

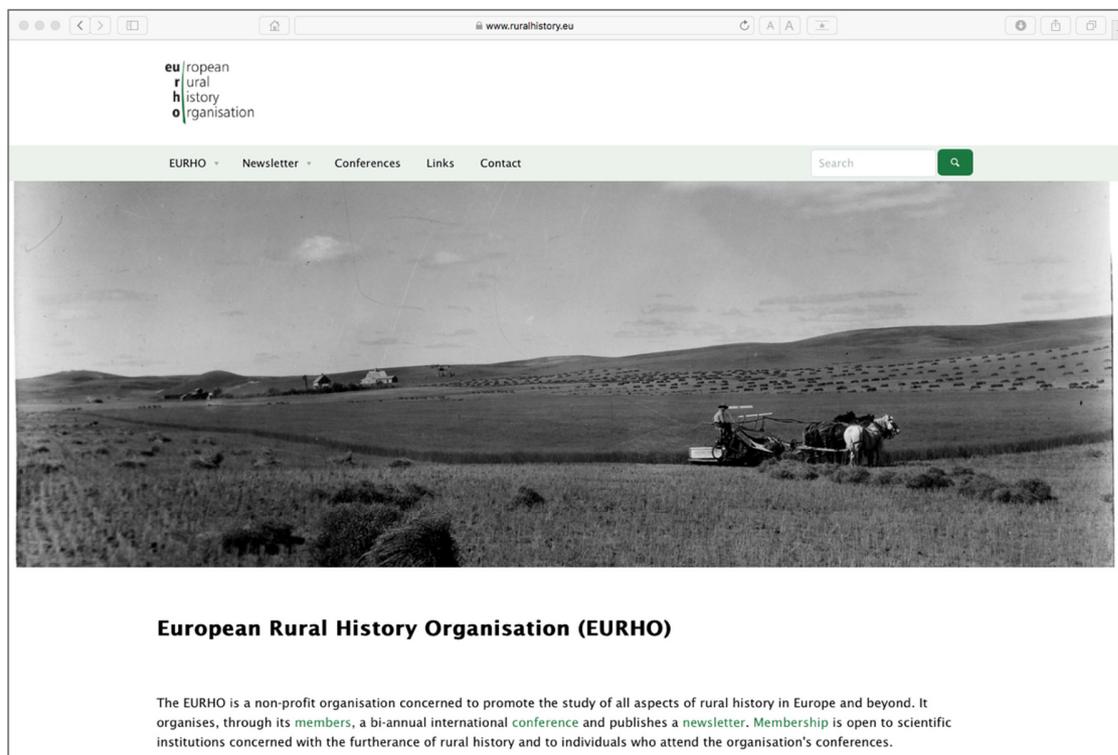
Report by the EURHO Secretariat for the period 2017–2019

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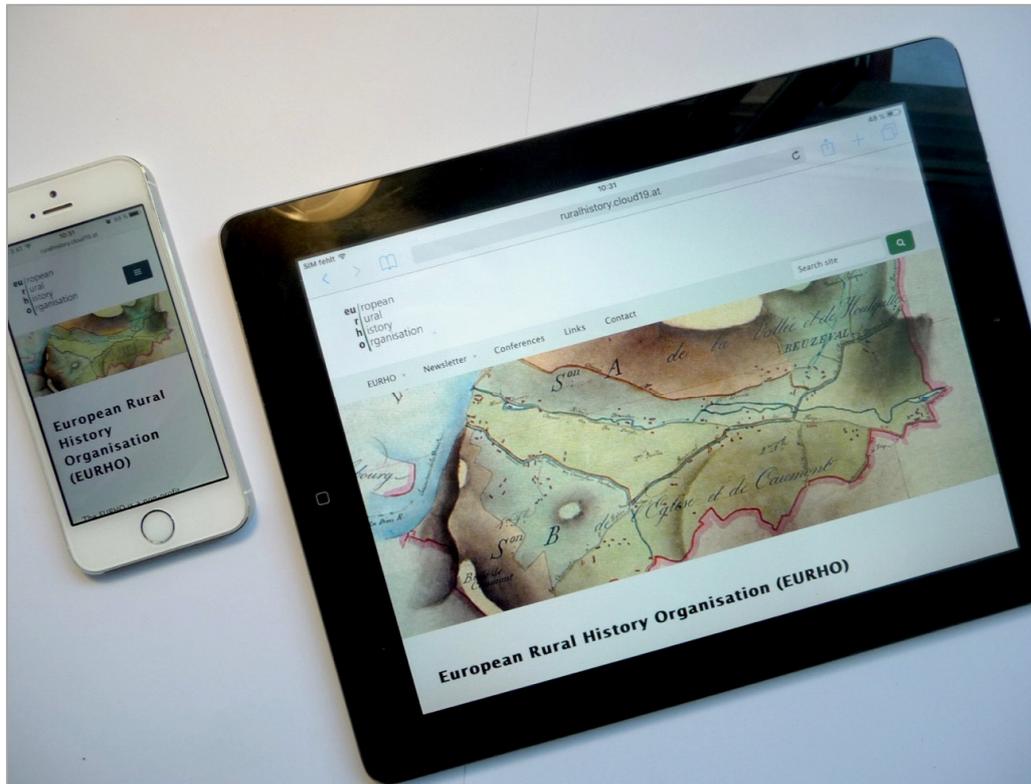
This report about the activities of the EURHO Secretariat covers the period between the General Meeting on 11 September 2017 in Leuven/Belgium and the General Meeting on 10 September 2019 in Paris/France. It includes the following activities: (1) the EURHO website, (2) the Rural History Newsletter (RHN) and (3) other administrative activities.

1. EURHO website

The website of the EURHO (www.ruralhistory.eu) which was re-launched in November 2017 has been regularly updated at the Institute of Rural History in St. Pölten/Austria. The contents to be updated comprised, among others, the new members of the Management Committee, the new institutional members, the conference Rural History 2019, the links collection and – last but not least – the newsletter.



During October and November 2018 the website was updated and re-launched with a new mobile friendly responsive web design (adapting the layout to the screen size of different devices).

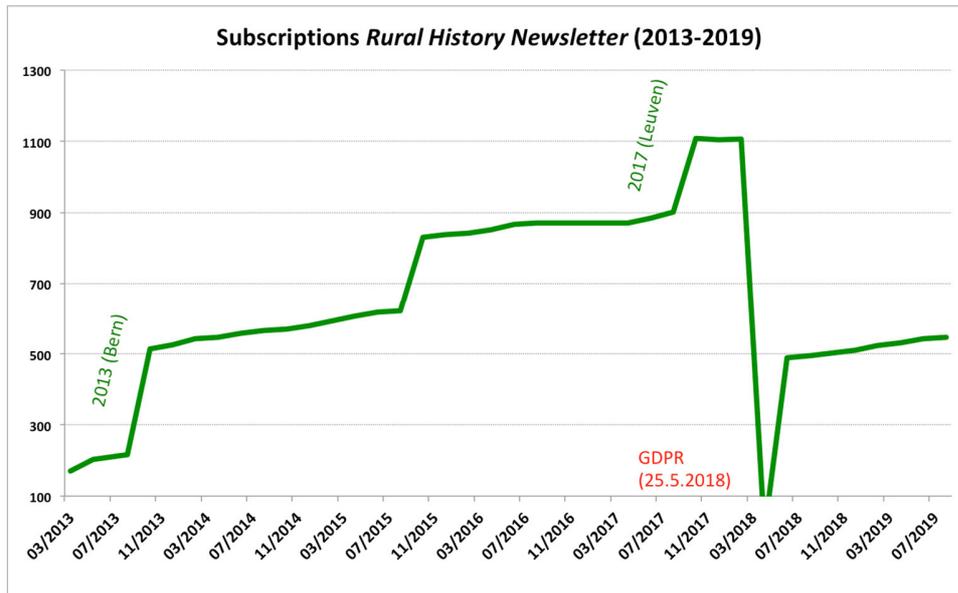


Due to the implementation of the *General Data Protection Regulation* (GDPR) in the European Union on 25 May 2018, some features of the EURHO website needed to be updated again or changed in order to make the website GDPR compliant (SSL/TLS certificate, updated data privacy policy, etc.).

2. Rural History Newsletter (RHN)

The implementation of the *General Data Protection Regulation* (GDPR) in the European Union also affected the subscription policy of the RHN. Since the data (Name, Email-Address) of the participants of the past conferences have been integrated in the database of the RHN-subscriptions, and this practice did not conform to the new rules of the GDPR, the whole database had to be deleted.

A new subscriptions system was built into the website, which complied with the rules of the GDPR. Since then 547 subscribers from all over the world have registered for the RHN and receive a digest of new issues of the RHN every other week.



The scope of the RHN has not changed much in the past two years. The mailings primarily contain calls for panels, papers or articles, information on conferences, workshops, seminars, exhibitions and other events. The RHN also regularly includes the TOCs of new issues of the most important journals and books series within the field as well as links to online-reviews of recent publications. The RHN is actively used by EURHO members to disseminate information about events, new publications and vacancies in the field of rural history.

3. Other administrative activities

The Secretary also settled a couple of minor administrative activities. These comprise the answering of requests by visitors of the website, handling matters of association regulation and administration with the Austrian authorities, the communication with the organisers of the conference Rural History 2019 and the preparation of the MC and General Meetings 2019 in Paris (setting of agendas, nomination of the Officers by the MC, nomination of the Regional Representatives by the individual members etc.).

The following persons were nominated as Regional Representatives for the period 2019-2021 by individual members of the respective region:

- Anne-Lise Head (Switzerland) for Central Europe
- Socrates Petmezas (Greece) for Southern Europe
- Vicente Pinilla (Spain) for South-West Europe
- Mats Morell (Sweden) for Scandinavia
- Zsuzsanna Varga (Hungary) for Eastern Europe

For the other regions no nominations have been made; thus the current representatives will stay in office.