Danish society/Société danoise
Activities 2017/2018

The Annual meeting of The Danish Society of 18th Century Studies 2018 was held in May with the theme: “Slaves and Slavery”. We had invited Professor Brychan Carey from Northumbria University to speak on “Africans in Eighteenth-Century London” and Associate Professor Gunvor Simonsen from The University of Copenhagen to speak on “Race, Slavery and the Market. Africans in Eighteenth Century Copenhagen”.

Three members of the Danish Society participated in the ISECS meeting and conference in Bordeaux, August 22nd-25th.

Together with all the other Nordic 18th Century Societies The Danish Society takes part in editing and publishing the periodical “Sjuttonhundratal” (eng: “Eighteenth Century”) , that primarily deals with issues relating to 18th Century Scandinavia. A member of the board from the Danish Society is one of the editors. The volume of 2018 was published in October 2018. (See http://1700-tal.se/yearbook)

Every fourth year there is a Scandinavian 18th Century Conference, alternately held in one of the Nordic Countries. The next Scandinavian Conference will take place in Copenhagen in 2021 and will be arranged by The Danish Society of 18th Century Studies. Five members of the Danish Society form an organizing committee that has been working throughout the year 2018.

In 2015 The Danish Society could celebrate its 20th birthday and members and other Danish 18th Century Scholars were invited to write articles on ‘todays questions - Eighteenth Century’s answers’. The Book was edited by Thomas Bredsdorff and Søren Peter Hansen and was released in 2017, published by U Press, Copenhagen. The title is: Det lange lys (eng: The Long Light).

In September 2017 the Danish Society and The German Society arranged a binational conference about cultural relationships and exchanges in the 18th Century. Stefanie Stockhorst (president of the German Society) and Søren Peter Hansen (President of the Danish Society) arranged the conference. In 2018 all the papers given on the conference were published in a book called: Deutsch-dänische Kulturbeziehungen im 18. Jahrhundert / German-Danish Cultural Relation in the 18th Century. The book was published by V&R unipress, Göttingen, as a volume in the series „Schriften des Frühneuzeitzentrums Potsdam“ in 2018, edited by Stefanie Stockhorst and Søren Peter Hansen.

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