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Editorial

Firstly, our apologies for the lateness of this mailing caused by a number of factors including the Annual Conference and the Easter holidays. The conference, reported here, was great success.

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With this mailing you are receiving the March 2023 issue of our flagship international journal for the history of pharmacy.

Membership Subscription Renewals

Could all members please check that they have paid their 2023 membership renewal. An invoice was sent with the January mailing. Our Treasurer has contacted many of you about this with a reminder.

Annual General Meeting

Our 56th AGM was held on Sunday 2nd April at the Holiday Inn Oxford on the weekend of our Annual Conference. At this, the meeting, attended by 24 members, accepted the Society's Annual Report and Annual Accounts for 2022. They also ratified the four existing Trustees (Society Officers) and the other committee members.

Four proposals from the Honorary Treasurer were discussed and the meeting agreed these giving the Treasurer and the committee the go-ahead to investigate a new charity-based current account; to open a separate bank account for the Peter Homan fund; to withdraw from the Go Cardless direct debit system (and encourage members to take out their own direct debits with their banks); and finally, to investigate an investment account with a high rate of interest.

BSHP Online Lecture Series

We are pleased to note encouragingly large audiences for our online lecture series and hope that members are enjoying the talks. Our new 'Global histories of pharmacy' series explores pharmacy histories (in the broadest sense of the words) that might be unfamiliar to UK audiences and involves a mixture of both established and early career scholars.

The series will continue with the following contributions:

Monday 24th April 2023: "Shifting from medicine to botany: the hidden history of 16th century herbaria" by Dr Anastasia Stefanaki, Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/from-medicine-to-botany-the-hidden-history-of-16th-century-herbaria-tickets-506747002927

Monday 15th May 2023: "Synthesizing hope: 20th century drug discovery in South Africa" by Prof. Anne Pollock, Kings College London.

Monday 19th June 2023: "From plant to drug: The quest for an Indian Pharmacopoeia" by Dr. Nandini Bhattacharya, University of Houston, USA.

Date to be confirmed July 2023: "Medicines in Latin America" by Dr Pablo Gómez, University of Wisconsin, USA.

Each talk will be delivered using Zoom and booking will be done via the Eventbrite system as before. They are timed to start at 6.30pm and details will start to be released shortly and on our website.

Annual Conference 2023 - "Training, learning and education"

There were 31 participants overall including 22 BSHP members. Delegates had travelled from Portugal, Italy, France, Germany and the USA to join the event, perhaps our most international yet.

A pre-conference visit to the Oxford University Museum of Natural History and the adjacent Pitt-Rivers Museum was led by Chris Duffin. The 16 attendees discovered the pioneering geological work of Oxford don, William Buckland (1784-1856), learned how to classify dinosaurs and browsed through medical amulets, surgical instruments and items of materia medica from around the world.

Friday's dinner was followed by a talk by Stephen A. Harris (Druce Curator of Oxford University Herbaria) on 'George Claridge Druce'.

The following short papers were given on the Saturday morning:

- Chris Duffin *The Stag as a source of materia medica*
- Jelena Manojlovic *Adam Lonicerus's Kreuterbuch as functional cultural heritage*
- Manuela Marai *How to compound a remedy: Galen's method and instructions to combine multiple ingredients*
- Matteo Sartori *'Balsam de Chili' and Drimys winteri. Entangled Histories of British Pharmacy*
- Maria do Sameiro Barroso *Medicine and Magic in a recipe of Aspasia*
- Florian Eidam-Weber *Teaching at the Institute of the History of Pharmacy and Medicine at Phillips University Marburg, Germany – its past, present and future*

The Saturday afternoon visit was to the History of Science Museum where we were treated to a guided tour concentrating on Nobel laureates, different inventions designed to measure time, and a chance to view a range of medical and pharmaceutical items. Following the Saturday evening Briony and Matthew presented delegates with a range of pharmaceutical artifacts and challenged participants to identify what they were used for and exactly how they were utilised. Sunday's proceedings began with the Annual General Meeting. This was followed by these talks:

- Gabriel Lake Carter *'The Pharmacy Image': Advertising and the Business Education of Pharmacists, 1900-1975*
- Carolyn Collins *'The best morning tonic': Citrus aurantium from pharmacy jar to marmalade pot; looking at the therapeutic value of the Seville Orange*
- Manon Auffret *From medieval apothecaries to the Faculty of Pharmacy of Rennes: a short history of pharmaceutical education in Brittany*

Following a short break, Professor Roisin O'Hare gave the final lecture of the conference to mark the centenary of the Guild of Hospital Pharmacists - *Concocting lotions, prescribing potions and all kinds of crazy notions! Evolution of the practice of the hospital pharmacist from 1923 to 2023.*

It was wonderful to enjoy the company of members and non-members alike, and to be treated to a wide range of lecture topics from a suite of clearly accomplished international researchers at this very successful conference.

Joint BSHP/ISHN Conference at Rennes, Brittany

As mentioned in earlier editions of the Gazette, the BSHP and the International Society of Neurosciences (whose President is Manon Auffret) have planned to co-host a session at the 47th Annual Meeting of the ISHN in Rennes (Brittany, France) on July 4th – 8th, 2023. The deadline for receipt of Abstracts for talks and posters has now closed. It is hoped that at least one session in the conference will be dedicated to exploring the links between pharmacy and the history of the neurosciences.

Further information will be available on the ISHN website : <http://www.ishn.org>

Peter Homan Small Grant Scheme

Having recently launched this grant scheme in Peter's name, you can find full details and an application form on our website here: <http://www.bshp.org/awards/PeterHoman.asp>. The Grants Panel will meet in June and December each year, with the first deadline for applications being 31st May. We are pleased to report that the fund has received a generous donation from the beneficiaries of Peter's estate and that already we have had two applications for funding support.

New Members

We welcome the following into membership:

Maurice Hickey (North Berwick)	Jelena Manojlovic (Serbia)	Carlos Lemos (Lisbon)
Monica Barsever (California)	Amy Arden (Leicester)	Abigail Heath (London)
Matteo Sartori (Italy)	Julia Prakofyeva (Italy)	Janet Beith (Folkestone)
Keith Shawe (Bideford)		

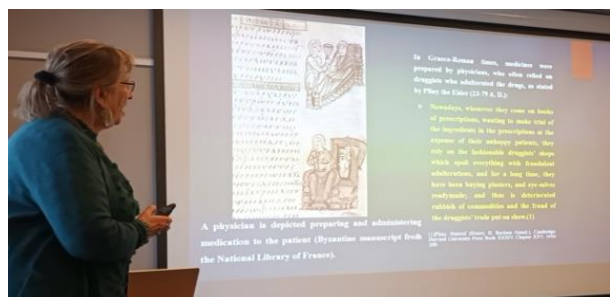
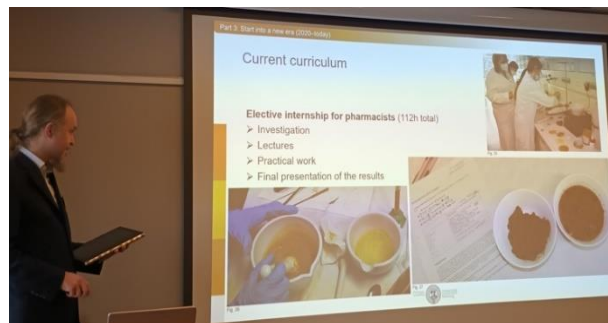
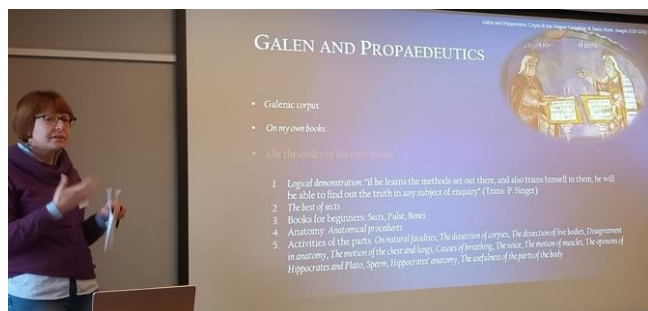
Conference images

Our conference began with a tour of the Oxford University Museum of Natural History & the Pitt Rivers Museum, led by BSHP President Chris Duffin.



Saturday morning speakers:

- Dr Chris Duffin,
- Manuela Marai,
- Florian Eidam-Weber,
- Maria do Sameiro Barroso
- Jelena Manojlovic (not pictured)
- and
- Matteo Sartori,



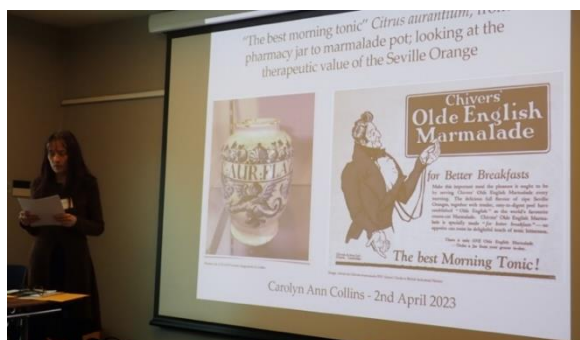
Guided tours of the History of Science Museum were arranged for the Saturday afternoon:



After dinner on Saturday (right), delegates enjoyed exploring and demonstrating historical pharmacy objects, courtesy of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society Museum and the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries.



Sunday's speakers: Gabriel Lake Carter, Carolyn Collins, Dr Manon Auffret, and Professor Roisin O'Hare:



British Society for the History of Medicine Congress 2023

The BSHM Congress will be held at Cardiff University on 13th – 16th September, 2023. Papers and posters will be presented on the following themes: Medicine in war and Conflict; Literature and Visual Art as Historical resources; Medicine in the Age of European Colonialism; general topics in the history of medicine. Keynote addresses will be given by Professor Andrew Hopper and Dr Ismini Pells, University of Oxford (*Military Care and Military Surgery during the British Civil Wars; The Civil War Petitions Project*), Lowri Jones and Sarah Backhouse of the Royal College of Physicians (*A Taste of one's own medicine: Medical Satire at the Royal College of Physicians*) and Dr Elise Smith of the University of Warwick (*Medical Research on the Edges of Empire: British Colonial Medicine in the 19th Century*). The BSHM website is now open for submission of Abstracts. For further details of the conference and registration to attend, please follow this link: [Congress 2023 - British Society for the History of Medicine \(bshh.org.uk\)](https://www.bshh.org.uk/congress-2023)

Society of Apothecaries - Faculty events

Details can be found on their website www.apothecaries.org/events/category/faculty-hp-events/

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