

Oxford History of Chemistry Seminar

'Mastering Nature? Chemistry in History'

Programme, 2011

Feb. 9th, Wednesday, 3.00-5.00 **Forensic chemistry & medicine in 19th-century France & Britain**
Oxford Brookes University, Buckley Building, Gypsy Lane, Headington

Jose Ramon Bertomeu, *University of Barcelona*, "Sense and sensitivity: toxicology and normal arsenic in nineteenth-century France"

Cassie Watson, *Oxford Brookes University*, "Forensic medicine and chemistry in nineteenth-century Britain: theory and practice"

Feb. 23rd, Wednesday, 3.00-5.00 **New Researchers: apothecaries in early modern Europe**
History Faculty, George Street

Valentina Pugliano, *Oxford University*, "Between albarelli and vipers: the intellectual life of the sixteenth-century apothecary connoisseur"

Samir Boumediene, *Ecole Normale Supérieure, Lyon*, "Europeanizing American remedies: the preparation of drugs in apothecaries' back-shops in the 17th and 18th centuries"

March 2nd, Wednesday **The search for natural products in the 20th century**
Maison Française, Norham Road

A showing of the film "*L'if aux frontières de la vie/The yew, beneficial poison*," will be followed by a discussion with the director, Jean-Luc Bouvret. The film won 1st prize in the "Mutualités" section of ImagéSanté, at the 2010 International Health Film Festival, Liège.

March 9th, Wednesday, 3.00-5.00 **Physical chemists**
History Faculty, George Street

Bill Brock, *University of Leicester*, "The nine lives of Sir William Crookes"

Brigitte van Tiggelen, *Memosciences, Louvain*, "Walter and Ida Noddack-Tacke, a collaborative couple in chemistry"

May 28th, Saturday, 10.00-5.00 **Alchemy and chemistry: continuities and fractures**
Oxford Brookes University, Buckley Building, Gypsy Lane, Headington

Colloquium in conjunction with the University of Lille and the Department of the History and Philosophy of Science, Cambridge. Details to be announced.

ALL WELCOME

Further details, including maps & directions, can be found at
http://www.history.ox.ac.uk/hsmt/courses_reading/index.htm