This conference is organized in partnership with the project based at the University of Cambridge and the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, on the history of the British Board of Longitude (1714-1828). It will place the work of the Board on navigation and voyages of scientific exploration in wider and international context. Papers will consider the methods, techniques, and interests of oceanic travel and position finding in a period of dramatic economic, political, and social crisis. They will offer comparative and detailed analyses of other cultures’ projects in maritime travel and its reliability in the period.

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8:30 Registration & Coffee
9:30 Welcome
Stove Hindle (The Huntington)

Remarks
Richard Dunn & Rebekah Higgitt
(Royal Museums Greenwich)

10:00 Session 1 France and the Pacific
Moderator: Robert C. Ritchie (The Huntington)
Nick Dow (McGill University)
“French Longitude: The Paris Observatoire and Its Longitude Problems”
John Cassagne (University of New South Wales)
“Navigating the Pacific from D’Entrecasteaux (1791-3) to Dumont D’Urville (1837-40): French Approaches to Measuring the Terraqueous Globe in the Period of Revolution and Restoration”

1:00 Session 2 Russian Navigation and Discovery
Moderator: Sophie Waring (University of Cambridge)
Simon Werrett (University College London)
“Perfectly Correct: Russian Navigators and the Royal Navy”
Ilya Vinkovskiy (Simon Fraser University)
“Russia’s Voyages of Discovery in the Pacific”

3:00 Break

3:15 Session 3 Indigenous Knowledge
Moderator: Mark Hanna
(University of California, San Diego)
Joyce Chaplin (Harvard University)
“Captives, European Navigation, and the Epistemologies of Coercion”
Neil Safer (University of British Columbia)

12:00 Lunch

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9:30 Registration & Coffee
10:00 Session 4 Hardware/Software
Moderator: Alexi Baker (University of Cambridge)
Richard Dunn & Rebekah Higgitt
“Lists, Litters, and Longitude: Expeditionary Astronomy in Theory and Practice”
David Philip Miller
(University of New South Wales)
“Longitude Networks on Land and Sea: The East India Company and Longitude Measurement in the Late Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Centuries”

1:00 Session 5 Relics and Representations
Moderator: Katy Barrett (University of Cambridge)
Adriana Crasau
(University of California, Riverside)
“Seeds of Disaster: Relics of La Perouse”
Eoin Phillips (University of Cambridge)
“The Economization of Time in the Pacific”

3:00 Break

3:15 Closing Discussion

12:00 Lunch

Oceanic Enterprise: Location, Longitude, and Maritime Cultures 1770-1830

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