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Call for Papers

CHEA/ACHE Conference in October 1998

The 1998 biennial conference of the Canadian History of Education Association/ Association canadienne d'histoire de l'éducation will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from October 15 to October 18. The theme of the conference is "Social, Professional, and Methodological Tensions in the History of Education."

The Programme Committee welcomes proposals for individual papers or complete sessions. An abstract of 150 words or fewer and a short biographical sketch of the author(s) should be sent by December 15, 1997 to the Chair of the Programme Committee:

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Annual Conference of the History of Education Society Education and Economic Performance (Swansea, United Kingdom)

12-14 December 1997

The conference is to be held at the Swansea Marriott Hotel, Swansea. Academic organizer: Professor Roy Lowe (University of Swansea). Keynote speakers: Professor Derek Aldcroft (Manchester Metropolitan University); Professor Harold Perkin (North Western University); Professor Alison Wolf (Institute of Education, University of London). Subthemes: the links among education, training, educational reform, and economic performance; the links among gender, education, and economic performance; the types of economic performance influenced by educational change, and the types of educational change especially likely to influence economic performance; and the political, social, and cultural implications of educational initiatives to enhance economic performance. Further details are available from Professor Roy Lowe, Department of Education, University of Wales, Swansea, Hendrefoilan, Swansea, SA2 7NB, UK. (r.a.lowe@swansea.ac.uk).

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