

Sites of Chemistry in the 18th Century

3-5 July 2011

At the Maison Française d'Oxford

Sunday, July 3

18.00-20.00: Welcome. Reception at the Museum of the History of Science and registration

Monday, July 4

9.00-9.15: Registration

9.15-9.30: Introduction: Luc Borot, John Perkins

9.30-12.30: **Session 1 Metropolitan sites and contexts.** Chair: Antonio Belmar, Alicante

John Christie, Oxford: *Chemical London: chemical sites and the politicization of experimental space*

Lissa Roberts & Jeroen Bos, Twente: *Chemistry and colonialism in the port cities of Amsterdam and Batavia*

Simon Werrett, Seattle: *Green is the Colour: St. Petersburg's chemical laboratories and competing visions of chemistry in the eighteenth century*

John Perkins, Oxford: *Chemical Paris: laboratories and other sites, 1750-90*

13.30-15.45: **Session 2 Laboratories: spaces and practices.** Chair: Stephen Johnston, Oxford

Geert Vanpaemel, Louvain: *The Site of Ambiguity: the chemistry laboratory at Louvain University*

Christine Lehman, Paris: *Pierre Joseph Macquer's chemical sites: laboratories and instruments*

Marco Beretta, Florence: *Lavoisier's chemical laboratories: a preliminary survey*

Mary Bowden, Philadelphia: *Realizing Joseph Priestley's laboratory in Northumberland, Pennsylvania*

Jane Insley, London: *Chemistry in the Garret – James Watt's cookbook chemistry at Heathfield, Birmingham, 1790-1819*

16.00-18.00: **Session 3 Chemical sites, cultural spaces and contexts.** Chair: Ana Carneiro, Lisbon

Matthew Eddy, Durham: *Demonstrations, visualisations and conversations: the University of Edinburgh's sites of chemical instruction*

Rachel Dunn, Durham: *Chemistry in Dissenting Academies and Literary & Philosophical Societies*

Elena Serrano, Barcelona: *Making space, building networks: women's chemistry in late 18th-century Spain*

Corinna Guerra, Bari: *In case of eruption? Enjoy the natural laboratory of the Kingdom of Naples*

19:00-22:00: Conference dinner

Tuesday, July 5

9.00-12.00: **Session 4 Chemical sites and economic contexts I: the State and innovation.** Chair: Muriel Le Roux, Oxford

Hjalmar Fors, Stockholm: *Chemistry in the Swedish Bureau of Mines*

Peter Konecny, Regensburg: *Sites of chemistry in the Schemnitz Mining Academy and the Habsburg mining administration*

Ursula Klein, Berlin: *Chemical experiments on pigments in the laboratory of the Royal Prussian Porcelain Manufactory (1787-91)*

Patrice Bret, Paris: *Chemistry sites of the gunpowder manufacturing administration in eighteenth-century France*

13.00-15.15: **Session 5 Chemical sites and economic contexts II: private entrepreneurs, innovation & the state.** Chair: Jose Ramon Bertomeu, Valencia

Samir Boumediene, Lyon: *The apothecary's shop as a site for the practice of chemistry in the 18th century*

Emma Spary, Cambridge: *Food laboratories in 18th-century Paris*

Thomas Le Roux, Paris: *Places of chemistry and pollution, Paris and France, 1750-1800*

Marie Thébaud, Paris: *The workshop of ballooning: staging a culture of heat and gases in provincial towns in France at the end of the 18th century*

15.30-16.30: Round table on comparative perspectives and conclusion with Antonio Belmar, Stephen Johnston, Ana Carneiro, Muriel Le Roux, Jose Ramon Bertomeu

For further information on the conference: www.sitesofchemistry.org

Please register by emailing jperkins@brookes.ac.uk by June 30th and indicate if you would like to attend the conference dinner.

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