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Joint ICOHTEC-SHOT Meeting Viña del Mar (Chile)

Dear historians of technology,

We are so excited to welcome you to Viña del Mar for our joint SHOT-ICOHTEC meeting! This newsletter contains information about registration, travel, and accommodations.

Thanks to your submissions and an exceptionally dynamic program committee, co-chaired by Diana Montañó and Magda Zrodowska, we have an exciting set of panels with participants from five continents. Let me call your attention to some special events.

On the Monday before the conference, the [Museo Chileno de Arte Precolombino](#) in Santiago will open specially for conference attendees, so please consider stopping by on your way to Viña. Gloria Bairrogotegui has even arranged for them to host a repair workshop on Monday afternoon! Thanks to an anonymous donation, this will be free – but spots are limited, so if you're interested, do register right away. Curators from the museum will speak at our conference in a special session on Friday afternoon.

Also starting Monday, ICOHTEC is organizing a winter school for early career scholars, open to SHOT members. There will be fifteen funded slots, so prompt registration is recommended.

The main conference starts on Tuesday with an opening plenary organized by Eden Medina and Nelson Arellano and a reception sponsored by the Stern Foundation. You'll see there's plenty of breathing room throughout the program for socializing. Friday night will feature a party – drinks, finger food, music, and dancing! We've kept the cost of the party as low as possible; we do need you to register so we can get an accurate headcount.

Friday kicks off with a presidential panel on "Repairing, fixing, healing: disability and technology," with perspectives on repair featuring disability scholars from three continents. Saturday includes a panel on "Transhemispheric Futures of the History of Technology," organized by Jason Ludwig and Kelcey Gibbons for REDI; this builds on the special workshop hosted by our Drexel colleagues on transhemispheric perspectives on race and technology.

Following an excellent suggestion by Anto Mohsin, we will host a cooperative book exhibit. In addition, Amy Bix has organized a silent auction of the exhibited books. Please bring your books! You'll find instructions and guidance later in this newsletter.

Finally, I'm very pleased to report that, thanks to vigorous fundraising and the determination of SHOT officers to maximize access for early career scholars, as well as for scholars from under-resourced institutions worldwide, SHOT was able to offer nearly \$50,000 worth of travel grants to participants. This fell well short of demand: total requests amounted to \$160,000. But it's still twice as much as we have offered in the past, thanks to the generosity of the SHOT community. We hope to keep up this pace – so please donate if and when you're able!

We can't wait to see you all in two months!

Gabrielle Hecht
SHOT President

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2024 Annual Meeting

Register now for ICOHTEC-SHOT 2024

The joint ICOHTEC-SHOT 2024 Annual Meeting will take place in Viña del Mar (Chile) on 9-14 July. This will be the first joint meeting between ICOHTEC and SHOT in three decades, and will take place on the Viña del Mar campus of Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez (UAI). You can find all conference information and the most recent version of the program on the SHOT-website. In the coming weeks this information will be updated regularly.

It is now possible to register for ICOHTEC-SHOT 2024 and various events.

[Go directly to the online registration.](#)

Traveling to Chile

On the [conference website](#) you can find practical information on traveling to Chile.

You will see links to government websites where you can check whether you need to obtain a visa prior to your arrival in Chile. In case you need a visa, there is more information on how to apply for these.

You will also find practical information on how to travel from the the airport of Santiago de Chile to Viña del Mar.

Finding accommodations

As the conference will take place on the Viña del Mar campus of Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez (UAI) there will be no official conference hotel.

Hotel rooms and alternative accommodations in various price ranges can be found at:

- www.booking.com
- www.airbnb.com

At the moment the Pullman Hotel and the Novotel in Viña del Mar are offering a limited number of rooms for a special ICOHTEC-SHOT rate:

- Pullman Viña del Mar: Rooms city view: USD 115 + tax (single) or USD 125 (double) – breakfast included; Rooms bay view: USD 135 + tax (single) or USD 145 (double) – breakfast included. [You can book a room by completing and submitting this Pullman reservation form.](#)
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ICOHTEC-SHOT Winter PhD School - Santiago de Chile

8-9 July 2024 - Apply now

The first joint ICOHTEC-SHOT Winter PhD School, held in Santiago de Chile, will combine the Joint Annual Meeting of ICOHTEC and SHOT in Viña del Mar (Chile), 9-14 July 2024, with a two-day intensive seminar, geared to PhD students and young post-doctoral scholars.

The Winter PhD School brings together seminars/tutorials for the students and the participation in the ICOHTEC-SHOT Symposium. The topic of the Winter School is: "*Reparando / Repair en la Historia de la Tecnología*" / "*Reparando / Repair in the History of Technology*"

The school enhances students' skill to comprehend and study versatile relationships between society and technology. In particular, the Winter School aims to deal with these questions:

- What are the main thematic implications of the theme technology and reparar/repairing?
- Which theoretical concepts and methodological approaches are most suitable dealing with it?
- What could a new and original approach to the theme look like?

Theme

Intuitively, the phrase "*Reparando / Repair en la Historia de la Tecnología*" / "*Reparando / Repair in the History of Technology*", refers to technological environments that require continual repair and maintenance in order to function. Yet the people on whom such repairs rely—along with their knowledge and labor— too often remain unseen and undervalued, becoming visible only in cases of infrastructural breakdown or spectacular disaster. The routine invisibility of repair facilitates grand proclamations of technological solutionism, distracting from the requirements for living equitably in an increasingly fragmented and fragile world.

How does our understanding of the history of technology change when we center repair and maintenance? Such a shift involves highlighting users and experiential knowledge. It opens up conceptions of what counts as technological knowledge and who counts as technological actors. Such themes have lurked in our field for some time, mounting in scale and significance over the last decade. Repair is now part of our vocabulary, here to stay. The time has come to make it the thematic core of our annual meeting & the Winter School aims to study relationships between technology and reparación /repairing from broad and many-sided viewpoints. It is open to versatile approaches and traditions.

Description

The Winter PhD school ICOHTEC will be held in the [Precolumbian Museum](#) in Santiago de Chile Monday 8 and Morning Tuesday 9 July.

The Winter PhD School will take place in a bilingual environment of English and Spanish. This does not mean that every participant may use both idioms but that using one of them is enough to participate.

ICOHTEC can support 2 days of accommodation in Santiago de Chile (Sunday 7th, and Monday, 8th July). This does not include travel tickets or food. Please note that the maximum number of participants is 15 PhD students or recent PhD graduates.

Apply

PhD students and recent PhD graduates (2 years before) are invited to present their interest to participate. The selected participants have the opportunity to get comments and suggestions by senior researchers about their research in progress.

Please send a CV, the title of your proposed presentation, a summary of 300 words, and a letter of recommendation of your PhD supervisor to Nelson Arellano, Secretary-General of ICOHTEC (secretary-general@icohtec.org). Applications can be submitted until 31 May 2024.

You can find the full call and the detailed program of the PhD Winterschool [here](#).

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Interested in attending the workshop in Santiago de Chile on Monday 8 July? [Please register for the workshop via this link.](#)

SHOT Cooperative Book Exhibit and Silent Book Auction in Chile

Since some publishers will be unable to attend our meeting in Chile, SHOT is organizing a cooperative book exhibit, inviting our members to showcase your exciting scholarship. If you are coming to Chile, you are welcome to bring one copy of your recent book(s), and we will have tables where you can set them out for browsing. If you are not coming to Chile but wish to have a book on display, please feel free to send a copy with a friend who will be attending. Please note that SHOT has a reasonably secure display space but cannot guarantee the security or return of books placed on exhibit tables.

If you are bringing a book for this cooperative book exhibit in Chile, we encourage (but do not require) you to please consider donating your book(s) for a silent book auction.

All proceeds will go to supporting SHOT's travel-grant programs, REDI initiative, and multiple other society activities. We will set out a bidding sheet for each donated book and invite attendees to enter their bids over the course of the conference.

Winners with the highest bid on each book will need to pick up and pay for their book(s) towards the end of the meeting.

If you would like to donate your book(s) for this silent auction, many thanks! Please just bring your book(s) with you to the SHOT Staff, near the registration when you arrive, and we will take care of the rest!

Our Secretariat would love to receive a mail from you, what book you are taking with you for the book table, and whether you want to donate it (to be able to prepare). If you do bring a book and do not want to donate it: we will have a second table separate, specifically for these. But do please add a sticker (or ask us to do so) with "this book is not available for the auction but will be returned to the owner!", or similar.

Please also provide details on where the book can be ordered and we will display that on or near the table!

Many thanks!

Amy Bix, SHOT Treasurer

Note: SIGCIS will be sponsoring a separate book auction as part of its Sunday conference meeting. For details about this event, please direct your inquiries to the [SIGCIS Secretariat](#).

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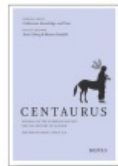
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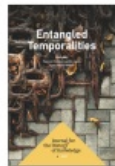
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