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**Re: National Scientific Qualification (ASN – Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale) – Economic History**

Dear Professor Pierucci, dottor Corvaja and dottor Cerracchio,

We understand that the recent rules on the Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale state that in co-authored works the Selection Commission must check for “the individual contribution in the case of co-authored works.”

Following the letter of the editors of the history of economic thought and economic methodology journals JEM, HEI, HOPE, JHET, EJHET we would like to state that, in the field of economic history, the international journals we edit operate a similar editorial policy to that expressed in their letter.

In our journals the majority of articles are co-authored. We rarely publish statements that delineate the specific contribution of each author to the different sections of the paper. The norm is for authors simply to be listed alphabetically, unless there is some desire by the authors to assign more credit to one of their number. Alphabetical listing implies that the authors all made contributions of equivalent value.

We operate with such a convention because, unlike in some fields of physical science, papers in economic

history still typically have small numbers of co-authors, and it is the norm to only list as authors people who have contributed substantially, and in broadly equal measure, to the writing of the paper, the research design, and the data collection.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Broadberry, LSE, London. Co-Editor, *Economic History Review*.

Gregory Clark, University of California, Davis. Co-Editor, *European Review of Economic History*.

William Collins, Vanderbilt University, Nashville. Co-Editor, *Explorations in Economic History*.

Claude Diebolt, Université de Strasbourg. Editor, *Econometrica*.

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Paul Rhode, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Co-Editor, *Journal of Economic History*.

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