

ESHS

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ii. Conferences and other events

Austria

3rd ESHS congress

At the 2nd international conference of the ESHS it was decided to hold the 3rd conference in Vienna. We can now invite you to Vienna where the Austrian Academy of Sciences will be the host of the conference.

Details will be found above in this newsletter, or on the homepage of the conference:
www.oeaw.ac.at/kgmmm/ESH3rdCongress/

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Belgium

Analogous Spaces: Architecture and the space of information, intellect and action
Ghent University, May 15 - 17 2008

The International Conference on Analogous Spaces interrogates the analogy between spaces in which knowledge is preserved, organized, transferred or activated. Although these spaces may differ in material, virtual, or operational ways, there are resemblances if one examines their 'structure,' 'form' and 'architecture'. How do these spaces co-exist and interrelate?

The conference will consider the following types of spaces:

- architecture and elements of the built environment (museums, libraries and archives, warehouses, ministries, administrative towns, world capitals, physical infrastructure, functionalist urbanism, etc.);
 - information storage and data processing (databases, information retrieval, data mining, conceptual maps, scholarly communication, search engines, etc.);
 - the architecture of "the book" (contents and layout of atlases, scientific and scholarly treatises, encyclopedias, guides, manuals, children's books etc.);
 - organizational schemes and diagrams (organigrams, functional diagrams, visual language, interfaces, artificial intelligence, taxonomies, classification systems, itineraries, etc.).
- Conference papers should examine analogical relationships between these types of spaces by investigating how they produce, accumulate, order, conserve, distribute, classify, and use knowledge.

Practical Information

- Conference language: English
- Conference venue: Ghent (Belgium)
- Publication: A selection of conference papers will be published
- Information: www.analogousspaces.com
- E-mail: analogousspaces@architectuur.ugent.be

Conference Committee >

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Bulgaria

First Annual Conference of the Bulgarian Society for the Chemistry Education and History and Philosophy of Chemistry

Varna, October 26-28 2008

The First Annual Conference of the Bulgarian Society for the Chemistry Education and History and Philosophy of Chemistry (CE&HPC), combined with a National Qualification Meeting of the Bulgarian teachers in Chemistry, will be held in Varna, "Frederick Joliot-Curie" Scientists' House, Seaside Resort 'St. Konstantin and Elena', near the city of Varna at Black Sea, October, 26th - October, 28th, 2006

Call for Papers: All the topics of the History and Philosophy of Chemistry could be presented; Topics for the Teachers' Conference: I. Electronic and WEB-Based Learning in Chemistry; II. The Application of Information and Communication Technologies in the Secondary School.

After peer-review of the papers presented, they will be published in Khimiya/Chemistry. Bulgarian Journal of Chemical Education ISSN 0861-9255 (Abstracting/Indexing: Chemical Abstracts, SCOPUS and Google Scholar), <http://khimiya.org> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/khimiya>

Registration Fee: EURO 35; for members of CE&HPC: EURO 29 (it should be paid during the registration on October, 26th, 2006; the Conference will be open at 3 PM).

N.B. The registration fee does not cover the accommodation expenses. For additional information and abstract presenting do not hesitate to Contact:

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France

Société Française d'Histoire des Sciences et des Techniques (SFHST) Congrès de Paris, 4, 5 et 6 septembre 2008

Présentation du Congrès

Les travaux en histoire des sciences et des techniques sont, en France, nombreux et de qualité. Les publications de livres, de revues et d'articles en témoignent largement, de même que les multiples colloques et journées d'étude qui y sont consacrés. Cette activité importante, dont la valeur est reconnue sur le plan international, est notamment rendue possible par l'existence de plusieurs équipes de recherche, dans plusieurs universités, au

CNRS, à l'EHESS, au CNAM, ou associées à de grands établissements et autres instituts de recherche. Des institutions comme le Palais de la découverte, la Cité des sciences et de l'industrie de La Villette, le Museum d'Histoire naturelle, mais aussi certains centres régionaux pour la promotion de la culture scientifique et technique, comme l'Espace Mendès France à Poitiers, auquel notre Société est associée étroitement, contribuent activement à maintenir cette vitalité. La pratique de l'histoire des sciences et des techniques est extrêmement variée et rassemble des scientifiques, des historiens, des philosophes, des sociologues. Les champs couverts sont eux aussi très diversifiés, tout comme les approches et les méthodes employées. Ces distinctions ne font pourtant pas obstacle à l'existence d'une communauté qui se reconnaît comme telle et qui s'est dotée d'institutions et d'associations qui ont pour but de dynamiser et de valoriser ses activités. Les membres du Conseil d'Administration de la SFHST ont considéré qu'il fallait aussi organiser périodiquement des congrès qui seraient l'occasion de faire le point sur l'ensemble des activités et des travaux les plus récents, qu'il s'agisse d'enseignement, de recherche ou de publication. C'est en effet une mission essentielle de la SFHST que de donner à la totalité de la communauté française des historiens des sciences et des techniques l'occasion de se rassembler pour faire le point sur l'état des recherches dans les divers domaines, sur leurs relations avec les équipes et chercheurs étrangers, notamment en Europe, et sur la situation institutionnelle de l'histoire des sciences dans l'enseignement du second degré, la formation des maîtres et les universités. Un premier congrès, organisé en mai 2001 à l'université de Lille 3, avec le soutien de l'UMR « Savoirs et textes » (CNRS, université de Lille 3, université de Lille 1) a réuni près de 300 participants. Le précédent Congrès, en 2004, s'est déroulé à Poitiers (Espace Mendès-France, Université de Poitiers, Région Poitou-Charentes). Il a dépassé l'audience du premier Congrès, montrant l'intérêt et l'attente suscités par l'organisation d'une manifestation scientifique qui rendrait compte de la diversité des travaux dans notre domaine. En 2008, le 3e Congrès de la SFHST se tiendra à Paris, en partenariat avec différentes institutions qui œuvrent pour la structuration du champ de l'histoire des sciences et des techniques (ainsi l'EHESS et l'ENS).

La SFHST souhaite que soit mise en avant, tout particulièrement, la scène scientifique que représente Paris. A travers deux sessions consacrées à la Capitale ("Paris, capitale savante" et "La biologie parisienne à la fin du XIXe siècle"), mais aussi par l'organisation, tout au long des trois journées, de séances de présentations d'institutions, de bibliothèques aux fonds anciens, le Congrès de Paris doit pouvoir constituer un moment de convergence destiné à faire connaître les ressources de la capitale dans le domaine de l'histoire des sciences et des techniques. Les thématiques retenues afin d'illustrer la diversité des champs d'études de notre communauté ont été volontairement tournées vers la pluridisciplinarité. Privilégiant des thèmes transversaux dans lesquels se rencontrent différentes approches méthodologiques, la SFHST a désiré montrer in concreto la richesse qu'apporte au discours sur les sciences l'existence de plusieurs registres et styles différents se rapportant à des objets communs. Ainsi les sessions 'science et art', et 'science et marine' combinent-elles des études relevant de toutes les sensibilités de l'histoire des sciences et des techniques. La part des sessions consacrées à la question biologique, il faut le noter, est le reflet d'une dynamique réelle qui s'est créée, ces dernières années, dans le domaine de l'histoire et de la philosophie des sciences autour de ces questions. L'histoire des sciences et des techniques place les chercheurs face à la nécessité de penser des problèmes qui, pour être historiques, n'en demeurent pas moins liés à des préoccupations contemporaines. S'interroger sur le "système-Terre", comme le fait une des sessions prévues dans le Congrès, revient à établir dans l'histoire des repères qui sont, pour le monde contemporain et ses questionnements environnementaux, des indices fort utiles. Il n'est d'ailleurs pas indifférent que ces thèmes de recherche aient pris, depuis le dernier Congrès, une importance croissante non seulement dans le champ des recherches en histoire des sciences et des techniques, mais aussi, de manière plus évidente pour le grand public, dans la société elle-même. C'est bien de cette manière que peut se comprendre le lien, qui pourrait sembler fort ténu, entre les préoccupations des chercheurs et celles qui relèvent de la recherche du bien public. Le programme élaboré pour le Congrès de Paris reflète, autant que faire se peut, et sans désir particulier d'exhaustivité, un certain état de la recherche française et internationale en histoire des sciences. En ce sens, le déroulement

de cette manifestation doit s'accomplir en bonne harmonie et, nous l'espérons, avec le soutien des grands organismes d'Etat. Il n'y a pas d'autre occasion, en France, d'accueillir et de faire dialoguer, à si grande échelle, tant de chercheurs reconnus dans leur discipline propre. Disséminés dans des instituts, des universités ou des laboratoires du CNRS, les chercheurs en histoire des sciences et des techniques n'ont que peu d'occasions de rencontrer et d'entendre des chercheurs qui ne travaillent pas exactement dans leur domaine. Cette fonction de rassemblement est l'une de celles qui sont apparues comme les plus appréciées par les participants des deux précédents Congrès. Le Congrès de Paris réunit dans son organisation même des chercheurs de la plupart des Unités de recherche qui, en France, ont pour axe de recherche la question de l'histoire des sciences et de ses transformations. Le Congrès de Paris sera par ailleurs l'occasion de renouer avec un double partenariat associant d'autres sociétés savantes : la SFHSH et la SHESVIE qui présenteront toutes deux une session.

Comité d'organisation

For more information: <http://www.sfhst.org/>

**Centre d'histoire des techniques et l'environnement (CDHTE),
Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers, Congress, 16th July 2008**

Ce premier congrès est organisé par le CDHTE et l'Ecole d'Architecture de Paris-Malaquais qui aura lieu du 19 au 21 juin 2008. Cette initiative se veut complémentaire des World Congress of Construction History anglophone de Madrid (2002) et Cambridge (2006). Plus de 130 communications vont être exposées, une vingtaine de nations francophones ou non sont présentes.

For more information: http://cdhte.cnam.fr/1184681217148/0/fiche___actualite/

Augustin Cournot Doctoral Days (ACDD) 5th edition

Strasbourg, France, 2 - 4 April 2008

The PhD students of the Augustin Cournot Doctoral School are pleased to announce the upcoming fifth edition of the ACDD to be held from the 2nd to 4th April 2008 at the Université Louis Pasteur in Strasbourg, France. This interdisciplinary conference provides a stimulating environment in which international PhD students and young researchers can exchange their ideas with experienced researchers.

Invited Keynote speaker: Bruno Latour, Professor and Research Vice-President at Sciences Politiques, Paris.

Science & Technology Studies sessions of the conference will focus on history, sociology or economy of science, as well as other social studies of science and technology. Papers on the following themes will be particularly welcomed:

- Science and Society interactions
- Social responsibility
- Risk and regulation
- Health and environment

But, sessions will not be limited to these topics.

MEETING ORGANIZATION:

Accepted papers will be presented in parallel sessions focusing on each domain. The format is a 20 minutes presentation followed by 10 minutes of questions and discussion. Plenary sessions are scheduled during the three days with the participation of senior researchers.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:

Interested PhD students are expected to submit an extended abstract in English (2 pages minimum which describe very briefly the existing state of art, explain the research gap that you are trying to fill, give the main theoretical and methodological point, present results and the five

main references work; three keywords) in electronic form to the following address: doctoraldays@cournot.u-strasbg.fr

Submission should include the author's name, affiliation, address, phone number, and email.

FEES:

60 euros. This covers registration, noon and evening meals.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Deadline for submission: 1 February 2008

Acceptance notification: 1 March 2008

Registration deadline: 15 March 2008

Communication of the full paper (for publication on the ACDD website): 15 March 2008.

For further information on the conference format and program details, please refer to: <http://cournot.u-strasbg.fr/acdd>

E-mail: doctoraldays@cournot.u-strasbg.fr

We look forward to seeing you in Strasbourg,
The organizing committee.

HISTELCON 2008 IEEE History of Electrotechnology Conference

Paris, 11 - 12 September 2008

The Conference - The IEEE 2008 History Conference intends to build a comprehensive view of the history of electrical and information technologies, through professional papers, each of which investigates some formative development in the last centuries. The developments may include the opening of a new area of application, the invention of a major technique or the gradual replacement of one dominant technique by another. An important feature of this conference is the participation of people with different backgrounds - engineers, historians, museum curators - that should make discussions particularly fruitful. Visits to Museums will also stimulate exchange of ideas.

For more information: www.iee.org/oncomms/pn/history/Histelcon_Conference2008.pdf

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Sciences, savoirs et société au siècle des lumières: Lieux, Acteurs, Pratiques (1670-1820) (Paris) Seminar Calendar

Séminaire de Master. - Année 2007-2008.- Calendrier et programme

- 1.- (12.10.2007) - "Sciences et Lumières : définitions, approches, problématiques."
- 2.- (26.10.07) - "Savoirs et sociabilité : la science au salon ? Un débat historiographique."
- 3.- (02.11.07) - "Plus Ultra : L'Amérique et le changement des notions européennes du temps et de l'espace . Réflexions sur la 'longue durée'." (avec Anthony PAGDEN, UCLA). NB. changement de date et d'horaire (15-17h).
- 4.- (09.11.07) - "L'Académie royale des sciences et la connaissance du

monde : expéditions savantes et réseaux de correspondants" (avec Patrice BRET, CRHST-CAK-DGA) - NB. Séance aux archives de l'Académie des sciences, 14-17 h, 23 quai Conti, 6e.

5.- (23.11.07) - "Le fait, l'expérience et le récit : les débuts de la science expérimentale et la question de la preuve (mi-17e siècle - fin 18e siècle)."

6.- Atelier en bibliothèque : lieu, date et horaire à préciser

7.- (21.12.07)- "Comment étudier l'histoire naturelle ?" (avec Thierry HOQUET, Université Paris 10).

8.- (25.01.2008)- "Les périodiques savants au 18e siècle : formes éditoriales, circulations et dynamique des savoirs" (avec Jeanne PEIFFER, Cnrs-Centre A Koyré).

9.- (08.02.08) - "Ingénieurs du passé : archéologie et terrain dans l'Empire espagnol de la seconde moitié du 18e siècle" (AVEC Irina PODGORNYY, Musée de La Plata/Université de La Plata/Conicet).

10.- (22.02.08) - "Cultures de l'expérience : l'électricité au siècle des Lumières, des amateurs aux Leçons de l'École normale" (avec Christine Blondel, CNRS-CRHST).

11.- (07.03.08) - "La société française face au temps et au climat, des Lumières tardives à la Monarchie de juillet : perspectives de recherche" (avec Fabien LOCHER, CNRS).

12.- (21.03.08) - "Les cours de chimie à Paris au siècle des Lumières" (avec Bernadette BENSAUDE-VINCENT ET Christine LEHMAN, U. Paris 10).

13.- (04.04.08) - Séance au Conservatoire national des arts et métiers (programme et horaire à préciser).

Université Paris 7-Denis Diderot, UFR GHSS, Esplanade des Olympiades, Tour Montréal,

105 r. de Tolbiac, Paris 13e (salle 182) - Horaires: vendredi 16h-18h (annuel, par quinzaine)

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Germany

Living Properties: Making Knowledge and Controlling Ownership in the History of Biology

Donnerstag, 29. Mai - Samstag, 31. Mai 2008

Max Planck Institute for the History of Science

Boltzmannstr. 22, 14195 Berlin-Dahlem (Nähe U-Bhf Thielplatz - Linie U3)

Workshop

Organized by Jean-Paul Gaudillière (INSERM, Paris), Daniel Kevles (Yale University, New Haven), Hans-Jörg Rheinberger (MPIWG, Berlin). See:

<http://www.mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de/workshops/en/livingproperties.html>

Greece

The Eighth Annual International Gatherings in Biosemiotics

Syros, Greece, 23-28 June, 2008

Location: University of the Aegean on the island of Syros in Greece.

The Conference Organizing Committee welcomes paper proposals from theorists and researchers in any academic discipline who are investigating the existence of signs and codes in living systems as well as their role in the origin and evolution of life. Biologists, philosophers and researchers from both the natural sciences and the social sciences are invited to contribute to this interdisciplinary event.

To submit a proposal, interested parties should e-mail to the address below: (1) an abstract of between 250-500 words; and (2) an extremely abbreviated one-page CV. The deadline for submittals is 31 January, 2008 and early submissions are highly encouraged. These proposals should be sent to:

E-mail: 2008abs@biosemiotics.org

The Eighth Annual Gatherings in Biosemiotics is being held under the auspices of the International Society for Biosemiotic Studies, in cooperation with Dr. John Darzentas and Arnellos Argyris of the University of the Aegean. More details regarding this conference can be found at www.biosemiotics.org

Italy

Vedere la Scienza Festival: Festival Internazionale del Video, del Film e del Documentario Scientifico
Milan, 31 March - 6 April 2008

The aim of the Festival is to present the best worldwide production of scientific films and documentaries, short and promotional videos. A special attention is devoted to scientific videos developed by public or private science museums, science centres, scientific institutes, research centres: a category of the competition is dedicated to them. The Festival is organised by the Institute of Physics of the University of Milan, together with the Province of Milan and the National Film Library.

Dead-line for submitting entries is the 14th January 2008. The regulations and call for entries can be downloaded (both .pdf and .doc) at the website www.brera.unimi.it. Requests for more information can be addressed to vederelascienza@unimi.it.

15th International Conference on the Origin of Life
Florence, August 24 - 29 2008

The International Society for the Study of the Origin of Life (ISSOL), cordially invites all those interested in the scientific aspects of the origin of life and related issues to attend the 15th International Conference on the Origin of Life. The conference is scheduled to take place in Florence, Italy, 24-29 August, 2008. Because of the multidisciplinary character of the study of the origin and early evolution of life, the aim of the conference is to discuss and integrate recent discoveries in various scientific fields. Examples of relevant fields include: exo/astrobiology, including interstellar chemistry; comparative planetology; Precambrian paleobiology; chemical evolution and prebiotic chemistry; microbial evolution; genomics; extremophiles; the search for life in the Solar System, as well as historical and educational aspects related to the origin of life. Your participation and contributions are most welcome.

The organizers are sure you will enjoy your stay in the city of Florence, the cradle of the Renaissance, and are confident that both the scientific and the social programs will ensure a happy and productive academic exchange. The First Circular including the registration form and the corresponding deadlines is planned for the end of 2006. Information of the venue of the meeting is available at: <http://www.dbag.unifi.it/issol2008> For further information please contact: Professor Enzo Gallori, Department of Animal Biology and Genetics, University of Florence, Italy, enzo.gallori@unifi.it. Professor Renato Fani, Department of Animal Biology and Genetics, University of Florence, Italy, renato.fani@unifi.it.

Further Information:

* <http://www.dbag.unifi.it/issol2008>

Netherlands

The invention of the Dutch telescope. Its origin and impact on science, culture and society, 1550-1650

Symposium held at the Roosevelt Academy Middelburg,
(International Honors College of Utrecht University),
Thursday 25 - Saturday 27 September 2008
in Middelburg, The Netherlands

Organized in cooperation with the Huygens Institute for the History of Literature, Science and Scholarship of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, The Hague

In September 2008 it will be exactly 400 years ago that the Dutch spectacle maker Hans Lipperhey travelled from Middelburg, the capital of the Province of Zeeland, to The Hague, the seat of the States General, then the governing body of the Dutch Republic, to apply for a patent for 'a certain instrument for seeing far'. Lipperhey's application is the oldest known record anywhere in the world of an actual and usable telescope, an instrument that has changed the world in many respects: both the telescope and the microscope (an instrument developed directly from the telescope) have been of vital importance for military, navigational and scientific use.

During his stay in The Hague the spectacle maker demonstrated the telescope to the Stadholder, Prince Maurits of Orange, and several other court officials and diplomats, who had gathered in this city for a peace conference. In this diplomatic context the vital importance of the telescope was grasped immediately. The news of the new strategic 'spyglass' spread throughout Europe like wildfire. As a result, Lipperhey was ordered to produce several telescopes. A patent was, however, not granted, as Lipperhey's invention was disputed, for instance by his fellow-citizen Sacharias Jansen and by Jacob Metius of Alkmaar. However, within less than six months after Lipperhey's demonstration in The Hague, the telescope was in the possession of the most important European authorities: at least one telescope was owned by the States General; another was held by their commander-in-chief; a third and a fourth had been sent to the French King and his prime minister; another instrument was in the hands of the governor of the Spanish Netherlands, and even the Pope in Rome had received a telescope, a gift from one of the Vatican diplomats.

The significance of the instrument increased further when, starting in 1609, Galileo Galilei used more powerful telescopes of 'Dutch design' in Italy for his astronomical discoveries. Of these the satellites of Jupiter are the most famous. Now the telescope also had become a major tool for astronomy.

In 2008 The Netherlands will celebrate this landmark in the history of Western culture with a number of activities, one of these will be the symposium held in Middelburg, the cradle of the Dutch telescope: an instrument with a convex objective lens and a concave eyeglass.

In the Middelburg symposium several internationally renowned historians of science, cultural and intellectual historians, historians of literature,

archaeologists and other scholars in the field of historic scientific instruments will reflect on the historic importance of the instrument in the first years of its existence.

Recent insights in the prehistory of the telescope and the production and distribution of glass technology will allow this interdisciplinary group of scholars to shed new light on the cultural, technical, and scientific circumstances that led to the construction of the instrument. Speakers will place the invention of the telescope within the economic, political, and religious contexts of the emerging Dutch Republic, Middelburg and the Province of Zeeland to respond to the question of why it took place in Middelburg in September 1608. Recent finds of early 17th-century telescopes will contribute to our understanding of the enormous impact of the Dutch telescope in science, culture and society, from its use for navigational purposes on VOC ships, its attractiveness as an object worthy of mercantile and princely collections, its metaphorical use in early modern literature to its revolutionary impact in optics, astronomy and cosmology.

Invited speakers

- Klaas van Berkel (Groningen University)
- Mario Biagioli (Harvard University)
- Marvin Bolt (Adler Planetarium, Chicago)
- Daniëlle Caluwé (Free University Brussels)
- Floris Cohen (Utrecht University)
- Sven Dupré (Ghent University)
- Rob van Gent (Utrecht University)
- Albert van Helden (Emeritus Utrecht University & Rice University)
- Vincent Ilardi (University of Massachusetts)
- Michael Korey (Mathematisch-Physikalischer Salon, Dresden)
- Antoni Malet (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona)
- Jan Parmentier (Ghent University)
- Eileen Reeves (Princeton University)
- Mark Smith (University of Missouri)
- Katrien Vanagt (Twente University)
- Rienk Vermij (University of Oklahoma).
- Rolf Willach (Independent Scholar, Switzerland)

Organizing Committee

- Albert van Helden, Albert Clement, Sven Dupré, Peter Louwman, Rob van Gent, Huib Zuidervaart

Potential participants can subscribe to the conference through the website www.roac.nl of the Roosevelt Academy in Middelburg, Zeeland.

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For hotel information in Middelburg, see: www.hotels.nl/nl/Middelburg

HQ2 Second International Conference on the History of Quantum Physics

After a successful HQ1 meeting in Berlin in 2007, the second conference on the history of quantum physics will take place at the Institute for History and Foundations of Science of Utrecht University on July 14-17, 2008. The subject of the meeting will be the history of quantum mechanics in its broadest sense, with possible topics ranging from the emergence of the old quantum theory to historical perspectives on recent developments. The organizing committee invites contributions that discuss the history of quantum mechanics from various viewpoints, including (but not limited to) the conceptual and mathematical development of quantum physics, its experimental practice, and its institutional, philosophical and cultural context.

Papers to be presented at the conference will be selected on the basis of an (extended) abstract. Prospective contributors are invited to submit an abstract of their presentation (30 min.) to Hanneke Janssen at info-hq2@science.uu.nl. Submission deadline has been extended to March 1, 2008.

Conference website: www.phys.uu.nl/HQ2

Portugal

Annual Conference of the Society for the History of Technology

Lisbon, October 11-14 2008

The Society for the History of Technology will hold its annual meeting in Lisbon, October 11-14, to continue the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Society. The theme of last year's conference was 'SHOT@50: Looking Back.' This year's will be 'SHOT@50: Looking Beyond.' To that end, the Program Committee seeks papers or sessions for the 2008 meeting that concern the history of technology as it may or ought to be practiced in the future. Papers or sessions devoted to the question of how we shall write the history of technology in the future are particularly encouraged. To serve the purpose of 'Looking Beyond' the Committee also appreciates papers or panels reaching out beyond SHOT's current disciplinary boundaries. The Committee will also consider papers of high quality on any aspect of the history of technology, broadly defined. The Committee welcomes proposals for individual papers or sessions, as well as works-in-progress from researchers of all stripes (including graduate students, chaired professors, and independent scholars). It welcomes proposals from those new to SHOT, regardless of discipline. The committee will also consider alternative venues for presenting one's scholarship, such as poster sessions, short (8-minute) quick sessions, author-meets-critics panels, discussion of pre-circulated papers, and others.

The deadline for submission is March 14, 2008.

Proposals for individual papers must include:

- 1) a one-page abstract (maximum 600 words)
- 2) a one-page curriculum vitae, including current postal and e-mail addresses

Proposals for complete sessions must include:

- 1) a description of the session that explains how individual papers contribute to an overall theme.
- 2) the names and paper titles of the presenters
- 3) for each presenter, a one-page summary (maximum 600 words) of the paper's topic, argument(s), and evidence used

4) for the commentator, chair, and each presenter: one-page c.v., with postal and e-mail addresses

Please indicate if a proposal is sponsored by one of SHOT's special interest groups.

Submission Instructions

- 1) Materials should be sent as a single text attachment to an e-mail message to the Program Committee Chair, Martina Hessler, at: shot@em.uni-frankfurt.de
- 2) Proposals for complete sessions as well as individual papers shall be submitted in one file.
- 3) Please adhere to the 600-word limit for each paper. Use no unusual fonts or special formatting, and save your attachment either as a Microsoft Word document (.doc) or as a Rich Text Format (.rtf) file. Nearly all word processing programs, including those used on the Macintosh, can save text in the Rich Text Format. Do not use Adobe Acrobat (pdf).
- 4) Name your attachment with your last name and the word 'proposal', e.g. 'Smith_proposal.doc'.
- 5) A session organizer should also deliver a description of the overall session. If you are organizing a session and proposing a paper in that session, you will be delivering both an abstract and proposal, plus your c.v.
- 6) If you are proposing a non-traditional session you may indicate that in the abstract. These also require a curriculum vitae.

Russia

SCAR/IASC International Polar Year (IPY) Open Science Conference
St Petersburg, Russia
8-11 July 2008

SCAR and its Arctic counterpart IASC (International Arctic Science Committee) have now issued the plan of sessions for the joint SCAR/IASC IPY Open Science Conference that will take place in St Petersburg, Russia, on 8-11 July 2008. Natural and social scientists will present work under a series of session headings that address the themes of the International Polar Year.

For information on the sessions see the First Circular at <http://www.scar.org/>; further details are available from the conference web site at <http://www.scar-iasc-ipy2008.org>, where information regarding registration, accommodation and visas will soon be posted.

Please spread the word among your colleagues and students. St Petersburg is a well known tourist destination, so it is advisable to book a place early to avoid disappointment.

United Kingdom

Connecting Disciplines
Sixth Joint Meeting of the BSHS, CSHPS, and HSS
Friday 4 - Sunday 6 July 2008, Keble College, Oxford

The sixth joint meeting of the British Society for the History of Science, the Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, and the History of Science Society will take place in Oxford, UK, on 4-6 July 2008. Previous successful meetings were in Halifax, Nova Scotia (2004), St Louis (2000), Edinburgh (1996), Toronto (1992), and Manchester (1988).

The theme of the meeting will be Connecting Disciplines. The Programme Committee seeks papers or sessions that reflect this broad theme and encourages participants to respond to the diverse meanings it has for historians of science, technology and medicine and their colleagues in the wider scholarly community.

The Programme Committee welcomes proposals for sessions or individual papers from researchers of all nationalities at all stages of their careers. Participation is in no way limited to members of the three organising societies.

Session proposals should normally consist of three or four papers, with or without a commentator. Sessions will be 90 minutes to 2 hours long. If you wish to depart from this rule or wish to submit a session of a different type (eg. round-table) please discuss this with us in advance of the Call for Papers deadline. Please consult our Guidelines for Themed Panel Organisers for further details on how to submit your session proposal.

Proposals for individual papers should include an abstract of no more than 250 words with no footnotes and comprehensible to a non-specialist audience. For more information, please see our Guidelines for the Submission of Individual Abstracts

The deadline for submitting a session or abstract is 3 December 2007.

The conference will take place at Keble College, one of the largest Oxford colleges. Accommodation will be available within the college in high quality rooms with en-suite facilities and an inclusive conference package will be available. Further information about the facilities at Keble is available [here](#).

The programme will include parallel themed sessions, plenary lectures, education and outreach activities, a reception at the Museum of the History of Science and a conference dinner in the impressive surroundings of Keble College.

Enquiries concerning this conference should be directed to 3socs2008@bshs.org.uk

Intending participants should also note that the usual HSS rules concerning presenting at successive conferences do not apply to this meeting.

Third Annual Science and the Public Conference

Call For Papers: Third Annual "Science and the Public Conference,
University of Manchester, 21 and 22 June, 2008

The past twenty years of scholarly study have demonstrated that science communication is a much more complex process than merely publishing in scientific journals and attending scientific meetings. Today the sciences are linked to society through many different channels of communication. The public interfaces with science during controversies that involve scientists as well as journalists, politicians and the citizenry as a whole. This intersection of science and the public raises many questions about the motivations of, and constraints on, actors involved in producing information about science for non-professional audiences. It also raises some fascinating questions about the nature, contexts and goals of the public communication of science from both a contemporary and historic perspective.

This conference aims to bring together the wide ranging strands of academia that consider science as it intersects with non-scientific cultures.

Possible topics may include:

- * Patients and publics in health services
- * Notions of expertise in the public
- * Public science and science policy
- * Technological development and the public
- * Science communication theory in practice
- * News and entertainment media
- * Science on the internet
- * Science, technology and medicine in museums
- * Public interest and 'the public interest'

We would particularly like to encourage those taking a critical approach to studying the public communication of technology and/or medicine to submit abstracts. The conference organizers also encourage full panel submissions and roundtable sessions on all topics related to the social, cultural, political, and ethical issues surrounding science & the public.

Panel proposals should include a panel abstract and individual abstracts for each of the papers on the panel as well as contact information (name, affiliation, email) of the presider (moderator) and all panel members. Individual paper proposals for a 20-minute presentation should submit an abstract (no longer than 300 words). Roundtable proposals should be a single abstract with names and contact information for all presenters.

All submissions should be emailed to scienceandpublic@googlemail.com by 14 March 2008. Please send enquires to this address as well.

USA

5th Environmental Writers' Conference in honor of Rachel Carson Maine, June 10 - 13 2008

The 2008 Conference will feature presentations by featured speakers, scholarly and creative sessions at which selected participants will read from or present their work, workshops, and a variety of guided outdoor activities. Presentations at the event will be eligible for inclusion in the Archives at the Thoreau Library at Walden Woods. For further information, please visit the website.

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Announcements

Notes & Records of The Royal Society

From March 2008, *Notes and Records* will have a new editor:
Professor Robert Fox, History of Science, Technology and Medicine, University of Oxford

As you know, Professor Fox was until recently President of the ESHS and is currently Vice-President of the Society.

Notes and Records publishes original research in the area of history of science, technology and medicine, up to and including the 20th century. Published by The Royal Society, its aim is to promote scholarship and encourage research into the history of science. It reports on the most current research and archival activities in the field of history and philosophy of science, and we invite your article submissions, on a wide range of analytical themes.

While continuing to welcome biography-related articles and those with a connection with the Royal Society, under its new editor, the journal is also seeking articles not relating to the Royal Society and its Fellowship.

From March 2008 *Notes and Records* will publish 4 times a year - in March, June, September and December. Themed issues appear on a regular basis; the March 2008 issue will be on 'Technicians'.

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An STS study on gender and radioactivity in Vienna

Maria Rentetzi of National Technical University of Athens, Greece, has a new book entitled *Trafficking Materials and Gendered Experimental Practices: Radium Research in Early 20th Century Vienna*, recently published by Columbia University Press. It is based on his dissertation which was awarded the Gutenberg e-prize by the America Historical Association in 2003. It is available on line on <http://www.gutenberg-e.org> and is freely accessible.

A short first review states the following: "Trafficking Materials and Gendered Experimental Practices: Radium Research in Early 20th Century Vienna is "a complex, creative, and fascinating study" of women in Vienna working as independent researchers. She includes documentary research, material culture and built environment analysis, and oral histories to examine the culture of women in the unique positions of radioactivity researchers during the early twentieth century."

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