Call for Abstracts

Special Session(s) on Fountains and Water Supply

Ninth Annual CHS Annual Conference in collaboration with the Cambridge Faculty of Architecture
Queens’ College, Cambridge, 1-3 April 2022

As in previous years, the 2022 Annual Construction History Society Conference will be held in Queens’ and at this stage the committee invite abstracts on any aspect of construction history. On day 2 (Saturday) we wish to have one (or more) sessions devoted entirely to the subject Fountains and Water Supply. Possible subjects for this session include:

- Ancient or Medieval water supply
- Islamic Fountains
- The use of iron in fountains
- The development of hydraulic engineering and fountain design
- Water lifting technology for fountains
- giochi d’acqua
- The tradesman and designers involved in the making of fountains
- The discussion of fountains in books
- Stone fountains
- Wooden fountains
- Bronze fountains
- The development of pumped fountains
- Urban Water supply
- The design of urban drainage and sewerage systems
- Water purification and filtering

Papers will not be accepted that do not look at the history of construction but are simply descriptions of conservation projects or techniques. Nor will modern structural calculations proving historic buildings stand up.

Abstract submission

Abstracts should be 300-500 words long and should include the full names, academic affiliation or employer, a description of the subject proposed, the sources to be used, and where it fits within or how it relates to the current literature on the topic, together with address and email contact details. Submissions should be made to chs@aha.cam.ac.uk. The revised submission date for the abstracts is 29 November 2021.

Process and Paper Submission

The abstracts will be peer-reviewed and the authors informed of the results by 6 December 2021. The final paper must be submitted by 14 February 2022. Final papers will be 5000 words/30,000 characters and can include up to 10 images. The editors reserve the right to reject papers that do not meet the necessary standards at this stage.

Publication

Successful papers must be submitted by 14 February 2022 and will prepared for
publication and printed in April. The proceedings are published as an edited book with an ISBN number.

All final accepted papers must be presented at the conference by at least one of the authors

Papers will only be accepted by those who are prepared to record or deliver their papers in person. Authors will be expected to order at least one copy of the proceedings online.

The conference runs from 1-3 April 2022 in Queens’ College, Cambridge and will be held in hybrid form with live and virtual sessions. Please do not submit an abstract if you are unable to present or answer questions on those dates.