AFTER LONGITUDE, MODERN NAVIGATION.

An advance warning has been received from the Royal Institute of Navigation that the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich will be the venue on 22nd and 23rd March next year for a symposium with the title After Longitude – Modern Navigation in Context.

Following a successful meeting last year, the National Maritime Museum and the Royal Institute of Navigation are planning a second symposium to bring together current research in the history of navigation. It is understood the symposium will explore the wider impact of the discovery of longitude and the ways in which navigation has evolved since then. In particular it will aim to investigate the connections between navigational advances and the development of exploration, surveying, commerce and Empire from the 19th century to the present.

It is anticipated that possible themes might include, but would not be restricted to: the development of navigational instruments, maps and charts and related techniques as well as the impact of changing technologies on practices and practitioners. Furthermore, themes might consider the links between marine, land, air and space navigation and the research that places these developments into broader contexts. Proposals for papers on these and related themes are now being sought. It is anticipated that speaking slots will be of about 25 minutes, including time for questions.

To propose a paper, or for further information, readers are invited to send the title and abstract (approximately 200 words) to: The Research Administrator, National Maritime Museum, London SE10 9NF. Telephone: 020 8312 6716; Fax: 020 8312 6592; E-mail research@nmm.ac.uk

The deadline for receipt of proposals is 30th September 2011.