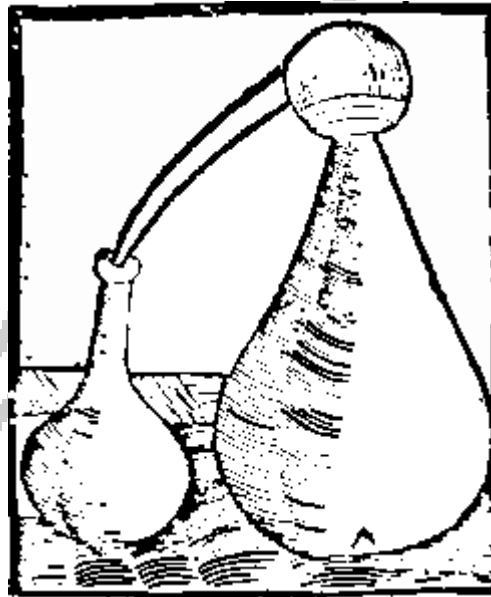




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CHYMIA

SCIENCE AND NATURE IN EARLY MODERN
EUROPE (1450-1750)

International Conference
El Escorial (Madrid), September-2008

Announcement

A church for God. A monastery for the order Jeronymite. A palace for the king. A tomb for the Royal Spanish dynasty, and a temple for science. Everything that, and much more, Philip II planned for the monument that should have perpetuated his glory for centuries, San Lorenzo de El Escorial. The last one is precisely the one that less recognition has received for part of scholars and historians of all times. Specially highlighted the chemical practice, developed at the drugstore and the laboratory of distillation founded by the King in the seventies of the century is XVI.

The monastery/palace of El Escorial will serve as a backdrop and co-host of this international conference on science and nature in Early Modern Europe. The conference seeks to bring together Spanish and international scholars of science to discuss several topics concerning the role of Alchemy from some recent points of view.

Provisional Program

FIRST DAY

Sunday September 7, 2008

Morning:

Check-in

Accommodations are available at the residential facility of the Maria Cristina Royal University Centre (RCU) adjacent to the monastery/palace of El Escorial. These are modern, comfortable rooms with private bath. Please visit <http://www.rcumariacristina.com> to see images of the facility.

Afternoon:

Opening Acts of the Conference

13.00

Lunch in the RCU dining room

15.30

Pick-up documentation and complementary gifts (R.C.U. Hall)

- Written material on the Royal Crown and Spain's patrimony. (Courtesy of The Royal Crown.) **Not confirmed**
<http://www.patrimonionacional.es/en/home.htm>
- Book about the History of The Royal Monastery of El Escorial. (Courtesy of the Rector of the RCU)
- Tourism Guide. (Courtesy of the El Escorial City Hall, Culture Section.)
<http://www.sanlorenzodeelescorial.org/> **Not confirmed**
- Event Program

16.00

Inauguration (R.C.U. Aula Magna)

1. Words by a member of the Honorary Committee.
2. Welcoming address by Edelmiro Mateos Mateos, Head of the RCU.
3. **Opening Conference:** Dra. Mar Rey Bueno (Madrid): *Philip II and El Escorial* (+/- 45') **Confirmed**

18.00

Visit to "La maison des eaux"

Distillers and alchemists worked at this site during the late 16th century. These rooms are located in the monastery/palace and are generally not accessible to the public.

Historical explanation by Dra. Mar Rey Bueno and Agustín Fernández.

19.00

Welcome dinner and Spanish wine tasting

El Escorial City Hall

<http://www.sanlorenzodeelescorial.org/> **Not confirmed.**

MORNING: SESSION "ALCHEMY AND PATRONAGE"

9.30

Conference by Dr. Bruce Moran (University of Nevada, Reno) *Confirmed*

10.15

Conference by Jose Rodriguez Guerrero (Director of the e-journal *Azogue* devoted to the Spanish History of Alchemy) *Confirmed*.
<http://www.revistaazogue.com/> Click on english version

11.00

Lecture 1

11.30

Coffee Break

12.00

Lecture 2

12.30

Lecture 3

13.15

Lunch at the RCU

AFTERNOON: SESSION "COLLECTORS OF SECRETS"

15.00

Conference by Dr. William C. Eamon (New Mexico State University) *Confirmed*

15.45

Conference by Dr. Miguel López Pérez (Madrid). *Confirmed*

16.30

Lecture 4

17.00
Lecture 5

17.30
Free time

This would be a good chance to visit the charming town of San Lorenzo, a short walking distance from the site of the conference)

<http://www.sanlorenzoturismo.org>

18.00
Visit to the Natural History Collection and Museum of El Escorial and tour into the private area of the monastery. The collection and this section of the monastery are not part of the public tours and contain rarely seen artistic works and scientific material.

20.00
Dinner

THIRD DAY

Tuesday

September 9, 2008

MORNING: SESSION "CHYMIA AND NEW PHILOSOPHY"

9.30
Conference by Dr. Lawrence M. Principe (Johns Hopkins University)
Confirmed

10.15
Conference by Dr. Harold J. Cook (Wellcome Trust for the History of Medicine at UCL) *Confirmed*

11.00
Lecture 6

11.30
Coffee Break

12.00
Lecture 7

12.30
Lecture 8

13.15
Lunch

AFTERNOON: SESSION "BOOKS AND LIBRARIES"

15.00

Conference by Dr. Didier Kahn (Université Paris IV Sorbonne) [Confirmed](#)

15.45

Lecture 9

16.15

Lecture 10

16.30

Conference by Dr. Jose Luis del Valle (Head of the Monastery of El Escorial Library) [Confirmed](#)

17.30

Visit to the Royal Library of the Monastery with a small exhibition of ancient books on alchemy.

18.30

Free time You can join us for a short hike to "Philip II's chair," a Neolithic stone from where the king would observe the construction of El Escorial. (2 miles)

20.00

Dinner

FOURTH DAY

Wednesday

September 10, 2008

MORNING: SECTION "CHYMIA & MATTER"

9.30

Conference by Dr. Manuel C. Martos (Universidad de Sevilla) [Confirmed](#)

10.15

Conference by Dr. Agustin Fernandez. [Confirmed](#)

11.00

Lecture 11

11.30

Coffee Break

12.00

Lecture 12

12.30

Lecture 13

13.00

Closing discussion by participants. (Rather than this one discussion session we might opt for allotting time for discussion at the end of every session.)

14.00

Closing. General conclusions by a member of the Conference's organizing Scientific Committee.

14.30

Lunch

AFTERNOON

17.00

Visit to the Royal Chapel's main organ directed by the Monastery's Principal Organist.

17.30

Organ concert. Proposed by the Organizing Committee: "Tocatta and Fugue in D menor" (1709) de Johann Sebastian Bach.

20.00

Dinner

Take part in this Event

HOW TO BE PRESENT

The presence in the International Conference will be regulated according with the sitting capacity of the RCU Aula Magna (420 persons). The Organizing Committee will give notice of the opening time to book the assistance on time.

Sincerelly,

Miguel López
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