

ESF Exploratory Workshop on

**A European Commercial Trinomial:
Italy – Champagne –
The Netherlands
(12th – 14th centuries)**

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Main Objectives of the Workshop:

From the 12th century until the mid 14th, the Champagne cycle of fairs played an important role in the commercial exchanges of medieval Europe, notably establishing relations between businessmen and financiers from France, Italy and the Netherlands. An essential precondition to setting up a data base on the written and non-written sources of the history of these fairs, the workshop brings together specialists in the regions and sectors concerned, notably, with a view to establishing the current state of knowledge, circumscribing the project's perimeter and organizing partnerships.

Report publication and dissemination

The proceedings of the Workshop will be published by the Institut historique belge de Rome.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

**Thursday 13th October 2011 (Istituto storico italiano per il
Medioevo, Palazzo Borromini, Piazza dell'Orologio, 4)**

15.00-15.10	Opening Prof. Jean-Marie YANTE (Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium)
15.10-15.20	Welcome Prof. Massimo MIGLIO (Presidente dell'Istituto storico italiano per il Medioevo, Rome, Italy)
15.20-15.40	Presentation of the European Science Foundation (ESF), Standing Committee for the Humanities (SCH)
15.40-16.25	Introduction of the workshop Prof. Giovanna PETTI BALBI (Centro studi 'Renato Bordone' sui Lombardi, sul credito e sulla banca, Asti, Italy) and Prof. Pierre RACINE (Université de Strasbourg, Strrasbourg, France)

Section 1: Placing the theme in an historiographical perspective

Chairman: Prof. Massimo MIGLIO

16.25-17.10 **Presentation 1: “Italy”**

Prof. Luciano PALERMO (Libera università internazionale degli studi sociali, Rome, Italy)

17.10-17.25 *Break*

17.25-18.10 **Presentation 2: “Champagne and France”**

Prof. Patrick DEMOUY (Université de Reims-Champagne-Ardenne, Reims, France)

18.10—18.55 **Presentation 3: “The Netherlands”**

Prof. Jean-Marie YANTE

18.55-19.40 **Discussion**

20.30 *Dinner*

**Friday 14th October 2011 (Istituto storico italiano per il
Medioevo, Palazzo Borromini, Piazza dell’Orologio, 4)**

Section 2: Trade and Italian credit

Chairman: Prof. Giovanna PETTI BALBI

09.00-09.45 **Presentation 1: “The Tuscan companies’ relations with the Champagne fairs”**

Dr. Ignazio DEL PUNTA (Università degli studi, San Marino, San Marino)

09.45-10.30 **Presentation 2: “The structure of Italian banking companies”**

Prof. Beatrice DEL BO (Università degli studi, Milano, Italy)

10.30-10.45 *Break*

10.45-11.30 **Presentation 3: “From the Champagne fairs to the Lombard *casane*”**

Dr. Ezio Claudio PIA (Centro studi ‘Renato Bordone’ sui Lombardi, sul credito e sulla banca, Asti, Italy)

11.30-12.15 **Presentation 4: “The network of Lombard *casane* in Swiss and Comté territory”**

Prof. Franco MORENZONI (Université de Genève, Geneva, Switzerland)

12.15-13.00 **Discussion**

13.00-14.00 *Lunch*

Section 3 : Industry and commercial exchanges

	Chairman: Prof. Danielle QUÉRUEL (Université de Reims-Champagne-Ardenne, Reims, France)
15.00-15.45	Presentation 1: “Articles commercialized at the Champagne fairs” Prof. Pierre RACINE
15.45-16.30	Presentation 2: “Switzerland, a land of passage towards the Champagne fairs” Prof. Jean-Daniel MOREROD (Université de Neuchâtel, Neuchâtel, Switzerland)
16.30-16.45	<i>Break</i>
16.45-17.30	Presentation 3: “The European road network serving the Champagne fairs” Prof. Thomas SZABO (Max-Planck-Institut für Geschichte, Göttingen, Germany)
17.30-18.15	Presentation 4 : “Transmission of the legends of the fairs of Champagne” Prof. Kathy-KRAUSE (University of Missouri, Kansas City, United States)
18.15-19.15	Discussion
20.30	<i>Dinner</i>

Saturday 15th October 2011 (École française de Rome, Piazza Navona, 62)

Section 4: The Champagne meeting places: genesis, gains and destiny

	Chairman: Dr. Stéphane GIOANNI (École française de Rome, Rome, Italy)
09.00-09.45	Presentation 1 : “The cycle of Champagne fairs” Prof. Patrick DEMOUY
09.45-10.30	Presentation 2: “Conduit and Garde of the Champagne fairs” Prof. Jean-Marie YANTE
10.30-11.10	Discussion
11.10-11.30	<i>Break</i>

Section 5: Gains and legacies. Research perspectives

	Chairman: Prof. Pierre RACINE
11.30-12.15	Presentation 1: “Unprecedented contributions from the literary sources” Prof. Danielle QUÉRUEL
12.15-12.45	Discussion
13.00-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>

14.30-15.15	Presentation 2: “For a data base on sources of the history of the Champagne fairs” Marjorie GOBIN (Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium) and Prof. Jean-Marie YANTE
15.15-16.00	Conclusions Prof Michel BALARD (Uninersité de Paris I, Paris, France)
16.00-16.10	End of workshop Prof. Jean-Marie YANTE

Secretary of the sections: Marie Van Eeckenrode (Archives d el'État, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgique)

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- to contribute to the development of the ESF science policy agenda and to provide expert advice on science policy actions at the European level in the field of its responsibilities.

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