session: *Long distance trade and the Baltic*

Chair: Christian Koninckx,

Royal Belgian Marine Society & Vrije Universiteit Brussel

- 14.45-15.20 **Anjana Singh**, (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, the Netherlands), *Early modern European consumptive revolution - Indian cotton textiles in the Baltic (1600-1800)*
15.25-16.00 **Viktor Zakharov**, (Institute of Russian History of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia), *Russia's long-distance European trade in the middle and at the end of the 18th century in the mirror of the STR*
16.05-16.40 **Alex Werner**, (Museum of London, United Kingdom), *The Elsinore Roads and the Voyages of the Ann (1794-1796) between London and St. Petersburg*
19.30-22.30 **Conference dinner**

Friday 23 October 2015

- 09.00-09.30 **Coffee**

Third session: *France and the Baltic*

Chair: Eline Poelmans

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

- 09.30-10.05 **Thierry Sauzeau**, (Université de Poitiers, France) & **Matthias Millon**, (Université de Poitiers, France), *The salt of Brouage and the trade of the North during the 17th and 18th centuries*
10.10-10.45 **Anne Wegener-Sleeswijk**, (Université de Paris I, France), *Selling and buying "by an inch of candle". Baltic goods and ships at auction in Bordeaux (18th century)*
10.45-10.55 **Coffee break**
10.55-11.30 **Pierrick Pourchasse**, (Université de Bretagne occidentale, France), *The Basque Country and the Baltic (18th-19th centuries)*
11.30-14.00 **Lunch and excursion (Red Star Museum)**







Fourth session: *Scandinavian products and the categorization of products*

Chair: Eline Poelmans

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- 14.15-14.50 **Per Hallén**, (Göteborgs universitet, Sweden), *The fish export from Gothenburg and the Swedish west coast 1740-1840 - Not only herring*
14.55-15.30 **Xavier Delacauw**, (Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium), *The Tar trade through the Sound from the end of the Great Northern War to the French revolutionary Wars (1722-1791)*
15.35-16.10 **Arne Solli**, (Universitetet i Bergen, Norway), *STR Complete, what now? Principles and methods for coding and categorization of commodities (products)*
16.15-16.40 **Discussion and closing remarks**

Practical information

-  **When:** Thursday 22 Oct. – Friday 23 Oct. 2015
-  **Where:** MAS (Museum aan de Stroom),
Hanzestedenplaats 1, 2000 Antwerp (Belgium)
-  **Official language:** English
-  **Registration:** There is no fee, but since there is limited seat capacity you need to register before Tuesday 20 October 2015 at the latest
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