

Under the given circumstances we consider that we likely would not be able to successfully or fully successfully hold the 2020 Conference. The organisation of an international conference like the ITH Conference is a prolonged and complex process, in organizational, scholarly and financial terms. Therefore, we consider an early decision to postpone a responsible decision, which can save us from numerous imponderables. Conversely, we consider that a one-year suspension of the ITH Conference, in reaction to an unprecedented and unpredictable crisis, will not affect the ITH negatively. The representatives of the important long-term and future cooperation partners of the ITH support the decision.

**The 56th ITH Conference thus will take place on 23-25 September 2021.**

We are looking forward, even in these troubled times, to an exciting future for labor history, and the ITH as an institution. On behalf of the ITH Board:

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