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Introduction

In early spring 2010, the board of The Finnish Society for the History of Technology sent out a call of contributions to the “Bibliography of Histories of Technology by Finns or about Finland, in languages other than Finnish or Swedish”. Our aim was to compile a bibliography of histories of technology, published anywhere, by Finns or about Finland, in all languages other than Finnish or Swedish.

The goal of the project was to get a better idea of all the publishing activities of the Finnish researchers or researchers studying Finland in this field and, even more important, to disseminate information on this (mostly) scholarly work. The main method of collecting publication details was to set up a wiki based webpage, at: http://fi.wikisource.org/wiki/Bibliography_of_Finnish_Histories_of_Technology, so that everyone can complete it. This page and the call were then made known as widely as possible.

From the start, we planned to publish the results so that they are available by and at the first joint conference of ICOHTEC – The International Committee for the History of Technology History and TICCIH – The International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage in Tampere, Finland on August 10–15, 2010. In addition, the minor partner of the conference is Worklab, the international association of labour museums. This print and the PDF file in the website www.ths.fi are the first published versions of the “Bibliography of Histories of Technology by Finns or about Finland, in languages other than Finnish or Swedish”.

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We also have some words of advice for the users of this bibliography. We do not claim that the bibliography is comprehensive but that it serves the reader with an inspiring overview and should be helpful in finding more research. This is because, in finalising the bibliography for printing, we have tried to include all active researchers (by adding at least one of their foreign language publications) so that the reader can use the list to find more about their work by using the name of the researcher as a finding aid. Generally speaking, many of them have published more in Finnish or Swedish. As indicated above, we excluded publications in the national languages of Finnish and Swedish from the list, as well as the third language spoken in Finland by Sami people or Laplanders, Lappish.

Obviously, drawing the line with what publications to include has not been easy. At this point, we have limited or very limited inclusion of Finnish industrial history, economic & business history, media history, and STS (Science, Technology, Society etc.) research although those fields have relevant publications in foreign languages for understanding the history of technology in Finland and elsewhere. Some, although nearly forgotten, publications about Finnish history might also exist in languages such as French, German and Russian. Publications that have only appeared on the Internet have also still to be found and considered for inclusion.
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Our plan is to keep updating the list and we urge people to continue helping us in this task. One can do that by either emailing the editors or preferably updating the list at: http://fi.wikisource.org/wiki/Bibliography_of_Finnish_Histories_of_Technology.

Finally, we wish to thank the conference Reusing the Industrial Past organizers for printing this bibliography and all the contributors for their anonymous yet valuable assistance in compiling this information.

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