Following a successful meeting in 2010, 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.

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 today.

Possible themes might include, but would not be restricted to:

- the development of navigational instruments, maps and charts and related techniques;
- the impact of changing technologies on practices and practitioners;
- the links between marine, land, air and space navigation;
- 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:

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