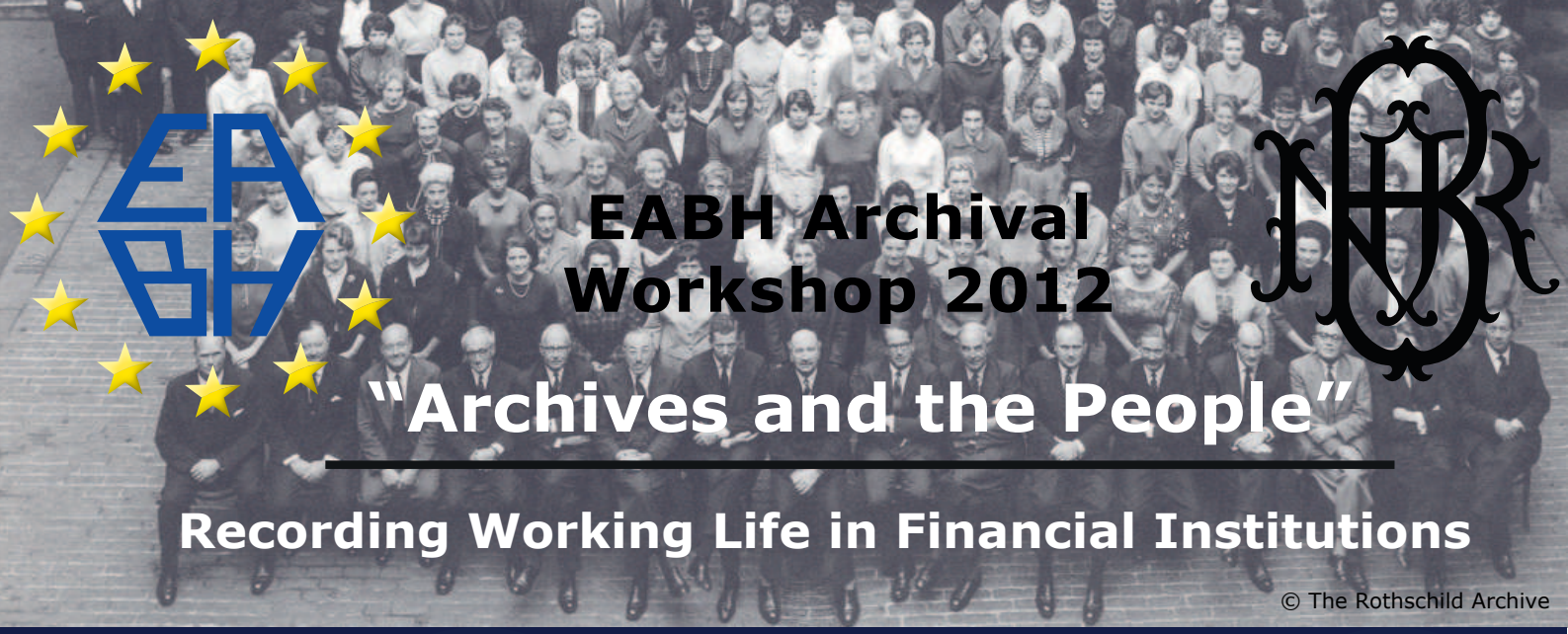

EABH Archival Workshop 2012

"Archives and the People"

Recording Working Life in Financial Institutions

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The *European Association for Banking and Financial History* (*EABH*) *e.V.* is calling for papers to be presented at the workshop:

"Archives and the People - Recording Working Life in Financial Institutions"
at the *National Bank of Romania* in Bucharest, Thursday, 7 June 2012

Banking history is often dominated by the study of strategy, economics, banking dynasties, and financial stars. The life of a bank is made up of more than this. It is the place of work and sometimes of the social life of hundreds, even thousands, of individuals whose experience is far removed from the headlines. It is the role of these individuals that we plan to explore in a workshop which will focus on the bank's staff: as creators of records, as subjects of study, and as recorders and interpreters of archives.

We look for papers that investigate how the records of bank staff can be used for wider social studies such as the history of trade unions and staff associations, social clubs, welfare provision, etc.

We welcome practical contributions in the form of case studies about the relationship of the bank's staff to the archives, such as oral history programmes, volunteer projects and staff education.

We will also consider contributions from those who have experience of work outside the banking and finance sector where they are germane to the theme.

The workshop's aim is to encourage creative thinking and debate among the participants. As such, the programme committee is especially interested in presentations that contain not only a theoretical aspect, but which in addition actively engage the audience in observation and discussion.

Archivists, historians, researchers, scholars, (archival) staff trainers interested in presenting a paper or outlining their field of work in relation to the topic, should send a titled abstract (of approximately 500 words) with contact data and a short CV (maximum of 5 lines) to **info@bankinghistory.de** by **Tuesday, 31 January 2012**.

The submitted papers will then be reviewed by the workshop committee consisting of:
- Melanie Aspey, *The Rothschild Archive*
- Jakub Kunert, Archives of *Czech National Bank*
- Roger Nougaret, *BNP Paribas*, Archives et Histoire Groupe

We are looking forward to your proposals.