

## AAMH QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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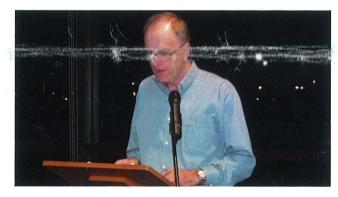
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## Thank you

The AAMH would like to thank all those who attended the 7th ICMHA in June this year. The conference would not have been the success it was without your support.

The 7th ICMHA conference wouldn't have been possible without the support of members and Murdoch University, AFKOS Industries, Australian Capital Equity, Australian National Maritime Museum, CSIRO, Fremantle Ports, Holiday Inn, International Commission for Maritime History, MG Kailis Group, Voyager Estate, WA Museum, the Royal Australian Navy and Brill publishers. Funding and in kind support (wine, venues, accommodation, tours) were essential.

Conference Chair Professor Malcolm Tull (Murdoch University and AAMH) addressing delegates at dinner, held at the Fremantle Sailing Club.





Conference hosts Malcolm Tull (Murdoch University), Peter Ridgway (AAMH) and Bonnie Allen (Peppermint Solutions) at the Reception.

At the conference announcement of the winner of the Broeze prize for best Phd thesis were Maria Fusaro (UK), Ingo Heidbrink (USA), Lars Scholl (Germany), Ulli, Carsten and Grace Broeze (Australia), Skip Fischer(Canada) and Gelina Harlaftis (Greece).





## Universum Infinitum at the Biblioteca Nacional de Portugal



The interdisciplinary workshop, 'Universum Infinitum, From the German Philosopher Nicolaus Cusanus (1401–1464) to the Iberian Discoveries in the 15th Century: Ocean World in European Exploration', was held at the National Library of Portugal, Lisbon, 17-18 June 2016.

The German cardinal Nikolaus von Kues (Nicholas of Cusa, 1401-1464) is known for his philosophical works. A key figure in Renaissance humanism, his interests and contributions extended to astronomy, mapmaking and cosmography, which were the focus of the international conference.

The event was organized by Dr Thomas Horst, Interuniversity Centre for the History of Science and Technology (CIUHCT), University of Lisbon, in cooperation with Prof. Dr Harald Schwaetzer and Dr. Matthias Vollet, Kueser Akademie für Europäische Geistesgeschichte and Cusanus-Hochschule, Bernkastel-Kues, Germany.

AAMH member Robert King presented a paper, 'Magnus Sinus, Java and Locach from Martellus to Mercator, 1489-1569'. The workshop was followed by a day tour to Sintra, Mafra and Ericeira, under the guidance of Prof. Dr. João Carlos Garcia. The full program and abstracts of papers, together with photos, can be found at:

http://www.ciuhct.org/pt/ workshop\_universum\_infinitum

A selection of papers will be published by the Kueser Akademie in Texte und Studien zur europäischen Geistesgeschichte.

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