Call for submissions for an open session on: **Patent systems and participants**

For the joint ICOHTEC-SHOT meeting to be held 9-14 July 2024 in Viña del Mar, Chile

Patents can be valuable historical documents. They are generated by inventors, and selected and channeled by bureaucratic systems. We have an interest in how these systems work, the roles of individuals within them, the attributes of patent filers, the technologies they create, and transnational comparisons. Who is included and who is excluded from these systems? Which kinds of inventions appear in the patent systems and how do they change over time? How do the different national patent offices and systems compare to one another? How did they evolve and transform over time?

The session organizers are working with others to form an international network of historians of patents and patent systems. Sessions have been held at other conferences, usually associated with business or economic history.

Presentations may be in English or Spanish. A nontraditional presentation would be considered too.

To apply, please email Peter Meyer <meyer.peter@bls.gov> and Bernardita Escobar <beni.escobar.andrae@gmail.com> with the following by December 14th, 2023:

- A proposed presentation title
- An abstract of 250 words or less
- A short CV
- We'd be interested to see any presentation file or draft paper