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A Seasonal Greeting from the President

Our Golden Anniversary year is drawing to an end and we can look back on a successful and eventful time: a most enjoyable Annual Conference, a visit to the historic pharmacy of John Bell and Croyden plus three fascinating lectures and an evening shared with the School of Pharmacy UCL at their Awards Ceremony. This month, just after we go to press, there is a repeat of the very well attended course 'History of Pharmacy and the Pharmaceutical Industry'.

The new style and now international *Pharmaceutical Historian* has been launched on-line and well received. A copy was included in the delegate packs at the International Congress for the History of Pharmacy in Warsaw.

Congratulations go to Briony Hudson on her election to the International Society for the History of Pharmacy – a prestigious award, well deserved for her contributions to pharmacy history (see later). Michelle Wake has been welcomed onto the BSHP Committee. Michelle is the Librarian at the School of Pharmacy, UCL, London.

My sincere thanks go to all the Members of the BSHP Committee who have contributed to the success of this special year.

Very Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year and I hope to see you at the Annual Conference in 2018.

Peter G Homan
President

A Note from the Editor

We have decided that for the time being we will continue to send paper copies of the Gazette with our mailings until such time as we have built up an email database for future mailings of it. However we have recorded the requests from those of you who wish to have paper copies once the email process is in place. The Gazette is now available on our new website. The next issue will be the one for March 2018. Again all comments, information or news items are welcomed.

BSHP Website

Our new website is finally now available with lots of new features at www.bsph.org. Well worth a visit.

Briony Hudson

As mentioned above Briony has recently been elected to the International Academy for the History of Pharmacy (see also next item). She has been quoted as saying "It's a massive honour as you have to be judged to have made an outstanding contribution to the history of pharmacy in your own country to be eligible."

Evening meetings :

Here are details of three of our recent events for your information and interest.



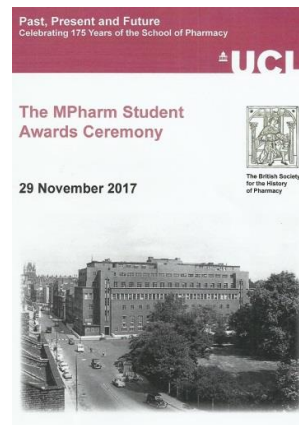
On Monday 9 October, at the UCL School of Pharmacy, Szu Wong gave us a very interesting talk on "Damien Hirst – the art patron and pharmacy". We learnt much about the reasons behind Hirst's interest in pharmacy.



That same evening Briony was presented with her certificate of membership and medal from the International Academy by Stuart Anderson, their past President.



On Wednesday 29 November our joint meeting with a School of Pharmacy was held this year with UCL. This incorporated their MPharm student awards ceremony, alumni reminiscences, and a talk by Briony on past student experiences. Above (top) we have Duncan Craig (Director) giving an introduction, Briony (below this) and on the right the cover of the programme which features the BSHP logo.



Charles Waterton and Walton Hall, Wakefield



The article by Dr Silvia Micheletti in the last issue of the *Pharmaceutical Historian* on curare and Charles Waterton's related experimental work brought back memories for many of the BSHP Conference held at Walton Hall, Wakefield in 2007.

George Harley, during a visit to Walton Hall, was given some samples of curare (an arrow poison) by Waterton to help him with his experiments on the treatment of tetanus. There is more information on this on page 53 of the September issue.

Burnby Memorial Bursary 2018

Entries for this year's bursary are now closed. We are pleased to say there has been a great response with 7 entries. The winner will be invited to present their paper on the Sunday morning of our conference.

Pharmaceutical Historian : An International Journal for the History of Pharmacy

With this mailing you will have received the latest printed copy of our journal (Volume 47 Number 4, December 2017). All the 2017 issues are now available online as open access pdfs through Ingenta Connect. You just need to use this link to register and then you can access them:

<http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/bshp/ph>

Once registered you can select which articles you wish to download.

Dates for your diary

Monday 5 February (5.30pm)	Evening meeting at the UCL School of Pharmacy : see page 4 of this Gazette for full details.
Thursday 15 February	Conference "From Past to Present – Natural Cosmetics Unwrapped", organised by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society along with the University of Oxford, the University of Glasgow, and Keele University. Call for abstracts of papers at present – closing date for these is 31 December.
Friday 6 April to Sunday 8 April 2018	The 2018 BSHP Annual Conference is being held next year at the Best Western Premier Yew Lodge Hotel, Kegworth, Derbyshire (near Nottingham) With a visit to the Boots Archive in Nottingham. Included with this mailing is an outline of the programme and a booking form.
Monday 21 May (5.30pm)	Evening meeting at UCL : Fiona Shannon (Trinity College, Dublin) – title to be decided, but talk is concerning Irish ethnobotany.
Monday 15 October (5.30pm)	Evening meeting at UCL : Dr Cherry Lewis (University of Bristol) – title to be decided, but talk is concerning James Parkinson of Parkinson's disease fame.

Membership Benefits

For many years one of the benefits of BSHP membership has been access to the Library of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society for reference and for personal research and study. Here's a reminder of what is available and how to access it:

- You should check in advance that the Library is open and that any items you may wish to peruse are available. All books and journals held there are available to view for reference only.
- The Library catalogue is available to BSHP members who visit for searching references to printed material held by the Library.
- Neither Library nor Museum staff are able to provide help with specific enquiries or to guide you with your private research.
- Photographs of printed material are not permitted.
- Electronic databases organised by the Library are only available for use by members of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

Please understand that above all BSHP membership must not be used as a means of by-passing RPS membership where their members, as pharmacists, can enjoy the full benefits of their Library or Museum services.

Membership Subscriptions 2018

We would really appreciate early renewal and payment of your 2018 membership subscriptions for which our annual notification is included with this mailing. If you pay by an established Standing Order then please ignore the invoice. Any queries please email honsec@bshp.org.

New members

We would like to give a warm welcome to the following new members :

- Gwawr Faulconbridge, Cardiff
- David Helm, Malvern
- Sonia Cutler, Barnet
- Richard Bell, Leicester
- Norma Irvine, Enfield
- Matthew Seal, Ashwellthorpe (Norfolk)

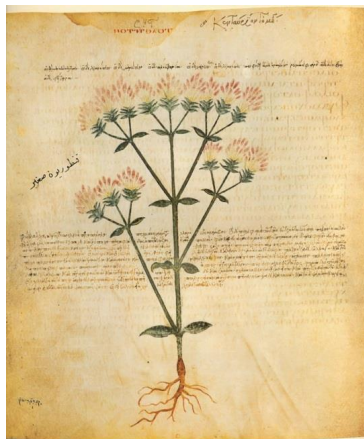
Also to these members who have re-joined us:

- Carol Lange, Leicester
- Kim Walker, London
- Barry Strickland-Hodge, Leeds

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Iris Worling has been given Honorary Membership of our Society.

Contacts

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Byzantine Pharmacology between East and West

Lecture by

Dr Petros Bouras-Vallianatos

Wellcome Trust Research Fellow,
King's College London

Monday 5 February 2018 at 5.30pm

MAPLETHORPE LECTURE THEATRE

UCL SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

29-39 BRUNSWICK SQUARE, LONDON WC1N 1AX

**Nearest Tube : Russell Square
Refreshments will be served from 5.00pm**

NON-MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
Questions? Contact Chris Duffin, BSHP Programme
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