



Info'WEHC 2022 - Newsletter special

The **XIXth World Economic History Congress** (WEHC 2022) in Paris is two months away: 25 - 29 July 2022!

The WEHC 2022 is a major scientific event supported by public institutions, private companies and organisations. This special newsletter is dedicated to **Crédit Agricole** and **Société Générale**, which gave a support to the WEHC 2022.

Discover in this newsletter their initiatives for preserving heritage and historical archives.

Crédit Agricole SA's Historical Archives Department and the Fondation Maison de Salins



Crédit Agricole SA's Historical Archives Department manages three archival funds: the archives of Crédit Agricole SA and the former Caisse Nationale de Crédit Agricole; the archives of the former Crédit Lyonnais (now known as LCL); and the archives of Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank and its predecessors (Banque de l'Indochine, Indosuez, etc.). These funds cover the history of three types of banks: a public institution serving as the central body of a mutual group initially specialised in agricultural loans; a retail bank that rapidly expanded internationally and was a major corporate and investment bank; and a colonial bank with a right to issue money,

which was converted into a more traditional merchant bank on the end of colonialism. A quick overview of Crédit Agricole's history can be found here: [History of the Crédit Agricole Group | Crédit Agricole \(credit-agricole.com\)](https://www.credit-agricole.com/en/history).

These archives also provide an insight into other subjects besides these banks. The files of Crédit Lyonnais' Economic and Financial Studies Department (DEEF), which are well known to business and economic historians, provide valuable information on a large number of companies, sectors and geographical entities (countries, colonial territories, cities, etc.). Similarly, the archives of Banque de l'Indochine, and in particular its branches' review reports, shed light on the history of the territories in which the bank operated (Indochina, China, Djibouti, New Caledonia, etc.).

Crédit Agricole SA's Historical Archives Department does not keep the archives of Crédit Agricole's regional banks. These banks' history is available in the archives of the Caisse Nationale, as supervisory body. A large number of digitised documents concerning the regional banks are available online on the website of the Fondation Maison de Salins ([Collections of the Fondation Maison de Salins - Fondation Maison de Salins \(maison-salins.fr\)](https://www.maison-salins.fr)), Crédit Agricole's corporate foundation whose purpose is to promote the cooperative model. This website also hosts digital resources from cooperative entities other than Crédit Agricole.

Crédit Agricole SA's Historical Archives Department is located at 72-74 rue Gabriel Péri in Montrouge. A reading room is available to researchers by appointment. Contact: pascal.penot@credit-agricole-sa.fr

The Societe Generale group's Historical Archives department



Created in 1995, the Societe Generale group's [Historical Archives department](#)'s mission is to collect, classify, preserve, communicate and promote the rich historical heritage of the Group and its subsidiaries. Part of the Group Communication Division, its team manages over 5 linear kilometres of archives and 2.5 TB of electronic documents retracing – from their origins to the current day – the journey of not only Societe Generale, but also Crédit du Nord, Banque de l'Union Parisienne (BUP), Sogenal, Société Centrale de Banque (formerly Crédit Foncier d'Algérie et de Tunisie) and Société de Crédit à l'Industrie Française (CALIF). These archives are characterised by their diversity – papers, photographs, drawings and plans, videos, audios, objects – and cover various areas of research such as the economy, industry, architecture, training, technological innovations, advertising, sports sponsorship, social history, etc. In-depth presentations, inventories and thematic articles are available online. The department receives people by appointment and can provide detailed lists of available archives upon substantiated request to archives.historiques@socgen.com.

In a spirit of openness favouring synergies and a multidisciplinary approach, the Historical Archives department meets the needs of a wide range of audiences. Internally, it strives to create links regarding the corporate culture based on the fundamental values that have constituted and continue to constitute its identity: team spirit, innovation, commitment and responsibility. Via the regular production of articles, holding of events, organisation of conferences, temporary exhibitions and guided visits of its museum collection, it contributes to strengthening staff members' sense of belonging and to measuring how far we have come alongside our clients both in France and abroad, our history illustrating the company's resilience and its ability to continually reinvent itself in order to accompany change.

To help it increase knowledge of, share and promote the Societe Generale group's past, the Historical Archives department has benefitted from the support of the [Historical Mission](#) since 2006. Placed under the patronage of Laurent Goutard, Head of International Retail Banking for Africa, the Mediterranean and overseas territories, it brings together current and former staff who are history buffs and academic professionals. Its excellent blend of profiles and skills - particularly active at the time of the Group's 150th anniversary in 2014 - enables it to delve into as yet untapped archives and thus renew our knowledge of the past. Through its expertise, it supports scientific research not only by assisting the work of students and teachers-researchers involved in human sciences research, but also by providing them with financial aid (grants, research projects, seminars and colloquiums, publications).

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The WEHC 2022 is a major event for academic and scientific audiences, but also for public institutions, private companies, and decision-makers. We predict that the event will contribute to the international public debate on natural resources and public economics.

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