

Mastering Nature? Chemistry in History

The Oxford History of Chemistry Seminar 2010

Seminar jointly organized by the MFO, Oxford University, Oxford Brookes University, Society for the History of Alchemy & Chemistry.

Feb. 25th, New Researchers

- Georgette Taylor, *UCL*, Pedagogical progeniture or tactical translation? George Fordyce's additions and modifications to William Cullen's philosophical chemistry
- François Pepin, *Université Paris-Ouest*, "'Diderot and chemistry: a model of experimental philosophy'

March 11th, New Researchers

- Catherine Jackson, *UCL*, 'Chemistry as the defining science: training and discipline in 19th century chemical laboratories'
- Erik Langlinay, *EHSS, Paris*, 'Scales and spaces of the chemical industry in France, 1890-1930'

April 29th, Chemistry in the Low Countries in the 19th and 20th centuries

- Ernst Homburg, *University of Maastricht*, title tba,
- Brigitte van Tiggelen, *Catholic University of Louvain*, Reception and presentation of the Morris Award of the Society for the History of Alchemy and Chemistry to Professor Ray Stokes, University of Glasgow, for his work on the history of the German chemical industry.
- Professor Stokes will then give a lecture.

May 13th, Chemistry and pharmacy in the colonial world

- Floriane Blanc, *Université de Lyon*, 'The Dakar Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, part of a global plan?'
- Stuart Anderson, *London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine*, 'Setting the Standard: The British Pharmacopoeia as an instrument of imperialism, 1864-1932'

May 28th, Chemical adventures: the search for natural products

- Hal Cook, *Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine, UCL*, title tba
- Laurent Sorcelle, *journalist, Paris*, 'Science et conscience, richesse de l'âme' a discussion of his novel, *Le trésor de Los Mangos* on the search in Mexico by a young chemist for a rare periwinkle with therapeutic properties