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A FEW WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Colleagues,

Last year, our American colleagues organized the 44th International Congress for the History of Pharmacy in Washington, DC. This was an outstanding event, with perfect organization, great hospitality, important opportunities for networking and sharing scientific results. Thanks again from my side for the invitation to Washington, DC, and the great efforts to make the meeting a real success. Our American colleagues also picked up a very important point in the latest issue of their journal *Pharmacy in History*. This special issue was simply devoted to “The Future”.

A considerable number of colleagues expressed their thoughts how history of pharmacy may make its way into the next decades. The statements, mainly given from the perspective of English speaking countries, contain many aspects worth to think of. Many contributors suggested to expand the traditional scope of our subject to industrialized pharmacy, social aspects of drug use, gender studies and many more. I was asked to comment on that and totally agreed. Additionally, I emphasized that it will be important to further improve the academic representation of history in the pharmaceutical curriculum. It is evident that history of pharmacy is flourishing where it is an integral part of pharmaceutical education.

To my experience, a considerable number of pharmacy students can be interested for history. This is the community the future of pharmaceutical history can be built upon. They are forming the primary audience for our presentations and a reservoir for talented scholars wishing to further qualify. We also believe that history education may contribute to a better understanding of professional attitudes, responsibility and development, and it may also help to better understand contemporary political developments. So far there is little evidence for this.

So one of the next ISHP projects will be to scientifically explore the impact history education will have on the practice of pharmacy. This may not be easy, but we will try to substantiate this innovative approach until our next International meeting, which will take place in Milan, Italy, September 8-11, 2021. We are grateful for every suggestion in this respect.

Prof. Dr. Axel Helmstädter
ISHP President

QUELQUES MOTS DU PRÉSIDENT



Mesdames et Messieurs,

L'année dernière, nos collègues américains ont organisé le 44ème Congrès international d'histoire de la pharmacie à Washington, DC. Ce fut un événement exceptionnel, parfaitement organisé, porté par une grande hospitalité et offrant de nombreuses possibilités de mise en réseau et d'échange de connaissances scientifiques. De mon côté, je les remercie encore une fois pour l'invitation à Washington, DC, et les grands efforts qui ont permis de faire de cet événement un succès. Ce sont également nos collègues américains qui, dans le dernier numéro de leur revue « Pharmacy in History », ont repris un point très important pour nous tous ; ce numéro spécial était consacré à « l'avenir ».

Quelques collègues ont exprimé leurs réflexions sur la manière dont l'histoire de la pharmacie peut être conduite dans les prochaines décennies. Leurs positions, rédigées pour la plupart du point de vue des pays anglophones, contiennent de nombreux aspects qui méritent d'être reconsidérés. De nombreux auteurs ont proposé d'élargir le champ traditionnel de travail de l'histoire de la pharmacie, par exemple en ce qui concerne la pharmacie industrielle, les aspects sociaux de l'utilisation des médicaments ou les différences entre les sexes.

On m'a demandé de faire des commentaires à ce sujet et j'ai admis leurs opinions. J'ai toutefois ajouté qu'il sera important de renforcer encore la place de l'histoire de la pharmacie à l'université. Il est évident que la discipline prospère là où elle fait partie intégrante de l'enseignement pharmaceutique.

D'après mon expérience, une proportion importante d'étudiants en pharmacie peut s'intéresser à l'histoire et constituer la base sur laquelle l'avenir de l'histoire de la pharmacie peut être construit. Les étudiants qui entrent en contact avec l'histoire tôt dans leurs études forment plus tard notre public et les disciples les plus talentueux peuvent ensuite joindre le cercle des historiens de la pharmacie. On peut également supposer qu'un enseignement en histoire ne peut qu'améliorer les appréciations envers la profession de pharmacien et contribuer à une meilleure compréhension de son évolution politique. Nous n'avons toutefois guère de preuves de cela jusqu'à présent.

C'est pourquoi la SIHP souhaite lancer un projet pour étudier l'influence du contenu de la formation historique sur la pratique pharmaceutique. Ce n'est certainement pas facile, mais nous tenterons de concrétiser davantage cette approche jusqu'à notre prochain congrès, qui aura lieu à Milan du 8 au 11 septembre 2021. Toutes les suggestions à cet égard sont les bienvenues.

Prof. Dr. Axel Helmstädter
Président de la SIHP

EINIGE WORTE DES PRÄSIDENTEN



Liebe Kolleginnen und Kollegen,

Im letzten Jahr organisierten unsere amerikanischen Kollegen den 44. Internationalen Kongress für Geschichte der Pharmazie in Washington, DC. Das war eine herausragende Veranstaltung, perfekt organisiert, getragen von großer Gastfreundschaft und mit vielen Gelegenheiten zum Netzwerken und zum Austausch wissenschaftlicher Erkenntnisse. Vielen Dank nochmals von meiner Seite für die Einladung nach Washington und die großen Anstrengungen, die dieses Ereignis zum Erfolg geführt haben. Unsere amerikanischen Kollegen waren es auch, die in der letzten Ausgabe ihrer Zeitschrift „Pharmacy in History“ einen für uns alle sehr wichtigen Punkt aufgegriffen haben.

Diese Spezialausgabe war „der Zukunft“ gewidmet. Einige Kolleginnen und Kollegen haben ihre Gedanken dazu ausgedrückt, wie die Pharmaziegeschichte in die nächsten Jahrzehnte geführt werden kann. Die Statements, meist aus der Perspektive englischsprachiger Länder geschrieben, enthalten viele Aspekte, die es wert sind, überdacht zu werden. Viele Autoren haben vorgeschlagen, den traditionellen Arbeitsbereich der Pharmaziegeschichte zu erweitern, beispielsweise hinsichtlich der industrialisierten Pharmazie, sozialen Aspekten des Arzneimittelgebrauchs oder geschlechter-spezifischen Unterschieden.

Ich wurde gebeten, das zu kommentieren und konnte all dem zustimmen. Ich habe aber ergänzt, dass es wichtig sein wird, die akademische Repräsentation der Pharmaziegeschichte weiter zu stärken. Es ist offensichtlich, dass das Fach dort gedeiht, wo es integraler Bestandteil der pharmazeutischen Ausbildung ist.

Nach meiner Erfahrung kann ein beachtlicher Teil der Pharmaziestudierenden für Geschichte interessiert werden. Das bildet die Basis, auf der die Zukunft der Pharmaziegeschichte aufgebaut werden kann. Studierende, sie in frühen Jahren mit Geschichte in Berührung kommen, bilden später das Auditorium für unsere Studien und talentierte Kollegen können sich weiter qualifizieren. Man kann auch annehmen, dass eine historische Ausbildung die Einstellung zum Apothekerberuf verbessern kann und dazu beiträgt, politische Entwicklungen besser zu verstehen. Hierfür gibt es aber bisher wenig Evidenz.

Vor diesem Hintergrund möchte die IGGP ein Projekt initiieren, um den Einfluss historischer Ausbildungsinhalte auf die pharmazeutische Praxis zu erforschen. Das ist sicherlich nicht einfach, aber wir versuchen, diesen Ansatz bis zu unserem nächsten Kongress, der vom 8. bis 11. September 2021 in Mailand stattfinden wird, weiter zu konkretisieren. Wir sind dankbar für alle Anregungen in dieser Hinsicht.

Prof. Dr. Axel Helmstädter
IGGP-Präsident

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WASHINGTON, DC, 2019

September 7, 2019, 15:30-16:30 pm

Capital Hilton Hotel, Federal AB, Washington, DC, USA

Participants: 33 members

1. Welcome address by the president; quorum

The president Prof. Dr. Axel Helmstädter welcomed the members.

2. Approval of the agenda

All members approved the proposed agenda.

3. Reports

President, Treasurer, Examiners of account and commissioners (FIP commissioner, internet commissioner, social media commissioner, the ISHP Newsletter editor)

3.1. Report of the President: Prof. Axel Helmstädter informed about the good progress with *Pharmaceutical Historian*, as a joint publication of the International Society for the History of Pharmacy (ISHP) and British Society for the History of Pharmacy (BSHP). He reminded about the agreement between the ISHP Select Executive Committee and BSHP in re-launching the British journal *Pharmaceutical Historian* as a joint international journal with the former title. To indicate its internationality, the words “An International Journal for the History of Pharmacy” follow the title, and it has the logos of both societies on the front cover. Within the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Sciences (EUFEPS), the Networking Group History of Pharmacy was formed. The members of this group are Axel Helmstädter (Germany), Christa Kletter (Austria), Halil Tekiner (Turkey), Szabolcs Dobson (Hungary), Stefan Wulle (Germany) François Ledermann (Switzerland), and Sabine Bernschneider-Reif (Germany). So far, the main project would be to organize a pre-symposium before the opening of the EUFEPS Conferences devoted to the historical and current situation of pharmacy in the host country. Next conference will be hosted in Sweden, June 2021. The results of the ISHP survey within the member societies were presented showing that the world is steadily declining. In the future it would be important to stay attractive for younger and new members. A variety of suggestions concerning future ISHP Projects were presented. On behalf of the ISHP, Dr. Helmstädter as president attended several international meetings and scientific symposiums in Germany and encourages all members to organize joint meeting of practical pharmacists and pharmaceutical historians. Exchange good practice examples from different countries within ISHP network was pointed out and stressed.

3.2. Treasurer: Dr. Axel Schneider sent a detailed report on the ISHP's financial situation and future plans. It was presented by Axel Helmstädter because Dr. Axel Schneider could not attend the meeting.

3.3. Auditors: Dr. Ursula Hirter-Trüb (Switzerland) and Dr. Tanja Lidy (Germany) had audited the treasurers bookkeeping and were totally satisfied. The report was presented by Dr. Ursula Hirter-Trüb.

3.4. FIP commissioner: The ISHP was represented in the history sessions of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) Congresses, organized by Dr. Jacques Gravé, this year in Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates, 22-26 September 2019), as successfully as in the previous year in Glasgow (United Kingdom 2-6 September 2018). For many years the ISHP has been supporting the "FIP Working Group on the History of Pharmacy" so that the History of Pharmacy will be presented annually at the FIP Congress. Dr. Gravé will continue to organize history sessions for the FIP meetings, the next meeting will be in Sevilla (Spain).

3.5. Internet commissioner: Dr. Stefan Wulle reported on the continuing growth of the oral presentations database and digitizing the issues of Pharmaceutical Historian and other services presented at the ISHP website (<http://histpharm.org/pharmaceutical-historian/>). He offered to continue to digitize all the issues of the Pharmaceutical Historian. As of September 2019, the database has 3659 entries. Most active countries have been Germany, UK, USA, Turkey, France, Switzerland, Poland, Hungary, and Austria. On average 260 talks are given each year. Dr. Wulle kindly invited all members to notify him of interesting congresses, presentations and websites. He could be contacted at info@histpharm.org.

3.6. Social media commissioner: Dr. Nina Thune, as Social Media commissioner for the ISHP reported that in September 2017, the ISHP Facebook page started and had many followers so far. Dr. Nina Thune reported about the efforts to make the activities of the ISHP members internationally more visible and more accepted in this respect. It was planned to enhance these activities in the future.

3.7. Newsletter Editor: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Halil Tekiner presented his report about the ISHP Newsletter and kindly asked the committee members to send their reports by the end of the year. The Newsletter has been issued regularly and has become available online at society's website: www.histpharm.org, under the Publications section. The ISHP Newsletter has undergone several developments in recent years. The number of national reports and the newsletter's total number of pages have increased significantly.

4. Approval of the reports

The reports were unanimously approved.

5. Approval of the treasurer bookkeeping and financial planning for 2020/2021

The reports are unanimously approved. All members approved the treasurer's bookkeeping. All members approved the treasurer's financial planning 2020/21.

6. Admission of retirement of the Selected Executive Committee 2016/2017

All the committee members admitted the retirement of the following members of the Selected Executive committee for 2016/2017. President: Christa Kletter (Austria); Vice-Presidents: Bruno Bonnemain (France); Halil Tekiner (Turkey); Axel Helmstädter (Germany); Treasurer: Axel Schneider (Germany); Secretary General: Dušanka Krajnović (Serbia), Assessors: Greg Higby (USA); Szablocs Dobson (Hungary).

7. Confirmation of the elections

The elections made by the Extended Executive Committee were unanimously confirmed. All the GA members accepted their elections. Select Executive Committee members for 2020/2021: President: Axel Helmstädter (Germany), Vice-Presidents: Bruno Bonnemain (France), Halil Tekiner (Turkey), Vilma Gudiene (Lithuania), Secretary General: Dušanka Krajnović (Serbia), Treasurer: Kathrin Bosse-Bringewatt (Germany), Assessors: Greg Higby (USA) and Szablocs Dobson (Hungary). Auditors for 2020/2021: Tanja Lidy (Germany); Ursula Hirter-Trüb (Switzerland).

8. Research Grant

Last year, ISHP initially did not receive any application for the ISHP Research Grant. Because there was considerable interest some months later the committee decided to re-open the application period. So by the end of 2018, the research grant was awarded to Samaneh Soleymani; PhD candidate of Traditional Pharmacy in the Department of Traditional Pharmacy at Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Iran, for his project "Classification of Persian and Arabic pharmaceutical books and treaties in Islamic civilization (8th to 18th century CE)". The successful candidate, Mr. Samaneh Soleymani was unable to attend the congress due to some visa issues between America and Iran. So he could not describe his project during the ISHP General Assembly on September 7, 2019 or at another opportunity during the International Congress for the History of Pharmacy (ICHHP) held in Washington, DC. After the project has been completed, ISHP needs to be informed in detail about the results (e.g., a comprehensive report, reprints of publications). Until a project is completed, interim reports have to be sent to ISHP every December. It was decided to continue sponsoring research projects and to try to better advertise this possibility of getting research of international relevance sponsored. Proposals for the 2021 ISHP Fellowship may be sent in English language to the ISHP General Secretary by the end of August 2020.

New members for the ISHP fellowship committee were nominated by the Select Executive Committee, and according to the statute they must be representatives from at least four different nations. They were Oliver Lafont, (France), Stuart Anderson (UK), Anita Magowska (Poland), Axel Helmstädter (Germany), and Dušanka Krajnović (Serbia). This committee will be also tasked to propose new ways of publicize and promote the scholarship in order to attract more candidates. Detailed information on sponsoring one research project of international relevance can be found at <http://histpharm.org/ishp-research-fellowship>.

9. Working group “Pharmacopoeias”: Status quo and future

Prof. François Lederman informed about the progress of the working group on the international history of pharmacopoeias, which developed 25 results from 22 countries published on the society’s website. This collection forms a solid basis for the discussion about pharmacopoeias at the Washington conference.

10. Pharmaceutical Historian

Prof. Stuart Anderson was unable to attend the General Assembly due to a sick leave, so president of the ISHP informed the participants about the *Pharmaceutical Historian*, a joint publication of the ISHP and BSHP. It is an international, peer-reviewed, open access journal, whose first issues appeared in 1967 and since then it aimed to promote historical studies related to pharmacy, the advancement of knowledge and propagation of understanding of the history of pharmacy and publication of the research work of pharmaceutical historians. The agreement between ISHP and BSHP dated 1 January 2017, is related to the three years period of publishing the *Pharmaceutical Historian*, and would be renewed. Although *Pharmaceutical Historian* lost listing in the PubMed database, it is still listing at many databases specialized in pharmacy, like Embase, Scopus, and PubPharm.

11. Congresses 2021, 2023 and beyond

Next Congress will be held in Milano (Italy) in September 2021. For 2023, there is already an unofficial application from Belgrade (Serbia) and Tehran (Iran). Official propositions from the candidates are still being accepted and a final decision will be made by the Select Executive Committee at the end of the year 2019.

12. Any other business

There were no further proposals. The meeting ended at 16.30 pm.

Prof. Dr. Axel Helmstädter
ISHP President

Prof. Dr. Dušanka Krajnović
ISHP General Secretary

December 15, 2019

ISHP RESEARCH GRANT

The ISHP will continue to support pharmaceutical history research proposals of international relevance and will welcome proposals for 2021. The grant is primarily, but not exclusively, intended for academic projects. Proposals for the 2021 ISHP Fellowship grant must be sent by email, in English language to the ISHP General Secretary by **August 31, 2020**.

The International Society for the History of Pharmacy (ISHP) is again awarding a research grant for 2500 Euro in total.

The proposal must include:

- a detailed description of the research project which is usually but not necessarily done at an academic institution,
- a detailed discussion of the project's relevance in terms of internationality,
- a curriculum vitae of the applicant,
- a confirmation that the applicant is a member of ISHP issued by his national organization,
- a list of former research projects and publications of the applicant,
- a letter of recommendation from a senior academic teacher,
- a detailed list of expenses expected (i.e., costs for traveling, obtaining literature).

The proposals will be judged by a fellowship committee comprised of the ISHP President, the ISHP General Secretary and three distinguished scientists in the field of pharmaceutical history, nominated by the Select Executive Committee.

A successful applicant is obliged to describe the project during the ISHP General Assembly or another opportunity during the International Congress for the History of Pharmacy held in the year 2021. After the project has been completed, ISHP needs to be informed in detail about the results (e.g., a comprehensive report, reprints of publications) until the project is completed, and interim reports have to be sent to ISHP every year in December.

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IN MEMORIAM

GEORGE GRIFFENHAGEN (1924-2019)

George Griffenhagen, one of the leading figures in the field of pharmacy history during the second half of the twentieth century, died on November 21, 2019, at age 95.

Mr. Griffenhagen was a member of the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy (AIHP) since 1949. He had served in numerous leadership positions at the Institute, including president, for more than 50 years.

In September 2019, AIHP honored Mr. Griffenhagen with the Robert P. Fischelis Award for his decades of support for the Institute and his many contributions to the field of the history of pharmacy. Mr. Griffenhagen received the award at the 44th International Congress for the History of Pharmacy in Washington, DC, on September 7.

In bestowing the award, AIHP's Board of Directors cited Mr. Griffenhagen's decades of service to the Institute, his role in raising the profile of AIHP within the pharmacy profession, and his many contributions to the field of pharmacy history.

W. Clarke Ridgway, AIHP's President, offered the following tribute to Mr. Griffenhagen:

Pharmacy historians across the US and around the world today grieve the loss of one of the giants of the field. Throughout his long and distinguished career George Griffenhagen energetically promoted any and all facets of the history of his beloved profession. His encyclopedic knowledge of the tools of the apothecary has enlightened generations of students, pharmacists, curators, collectors, researchers and writers. His passion for disseminating an understanding the organizational, educational and legal development of the profession of pharmacy have inspired innumerable practitioners and historians for over seven decades.



G. Griffenhagen
(1924-2019)

A 1949 graduate of the University of Southern California, School of Pharmacy, Mr. Griffenhagen had a long and distinguished career as a pharmacist, editor, American Pharmacists Association (APhA) executive, and historian of pharmacy. During his almost 40-year career at APhA, he served in a variety of positions, including Managing Editor (1959-61) and Editor (1962-76) of the *Journal of the American Pharmaceutical Association*.

He later served as APhA's Director of International Relations. After his retirement in 1989, he was named as APhA's Honorary President (1990-91). He was awarded the Remington Honor Medal in 1991 for his distinguished service to the pharmacy profession. He was also an honorary member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

Throughout his long career, Mr. Griffenhagen actively pursued his deep interest in all aspects of the history of pharmacy. His research generated a steady 50-year stream of monographs, books and articles, starting with *The Story of California Pharmacy* (1950) and *The Oregon Trail of Pharmacy* (with William Felter in 1952), and continuing until 1999 with *History of Drug Containers and Their Labels* (with Mary Bogard). He received AIHP's Edward Kremers Award in 1969 for a series of ten articles, entitled "Tools of the Apothecary," published in 1956 in the *Journal of the American Pharmaceutical Association*. He was inducted into the International Academy for the History of Pharmacy on the basis of his many contributions to the history of pharmacy.

A memorial service for Mr. Griffenhagen was held at the APhA on December 16. He was buried in the Quantico Military Cemetery, in Quantico, Virginia.

Dr. Dennis Birke

American Institute of the History of Pharmacy

NATIONAL NEWS FOR INTERNATIONAL USE

AUSTRIA – ÖSTERREICHISCHE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR GESCHICHTE DER PHARMAZIE

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The Austrian Society for the History of Pharmacy, like many similar societies, is suffering from a slow but steady decline in membership. If there are occasional new members to be welcomed, this can hardly compensate for the departures. For young pharmacists, dealing with the history of pharmacy does not seem to bring any “visible” benefit, which of course scientific societies also feel.

Some other activities are available from posts on the Facebook page by Franz Biba: <https://www.facebook.com/pharmaziegeschichte/>

Selected publications:

- Franz Biba: Lieferschwierigkeiten im 19. Jahrhundert. Aus der Geschichte der Blutegeltherapie. *Österreichische Apotheker-Zeitung* 73 (2019), S. 60-61.
- Franz Biba: Pharmazie trifft Bibliophilie. Verborgene Schätze in der Kammerbibliothek. *Österreichische Apotheker-Zeitung* 73 (2019), S. 86-87.
- Franz Biba: Felix Guliemo. Mit Musik zur Apotheke. Zur Geschichte der Klosterapotheke Kremsmünster. *Österreichische Apotheker-Zeitung* 73 (2019), S. 104-105.
- Thomas Langebner: Some like it hot – Vom Pain-Expeller und seinen Vorläufern. *Geschichte der Pharmazie* 71 (2019), S. 40-57.
- Thomas Langebner: “... die Furch vor selber ganz zu bannen” Über Dr. Bastlers Choleratropfen. *Geschichte der Pharmazie* 70 (2018), S. 53-62.
- Thomas Langebner / Christian Lampl: Two early descriptions of restless legs syndrome by J. Astruc (1736) and M.A. Weikard (1796) *Neurology* 91 (2018), S. 786-789.
- Thomas Langebner: Der Elefant fraß Pflaumenmus. Mit Lukutate herrlich verjüngt. *Geschichte der Pharmazie* 70 (2018), S. 12-23.

BELARUS – BELARUS CLUB OF THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

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Members of the Belarus Club of the History of Pharmacy participated in nine international historical forums and presented the following reports on different topics:

1. “Military activity of pharmacists during the Great Patriotic War” (April 18, Minsk, Museum of the History of the Great Patriotic War)
2. “Fathers and children: The Gabrilovich Family of pharmacists private vs socialized pharmacy in Russia” (September 7, Washington, DC). The report was prepared by Mary Schaffer Conroy, Emeritus Professor, History and Valentina Sosonkina, Chairman of the Club of the History of Pharmacy.
3. “Peculiarities of the organization of pharmaceutical business in Western Belarus (1921-1940)” (September 20, Minsk, Institute of History of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus).
4. “Medical support for the population and medical institutions of the Mstislavl region in the Russian Empire” (September 26, Mstislavl, Historical and Archaeological Museum).
5. “Deliveries by the American Administration of Medicines and Medical Objects to Belarus in 1922-1923” (October 18, Minsk, Institute of History of the National Academy Of Sciences of Belarus). The report was prepared by Mary Schaffer Conroy and Valentina Sosonkina. “The image of Pharmacy of David Sheiba in Minsk (XVIII c.) in Belarussian art works” (15 November, Vilnius University), and two other reports.

Moreover, seven articles on the history of pharmacy in Belarus were prepared, which have been published in the scientific and practical journal Recipe and the newspaper of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus, Meditsinskiy Vestnik. Regarding the organized events, within the framework of the conference dedicated to the 60th anniversary of the formation of the pharmaceutical faculty of Vitebsk State Medical University (October 31, Vitebsk).

The event “Keep the History of Pharmacy Together”: Participants of the event were first year students of the Pharmaceutical Department of Belarusian State Medical University. (December 26, Minsk). As a result of competition Best Essay on the History of Pharmacy Prizes were awarded among the first year students.

Young specialists of pharmacy organizations and students of educational institutions of Belarus visited many museums, where historical expositions on medicine and pharmacy are constantly operating.

Traditionally, by The New year, an exhibition “Designer Christmas Tree” was opened at one of the alleys of the Zhiber Park in Grodno. The Tree, stylishly decorated with pharmacy utensils and prescriptions, adorned the alley.



Exposition in the Museum of the History of the Great Patriotic War, Minsk.



The event “Keep the History of Pharmacy Together”



Exposition “Pharmacist entrepreneur Kazimir Padzderski” (September 13, Historical and Ethnographic Museum of Gorki, Mogilev region).



Museum in the Pharmacy № 88 RUP “Belpharmatsiya” (November 26, Minsk)

BENELUX – KRING VOOR DE GESCHIEDENIS VAN DE PHARMACIE IN BENELUX / CERCLE BENELUX D'HISTOIRE DE LA PHARMACIE / CIRCLE FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY IN BENELUX

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The Circle's yearly conference took place in Bruges in Belgium on May 18 and 19. The conference was organized mainly by Flemish board members, Evelien Vanden Berghe and Bob Vanhaverbeke, in a pleasant meeting room of the Novotel Bruges in the city center. On Saturday, there were presentations about the history of apothecaries from Bruges (Bob Vanhaverbeke), about the restoration process of Bruges' oldest private apothecary shop (Anja Neskens), about the history of the unicorn (Romain Vanhautekerke) and about the global trade in medicines in the early modern period (Wouter Klein). On Sunday, there were presentations about the history of the apothecary shop of pharmacist Van de Vijvere in Bruges (Marie-Christine Desmet) and about Charles of Sint-Omaars, the 16th-century nobleman who owned a famous botanical garden and was in touch with the botanists like Clusius and Lobelius (Jacques de Groote). Prior to the conference, a city walk was organized under the guidance of Marie-Christine Desmet, which led among other things to the 17th-century apothecary shop of St. John's Hospital.

During the General Meeting, Guy De Munck resigned his duties as secretary of the Circle. The chairman of the board spoke laudatory words to express our gratitude to Guy for all the work he has done as a board member since 1987. His tasks were taken over by Peter van den Hooff (membership administration) and Wouter Klein (secretary). The composition of the board remained the same with four Dutch and four Flemish members.

In 2019, the Circle published one bulletin, with articles about the history of adulterations in early modern pharmacy; about the archive of 20th-century promotional material for new drugs, held by the Royal Dutch Society for the Advancement of Pharmacy (KNMP); about unknown apothecaries from late medieval Burgundy; and about the 18th-century poet-apothecary Kornelis Elzevier.

Furthermore, the Circle published three digital newsletters with updates about publications, exhibitions and events about the history of pharmacy, in and beyond the Benelux. The Circle's website, www.kringbenelux.eu, is visited regularly. The bright green logo of the Circle is consistently used on all media, which makes the Circle visible and recognizable for all those interested in pharmaceutical history. In 2020, the Circle will again publish several newsletters and bulletins. The yearly conference will take place in Bussum, The Netherlands, on May 16-17.

CANADA – SOCIÉTÉ QUÉBÉCOISE D'HISTOIRE DE LA PHARMACIE

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2019 was one of the transition years for the Société Québécoise d'Histoire de la Pharmacie (SQHP), opening a new chapter in the short but already rich history of our society founded in 2012. A new leadership team took over at our Annual General Meeting in June 2019. As the new President of the Board of Directors, and on behalf of the SQHP members, it was my pleasure to express our sincere thanks to our Past-President, Marie Caron, for her enthusiasm and commitment towards the Society over the past two years.

A new three-year strategic plan has been adopted for the Society. This plan aims essentially at increasing our visibility internationally and at strengthening our relationships with external partners. The Society will continue to focus on the following activities:

- An annual program of conferences and events for the SQHP members,
- The publication of scientific and popular articles in the journal *PharmacoPolis*,
- A collection of material, books, and artifacts, which today comprises of nearly three thousand listed objects.

In addition, the SQHP will maintain its academic mission, offering students in pharmacy and from other disciplines training courses on pharmacy history. With this respect, the SQHP invites universities and other institutions interested in developing collaborations with the Society itself or with the Faculty of Pharmacy of Laval University to communicate with us at: SQHP@pha.ulaval.ca

Events: Exhibition “Venenum, A Poisoned World”, Musée de la Civilisation de Québec, January 25 to April 5, 2020 (<https://www.mcq.org/fr/exposition?id=761486>): Located at the crossroads of disciplines, this exhibition designed and produced by the Musée des Confluences in Lyon, France, and adapted by the Musée de la Civilisation de Québec, combines collections from the life and earth sciences and from humanities. Visual arts, documentaries, multimedia presentations and living species all mix and interact with ethnographic and natural science collections. The SQHP is a proud collaborator of this important exhibition with the supply of artifacts from its collection.

Conference: “History of the Plants” given by Professor Alain Asselin of the Department of Phytology of the Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences of Laval University, March 1, 2020 at the Musée-Hôtel des Premières Nations in Wendake, Quebec, Canada. Co-author of a series of four books on Canadian plants and, most particularly, on the rich and emblematic Laurentian flora which was the subject of a major work published in 1935 by Brother Marie Victorin, Professor Asselin presented the main Canadian figures who played a role in botany in Quebec for the period between 1867 and 1935.

Recent publications:

- Alain Asselin, Jacques Cayouette. *Curieuses Histoires de Plantes du Canada 1867-1935*. Tome 4. Les éditions du Septentrion, 272 pages. Illustrated. 2019. ISBN PDF : 9782897910921; Paper: 9782897910914.
- *PharmacoPolis: Revue de la Société d'Histoire de la Pharmacie* 2019, No.6, 59 pages. Illustrated. ISSN 2291-3675.

Publications from our Pharm D students:

- Langelier, David. La Riodine. *PharmacoPolis: Revue de la Société d'Histoire de la Pharmacie* 2019, No.6, pp 19-23.
- Lemire, Élysabeth. Fernand Lacombe, un Pharmacien d'Exception. *PharmacoPolis: Revue de la Société d'Histoire de la Pharmacie* 2019. No.6, pp 24-28.
- Tessier, Jean-Philippe. La Tonisedine: Tonique ou Sédatif? *PharmacoPolis: Revue de la Société d'Histoire de la Pharmacie* 2019. No.6, pp 28-33.

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La SQHP entame un nouveau chapitre de sa courte histoire amorcée en 2012 et l'année 2019-2020 en cours en sera une de transition. A son assemblée générale de juin 2019, le conseil d'administration a été renouvelé et les membres ont adressé leurs plus sincères remerciements à la présidente sortante, Madame Marie Caron, pour l'excellence de son travail durant les 2 dernières années.

La nouvelle planification stratégique triennale qui a été récemment déposée par le conseil d'administration vise essentiellement à accroître la visibilité de la Société au plan international et à accroître ses relations avec les partenariats externes. Pour se faire, la Société misera sur ses trois grands secteurs d'activités à savoir :

- l'offre d'une programmation de conférences et d'événements de qualité à ses membres tout au long de l'année,
- la publication d'articles scientifiques et de vulgarisation par le biais de sa revue « PharmacoPolis »,
- la mise en valeur de la collection de la Société qui comprend près de 3 000 objets et artefacts répertoriés.

De plus, la SQHP maintiendra sa mission académique en offrant à des étudiants en pharmacie et d'autres disciplines des stages de formation sur l'histoire de la pharmacie. A cet égard, la SQHP invite les institutions universitaires intéressées à développer des collaborations avec la SQHP et avec la Faculté de pharmacie de l'Université Laval à communiquer avec elle au : SQHP@pha.ulaval.ca.

Exposition: « Venenum, un monde empoisonné » présentée au Musée de la Civilisation de Québec du 25 janvier au 5 avril 2020 (<https://www.mcq.org/fr/exposition?id=761486>). Située à la croisée des disciplines, cette exposition conçue et réalisée par le musée des Confluences de Lyon en France, et adaptée par le Musée de la Civilisation de Québec, conjugue des collections issues des sciences de la Vie et de la Terre et des sciences humaines. Arts visuels, documentaires, dispositifs multimédias et espèces vivantes se côtoient et dialoguent avec les collections ethnographiques et de sciences naturelles. La SQHP collabore fièrement à la tenue de cette importante exposition en fournissant des objets de sa collection.

Conférence: « Histoire des plantes » présentée par le Professeur Alain Asselin du Département de Phytologie de la Faculté des Sciences de l'Agriculture et de l'Alimentation de l'Université Laval, le 1er mars 2020 au Musée-Hôtel des Premières Nations de Wendake, Québec, Canada. Co-auteur d'une série de quatre livres portant sur les plantes du Canada et, notamment, sur la riche et emblématique Flore Laurentienne qui a fait l'objet d'un ouvrage d'importance publié par le Frère Marie Victorin en 1935, le Professeur Asselin a présenté les principaux personnages s'étant intéressé à la botanique du Québec au cours de la période s'étendant de 1867 à 1935.

Récentes publications :

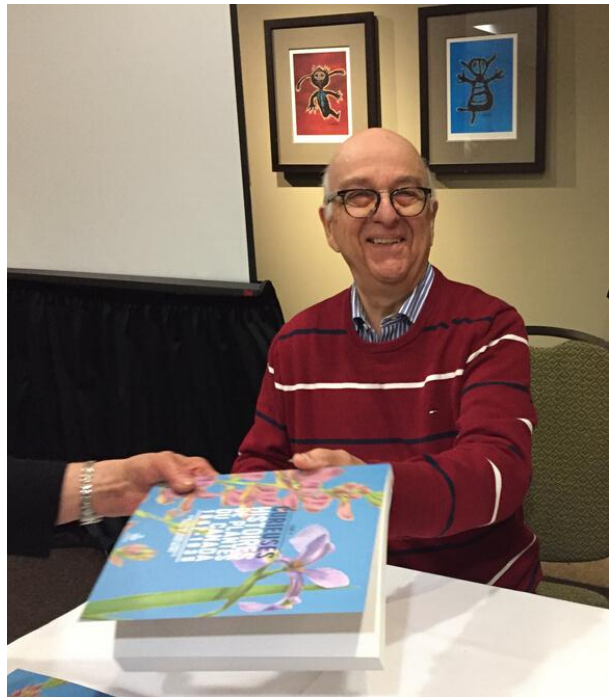
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Publications de nos étudiants en formation initiale en pharmacie :

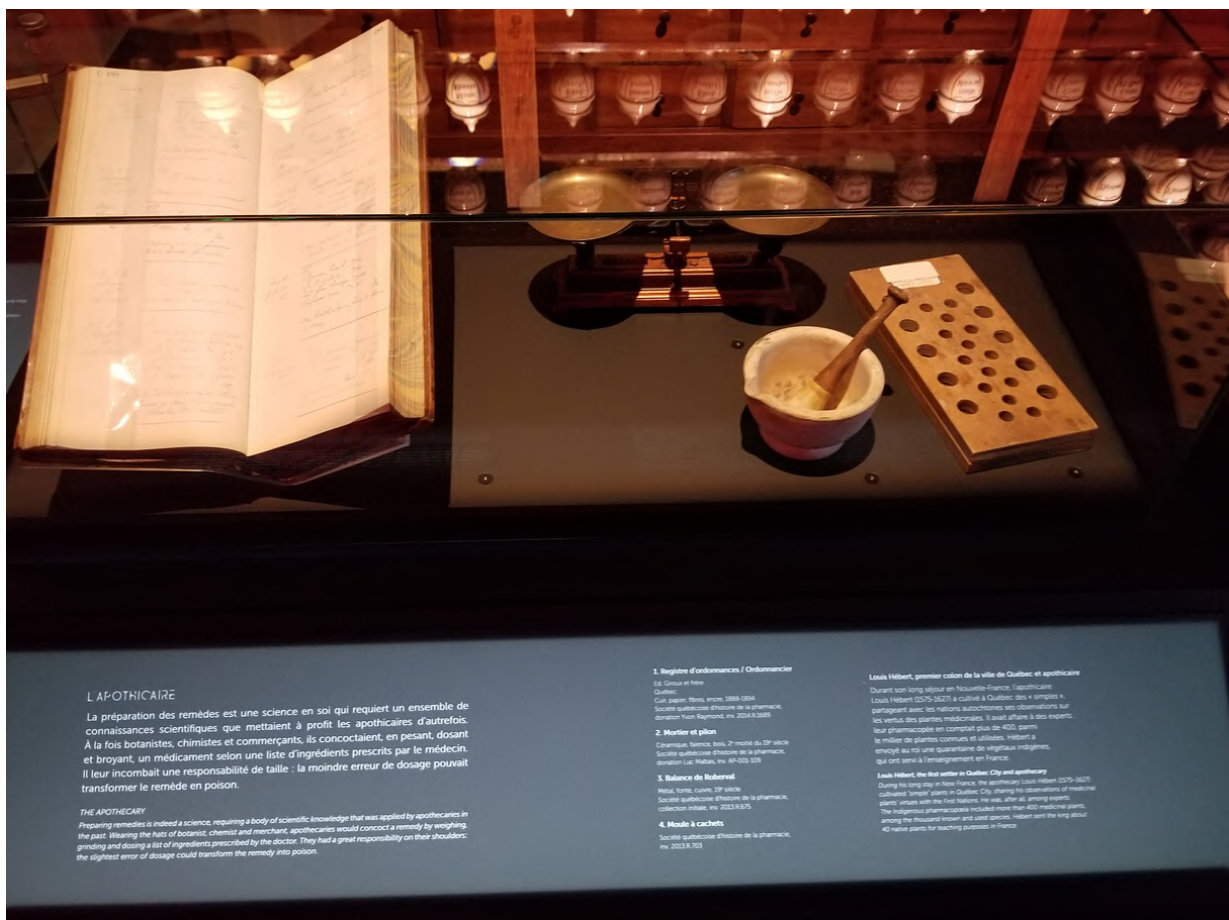
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Madame Marie Caron, Présidente sortante de la Société Québécoise d'Histoire de la Pharmacie



Professeur Alain Asselin, Conférencier et co-auteur des livres « Curieuses histoires de plantes du Canada ».



Pièces de la collection de la SQHP - Exposition Venenum, un monde empoisonné du Musée de la Civilisation de Québec, Canada.

CZECHIA – THE SECTION OF HISTORY OF PHARMACY OF THE CZECH PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY

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In 2019, the Section of History of Pharmacy of the Czech Pharmaceutical Society, in cooperation with other institutions, organized two traditional conferences. The 66th Symposium for the History of Pharmacy was held at the Czech Pharmaceutical Museum in Kuks on May 18.

Papers covered a wide spectrum of topics. The opening lecture delivered by Prof. J. Květina, the first dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy of Charles University in Hradec Králové, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2019, focused on the development of pharmacy university education in the Czech lands.

Other lectures were focused on drugs available, pharmacists, and pharmacy services in the Theresienstadt Ghetto (1941-1945), mass-produced medicines manufactured by Fragner's Black Eagle Pharmacy in Prague, pharmacy and health care in female monasteries in the early modern period and other topics.

The 67th Symposium for the History of Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine took place at the University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences Brno on November 6. Authors presented the Dr. Věříš collection of apothecary jars and other pharmaceutical artefacts acquired by the Czech Pharmaceutical Museum which was transferred from Switzerland in 2019, history of university pharmacies of University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences Brno, Liquor polychrestus in writings of Ján Justus Torkoš, for instance. It was our pleasure to host speakers also from Slovakia.

The abstracts of both symposia were published in number 6 of Czech and Slovak Pharmacy, year 2019. Czech and Slovak Pharmacy, a journal of the Czech Pharmaceutical Society and Slovak Pharmaceutical Society covered by Scopus database, accepts also articles focused on history of pharmacy in Czech, Slovak, and English languages. For more information, see:

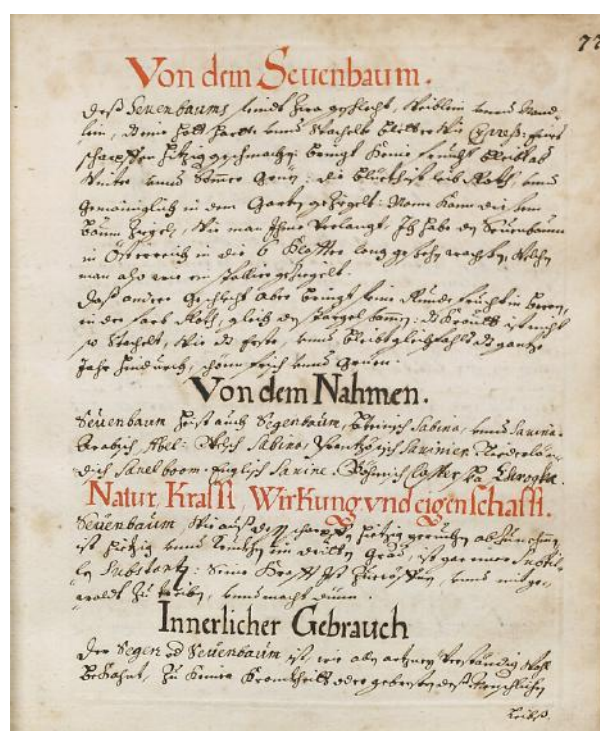
<https://www.prolekare.cz/en/journals/czech-and-slovak-pharmacy/informace>.

Members of our society also participated at the 44th International Congress for the History of Pharmacy in Washington, DC, delivering a short lecture, “The Klan Case – Pharmaceutical Quality Control as a Tool of Repression in Totalitarian Czechoslovakia,” and presenting a poster, “EXPERTA – Czechoslovak non-governmental organisation for drug control, 1933-1948.”

It is also worth to mention that the Czech Pharmaceutical Museum, which collaborates intensively with our society, has restored and digitized an 18th-century manuscript *Lustgärtlein*. This manuscript was described on the poster The HK-SR-1 pharmaceutical-botanical manuscript from the 18th century, presented at the 43rd ICHP in Warsaw. The manuscript is now available to wide public at the following website:

<http://www.manuscriptorium.com/en/node/27840>.

In 2020, we will continue with our effort to develop history of pharmacy in Czechia by organizing the traditional symposia and other activities.



Pages from the 18th century manuscript *Lustgärtlein*

DENMARK – DANISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

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The Danish Society for the History of Pharmacy and the Danish Foundation of the History of Pharmacy held the annual “Pharmacy History Day” on October 7, 2019 in the Danish Collection of the History of Pharmacy at Pharmakon a/s in Hillerød.

The program included the annual general meeting of the society and a lecture by MSc. Pharm. Gunna Würtzen with the title “Farmaceutuddannelsen – en vej til forunderlige karrierer belyst ved eksempler fra en tid som farmaceut i den danske og internationale fødemiddelindustri” (The pharmacist’s education – a way to strange careers illustrated by examples from a time as pharmacist in the Danish and international food industry).

In 2019, the following pharmaceutical historical publication was issued:

Theriaca; vol 45. Hillerød: The Danish Society for the History of Pharmacy, 2019.
Contents:

- Jørgen V. Grevsen & Poul R. Kruse: Th. Fallesen-Schmidt. Supplement til dansk lægemiddelindustriens første frugter – 2. (Th. Fallesen-Schmidt. Supplement to early achievements of the Danish pharmaceutical industry – 2).
- Jens Soelberg: Dansk Vestindien og Guldkystens glemte lægeplanter. (Forgotten medicinal plants of the Danish Westindies and the Gold Coast).
- Hans-Otto Loldrup: ”Rejs på professionen”. Danske farmaceuter på apotek i Schweiz 1900-1920. (Danish pharmacists at pharmacies in Switzerland 1900-1920).
- Poul R. Kruse: Gamle apotekerbøger med prydelige titelillustrationer. (Old pharmacy books with ornamental frontispieces).

FRANCE – SOCIÉTÉ D'HISTOIRE DE LA PHARMACIE

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The French Society of the History of Pharmacy (Société d'Histoire de la Pharmacie, SHP) has had a very active 2019 year, as usual. Our two communication tools (our journal *Revue d'Histoire de la Pharmacie* and Internet site www.shp-asso.org) were quite productive. Our web site has been publishing every month a temporary exhibition for 10 years (we are now at the 130th exhibit), the last ones being related to the history of drugs, on one hand, and the advertising of medicines in the *Almanach du Miroir des Sports* (1928-1940).

Concerning our journal *Revue d'Histoire de la Pharmacie*, it is accessible via Internet starting from 1913 up to 2013 (only the tables of contents for 2014 to 2017). This year, our journal has published 23 studies and close to 650 pages. As every year, the French Society of the History of Pharmacy with Maurice Bouvet-Henri Bonnemain Family gave a prize under the partnership with the French Academy of Pharmacy. This year the Prize was given to Bastien Delattre for his thesis defended in Nantes (France) that can be translated as “Contribution to the History of Faculty of Pharmacy of Nantes: Full Exercise School of Medicine and Pharmacy during the First World War” (Contribution à l'Histoire de l'UFR des Sciences Pharmaceutiques et Biologiques de Nantes : l'Ecole de Plein Exercice de Médecine et de Pharmacie pendant la Première Guerre Mondiale). The role of pharmacists during that war has been studied several times, but the history of School of Pharmacy as well as specific history of individuals (teachers and students) are not so well known.

We have also had four meetings where 21 oral presentations were made on various subjects. One of them, in Lille (France), was an opportunity to visit the botanical garden and the herbarium, as well as the Lotar's pharmacy, inside the Faculty of Pharmacy. We have seen also the Museum Hospice Comtesse and the famous banner of the Community of apothecaries from Lille. Finally, we went to the Pasteur's Museum where Professor Bourel-Bonnet gave a lecture on BCG vaccine through its inventors: Albert Calmette and Camille Guérin.

Finally, several members of the French Society of the History of Pharmacy were part of congresses, meetings, and teaching courses in France and other countries. A particularly important meeting was the International Congress for the History of Pharmacy in Washington, DC, where four presentations were made by members of the French society. During the congress, the International Academy of the History of Pharmacy meeting was an opportunity for Olivier Lafont to give the French Parmentier's medal to Gregory Higby.

In 2020, we will continue to promote actively history of pharmacy with a first meeting in Paris, on March 25, 2020. Other meetings will take place in June, September (in Florence, Italia), November and December 2020.

In addition, the year 2020 is an opportunity to celebrate the discovery of quinine by Pelletier and Caventou in 1820. Three meetings will take place in Paris on the subject. First, at the Val-de-Grâce Army's Health Service School, a first meeting will be organized by military pharmacists on May 12, 2020, with an exhibit. A second meeting will take place in the Faculty of Pharmacy of Paris, on June 26, 2020, also with an exhibit. Finally, a last meeting will be organized by the French Society of the History of Pharmacy on October 28, 2020.

In addition, we have to emphasize the fourth year of a history of pharmacy course in Paris, Paris-Descartes University, with the active involvement of the French Society of the History of Pharmacy. It will be run within the Faculty of Pharmacy. Visits and case studies will be organized as well. The teaching will be done by members of the SHP.

Please inform of this activity open to everyone, young students, working or retired people, historians of sciences, writers, pharmacists and non-pharmacists... Register yourself or ask your friends to register! We are also giving a course to the pharmacy students in Lyon and to the public in Paris.

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La Société d'Histoire de la Pharmacie (SHP) vécu une année 2019 toujours très active. Les deux organes de communication de la SHP : la « Revue d'Histoire de la Pharmacie » et le site Internet www.shp-asso.org ont, tous les deux, été dynamiques. Notre site publie tous les mois depuis 10 ans une exposition temporaire (130ème exposition en cours), les dernières ayant porté sur « L'histoire de l'usage des plantes médicinales » et sur « Les publicités pharmaceutiques dans le l'Almanach du Miroir des sports (1928-1940) ».

En ce qui concerne la Revue, elle est toujours accessible sur Internet sur la base de données Persée, jusqu'à l'année 2013 (seuls les sommaires sont accessibles entre 2014 et 2017). Au cours de l'année 2018, notre Revue a fait paraître 23 études et aura un volume global de près de 650 pages. Comme chaque année, la SHP avec la famille Maurice Bouvet-Henri Bonnemain a doté un prix remis par l'Académie Nationale de Pharmacie, prix décerné cette année à Bastien Delattre pour sa thèse soutenue à Nantes : « Contribution à l'Histoire de l'UFR des Sciences Pharmaceutiques et Biologiques de Nantes : l'Ecole de Plein Exercice de Médecine et de Pharmacie pendant la Première Guerre Mondiale ». Alors que le rôle des pharmaciens mobilisés pendant la Grande Guerre est un sujet qui a été étudié à plusieurs reprises, l'histoire des École et des Facultés de Pharmacie ainsi que les parcours individuels des professeurs et élèves pendant cette période sont moins connus.

Par ailleurs, nous avons tenu 4 séances qui ont permis d'entendre 21 communications orales sur des sujets très divers. Une séance à Lille nous a donné l'occasion de visiter le jardin botanique et l'herbarium et la Pharmacie Lotar hébergée à la Faculté de pharmacie. Nous avons également visité le Musée de l'hospice Comtesse et la bannière de la communauté des apothicaires lillois. Enfin, nous avons pu entrer au musée de l'Institut Pasteur où Mme le professeur Bourel-Bonnet a donné une conférence sur le BCG à travers ses créateurs, Albert Calmette et Camille Guérin. Plusieurs membres de la SHP ont participé à des réunions, congrès et journées d'étude ainsi qu'à des enseignements d'histoire de la pharmacie en France et dans d'autres pays. Le Congrès International d'Histoire de la Pharmacie à Washington, DC, a été un événement important avec 4 communications orales de membres français de la SHP. Durant ce congrès, Olivier Lafont a remis la médaille Parmentier à Gregory Higby.

En 2020, nous continuerons à promouvoir activement l'histoire de la pharmacie avec une première réunion le 25 mars 2020, suivie d'autres réunions en juin, septembre (à Florence, Italie), novembre et décembre. L'année 2020 sera également l'occasion de célébrer la découverte de la quinine par Pelletier et Caventou en 1820. Trois réunions seront organisées à ce sujet : la première, mise en place par les pharmaciens militaires, aura lieu le 12 mai 2020 au Val-de-Grâce, avec une exposition. La seconde aura lieu à la Faculté de Pharmacie de Paris, avec également une exposition. Enfin, la SHP organisera une journée entière sur l'histoire de la quinine le 28 octobre 2020, Salle des Actes de la faculté de Pharmacie de Paris.

C'est aussi la quatrième année du Diplôme Universitaire d'histoire de la pharmacie à l'Université Paris-Descartes, avec l'implication très active de membres de la SHP. Des visites et des études de cas sont également prévues. L'enseignement sera assuré par des membres de la SHP.

Faites savoir autour de vous que cet enseignement existe et qu'il est ouvert à tous, jeunes étudiants, personnes en activité, retraités, historiens des sciences, écrivains en quête d'information, pharmaciens, non pharmaciens, etc. Inscrivez-vous, vous-même, ou faites inscrire vos amis, collègues et connaissances. Nous participons également à un cours pour les étudiants en pharmacie à Lyon, et un cours destiné au grand public à Paris.

FRANCE – SAUVEGARDE DU PATRIMOINE PHARMACEUTIQUE

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During the year 2019, our association continued its mission to promote the pharmaceutical history. We continued the exhibition “Tin Potters at the Service of Health” set up last year in the Hôtel-Dieu de Baugé in Anjou. This time we were welcomed in Pithiviers, a small town near Orleans. The exhibition was held for one month in the former chapel of the Hôtel-Dieu of this town.

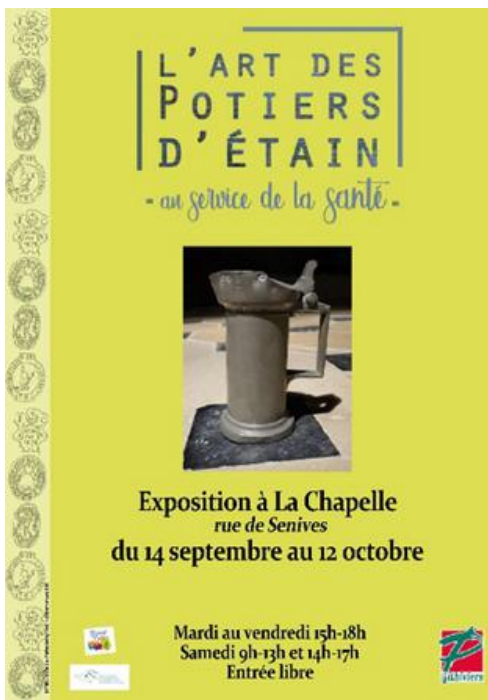
The President was asked of giving a lecture on theriac in the inauguration day of the exhibition. Members of the association graciously lent pieces from their collection. We warmly thank them.

Like every year, our association organized two weekends for its members during which we try to discover collections related to our profession. In the spring we went to Brittany and we discovered the collections of the Conservatoire Hospitalier de Rennes as well as the collections of a doctor from Vannes who was kind enough to open his doors to us.

We also took advantage of this escapade to go on a boat cruise in the Gulf of Morbihan. The second weekend took place around Fontainebleau. In the middle of the visits of the castles of Fontainebleau and Vaux le Vicomte, we discovered an extraordinary private collection. An enthusiast of pharmaceutical earthenware opened his doors to us and our members were captivated by the beauty of the pieces presented as well as the meticulous presentation of the collection.

Our big trip abroad took place in Jordan where we discovered the Archaeological Museum in Amman, displaying many beautiful alabasters. Our president, together with our colleague Joao Neto, director of the Lisbon and Porto Museums, organized the sessions on the history of pharmacy within the FIP Congress which took place in Abu Dhabi in 2019.

In order to complete its collections, our association has purchased some objects, in particular a carved wooden reproduction of an apothecary from the Cathedral of Amiens.



GERMANY - DEUTSCHE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR GESCHICHTE DER PHARMAZIE

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In 2019, the regional groups of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Geschichte der Pharmazie (DGGP) organized many much-noted scientific events accompanied by a high publicity and response which reflect the wide range and intensity of the research in the History of Pharmacy in Germany. A list of the events in 2019 is provided at <https://sites.google.com/site/dggphomepage/Home/veranstaltungen/liste-der-veranstaltungen>. Numerous publications by members of the DGGP appeared and are also accessible via the Pharmaziehistorische Bibliografie and online: <http://services.bibliothek.kit.edu/pharm/phb.html>.

In 2019, the DGGP organized a variety of scientific highlights which will be presented in chronological order. The regional groups Nordrhein and Rheinland-Pfalz organized a symposium in honour of Prof. Dr. Wolf-Dieter Müller-Jahncke who celebrated his 75th birthday in 2019. After an introductory reading, various historians in the history of pharmacy gave special lectures concerning their research activities: Prof. Dr. Frank Leimkugel, Düsseldorf, and Prof. Dr. Axel Helmstädter, Frankfurt, reported about the work of the artist Erich Mühsam, and Prof. Dr. Peter Dilg, Regensburg, informed about the relationship between Goethe und Howard. Dr. Natalia Bachour, Zürich, dealt with pharmacists and pharmaceuticals in thousands and one night, Prof. Dr. Michael Mönnich, Karlsruhe, investigated famine and cholera in the 19th century, Prof. Dr. Christoph Friedrich, Marburg presented Georg Mylius (1884–1979) as pharmacist and pioneer of color photography, Dr. Katharina Pfister, Heidelberg, explained Paracelsus and astrology, and Lisa Garweg, Düsseldorf, reported about the fate of the Vienna physician Robert Joachimovits (1892–1970).

In April 2019, the DGGP and the SGGP organized a joint symposium in honor of Prof. Dr. François Ledermann, Bern, who celebrated his 70th birthday. The main topic “Scientia non unius populi sed orbis terrarum – multilingualism in the history of pharmacy” was explored under different aspects by an international panel of scientists.

Prof. Dr. Sabine Anagnostou, Marburg, discussed multilingualism as a scientific challenge in the history of pharmacy, Prof. Dr. Dr. Hubert Steinke, Bern, explored the significance of languages in the history of medicine and sciences, Prof. Dr. Yves Lehmann and Dr. Hélène Lehmann, Strasbourg-Lille, investigated the Latin and Greek plant names in the materia medica by Pliny, Dr. Angelo Beccarelli, Milan, reported about Luigi Valentino Brugnatelli as a protagonist of linguistic and scientific European integration, Prof. Dr. Francisco Javier Puerto Sarmiento, Madrid, dealt with pharmacists introducing the systems of Linné and Lavoisier in Spain, Prof. Dr. Christoph Friedrich, Marburg, presented pharmacists translating scientific works in the 18th and 19th centuries, Dr. Bruno Bonnemain, Chelles, dedicated his talk to the Esperanto in the 20th century pharmacy, Sara Gnehm, Winterthur, reported about the dispute between the pharmacist Hermann Hager and the fabricant Johann Hoff, and Dr. Manfred Fankhauser, Langnau, gave an overview about the history of cannabis in pharmacy. The talks will be published in the series „Veröffentlichungen der Schweizerischen Gesellschaft für Geschichte der Pharmazie“ and edited by Sabine Anagnostou, Ursula Hirter-Trüb and Claudia Zerobin Kleist.

In May 2019, the DGGP participated in the organization of the symposium for Prof. Dr. Christoph Friedrich, Marburg, who celebrated his 65th birthday and retired in 2019. Prof. Dr. Sabine Anagnostou, Marburg, president of the DGGP held the laudation, Prof. Dr. François Ledermann, Bern, gave a talk about the German history of pharmacy in foreign countries reflected by scientific journals, Prof. Dr. Ulrich Meyer, Greifswald, discussed new aspects of the commercial history of salicylic acid in the 19th century, and Dr. Stefanie Boman-Degen, Osnabrück, dedicated her talk to the autobiographies in the history of pharmacy by the example of Walther Zimmermann (1890–1945).

The regional groups Baden and Württemberg dedicated their traditional autumn symposium to the topic pharmacy and literature in accordance with the 50th anniversary of the Deutsche Pharmazeutische Zentralbibliothek, Stuttgart. Prof. Dr. Dietrich von Engelhardt, Karlsruhe, talked about pharmacists in literature, Prof. Dr. Wolf-Dieter Müller-Jahncke, Heidelberg, presented pharmacists and pharmacy in caricature, and Wolf Geyer, Stuttgart, reported about the 500 years old history of the Kreuser'schen Apotheke in Stuttgart.

Many members of the DGGP participated in the 44th International Congress for the History of Pharmacy 2019 in Washington, DC, which was dedicated to the topic “The Pharmacist and Quality Medicines” and gave talks or presented posters. Florian Eidam-Weber (Frankfurt) was awarded with the second prize of the international poster competition for his poster “Historical research from the British Colonies: A grass from Africa as repellent” (Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Axel Helmstädter, Frankfurt). At the FIP Congress in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, from 22nd to 26th September 2019, Dr. Frederik Vongehr, Marburg, spoke on the development of German submarine medicine.

Dr. Klaus Koch, Hamburg, was awarded by the Polish Society for the History of Pharmacy with the Statuette of Mgr. Pharm. Antonina Leśniewska for his merits in the history of pharmacy and pharmacists, especially in Poland. The DGGP is cooperating intensely with the German Pharmaceutical Society (DPhG). In September 2019, the pre-meeting of the Annual Congress of the DPhG organized by Prof. Dr. Christoph Friedrich, Marburg, focussed on “Pharmacy in Heidelberg”. The speakers presented in four lectures the development of pharmacy into an academic discipline at the University Heidelberg (Dr. Arnt Heilmann, Hirschhorn, Neckar), the development of pharmacies (Dr. Albert Borchardt, Heidelberg), life and work of Friedrich Bergius (1884–1949) (Prof. Dr. Wolf-Dieter Müller-Jahncke, Heidelberg) as well as the Deutsche Apothekenmuseum in the Heidelberg Castle (Dr. Elisabeth Huwer, Heidelberg). The meeting was very well attended and enjoyed a high public resonance. The papers will be published in the series “Stätten pharmazeutischer Praxis, Lehre und Forschung,” edited by Christoph Friedrich.

In April 2020, the biennial conference for the History of Pharmacy by the DGGP will be held in Detmold and dedicated to the topic “Heilpflanzen im Wandel der Zeiten” (Medicinal plants through the ages). We warmly invite all colleagues to join the talks, presentations and discussions as well as the promising social program. Please find the full program and registration form under: <https://sites.google.com/site/dggphomepage/Home/veranstaltungen>. We are looking forward to welcoming you in Detmold.



Participants of the opening ceremony of the exhibition "50th Anniversary of the Deutsche Pharmazeutische Zentralbibliothek", Stuttgart



FIP Military and Emergency Pharmacy Section at the reception by the military of the United Arab Emirates, Picture: MEPS, 2019

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HONG KONG – HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

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2019 was a year of exchange between members of Hong Kong Society for the History of Pharmacy (HKSHP) and societies of history of medicine, and pharmacy with other cities in the Chinese Mainland and Taiwan. Several events were held in the year which included:

Joint Research with academics and clinicians in the Mainland: Consensus has been reached to compile the work on “History of Chinese Pharmacy, From Shennong to Tu Youyou, A Journey of 5,000 Years of Materia Medica” with the leadership of the Fudan University School of Pharmacy and the Peking Union Medical College Hospital Pharmacy Department with Hong Kong Society for the History of Pharmacy to take the lead in this project. This book will cover the beginning of the use of herbs for prevention and treatment in ancient China until 2020 with the combination therapy of herbal and human serum containing antibodies of coronavirus disease. The project is anticipated to take three years with the Chinese language version to be released at the end of 2021 and the English language version in 2022.

Project on “Liang Cha – The Herbal Drink of 19th Century Cantonese Farm Workers”: A proposal to publish a book on “Cooling Tea – The Herbal Drink of 19th Century Farm Workers” was submitted to Intangible Cultural Heritage Office of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Government with the intention to promote the historical development of traditional pharmacy in June 2019.

Participation of the 44th ISHP, September 5-8, 2019, Washington DC, US: A presentation on “The Beginnings of Western Pharmacy Practice in Modern China, 1910-1941: A Case Study of the Peking Union Medical College Hospital Pharmacy Department” was delivered on behalf of HKSHP to 30 participants at the 44th ISHP held on September 7, 2019 in Washington DC, US. Discussions were held with the representatives of the Japanese Society for the History of Pharmacy at the 44th ISHP; Dr. and Mrs. Toshimasa Koshimizu and Mrs. Yohko Natsume on future collaboration and joint meetings of the two societies. Regarding publications, A paper on “Arthur Rowan (1896-1971): A humanitarian during the Japanese occupation in colonial Hong Kong” was published in the June 2019 edition of the *Pharmaceutical Historian* on behalf of the HKSHP.

HUNGARY – HUNGARIAN SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

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Back in April 2017, we have launched our Facebook page named “Képes gyógyszerészet” (Pharmacy in pictures) where we post almost each day a photo of historical interest with short explanations. As of March 1, 2020, 2288 people (compared to 1383 people on the 30 January 2019) followed our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/gyogyszeresztortenet/>. According to our experience, the social media should be taken seriously regarding the history of pharmacy, too. This is a very useful tool to delivering historical information on pharmacy to the lay public and professionals, and receiving sometimes really valuable feedbacks from them.

From July 4 to 6, 2019, our Society organized its 16th Summer Symposium on the History of Pharmacy in Pécs, a nice university city with a Pharmaceutical Faculty in Southern Hungary. The theme of this Summer Symposium was “Tradition and modernity in pharmacy.” About 45 participants got acquainted with the culture and traditions of the city, in addition to lectures on the history of pharmacy.

As usual, we continued to develop our website (www.gyogyszeresztortenet.hu) with some of the contents available in English. In 2019, among others, 23 new articles and 8 new digitalized books have been uploaded to our website, which is essentially the most significant electronic repertory of Hungarian pharmacy history books, articles, photos and other pieces of information.

This year our 17th Summer Symposium will take place in Miskolc an industrial city and cultural center in the North of Hungary. The themes of this Symposium include “The Hungarian Pharmacy and the End of the First World War including the Trianon Peace Treaty” as well as “The Relationships of the Hungarian Pharmacy with Political Regimes and Political Movements in the 20th Century.”



16th Summer Symposium on the History of Pharmacy (2019), Pécs, Hungary

HUNGARY - HUNGARIAN SOCIETY FOR PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES PHARMACY HISTORY DIVISION

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Activities of the Pharmacy History Division of the Hungarian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2019 were as follows:

Society's traditional commemoration of the Hungarian National Holiday, Memorial Day of Hungarian Revolution 1848/49, was held on March 13 in the Golden Eagle Pharmacy Museum, Budapest.

On May 4, the Division was represented by delegated members at the Annual General Assembly of the Society. The Pharmacy History Division also participated in the work of Evaluation Board of the 54th Mátyás Rozsnyay Memorial Contest, which took place in Berekfürdő from May 10 to 12. This scientific conference is traditionally organized by our Society for young pharmacists.

In July 2019 several members of the Pharmacy History Division attended the 16th Summer Symposium on the History of Pharmacy in Pécs, organized by the Hungarian Society for the History of Pharmacy. In October, we contributed to the celebration of the World Pharmacists Day by organizing a lecture session. The richly illustrated lecture was prepared by our colleagues Dr. Emese Gaál and Dr. László Szmodits, and presented the history of pharmaceutical industry and manufacturing laboratories in Zugló district of Budapest.

The Pharmacy History Division will participate in the organizing of 16th Hungarian Pharmaceutical Congress (Congressus Pharmaceuticus Hungaricus) of the Hungarian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences, to be held in April 2020 in Debrecen. In May 2020 we are planning a lecture session on the occasion of 100th anniversary of birth of Hungarian pharmacist and economist János Károly (John Charles) Harsányi (1920–2000), a Nobel Prize laureate in economics.

IRAN – IRANIAN SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

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Iranian Society for the History of Pharmacy, located in Department of History of Medicine, School of Persian Medicine at Tehran University of Medical Sciences, has contributed to many education and research events in 2019. These include the following:

Workshop on Traditional Medicine: A 70 hour-workshop on traditional medicine, held during February and March 2019. Spring School of Persian Medicine: It was a short course on “Persian Medicine according to Avicenna’s Teachings,” April 13-17, 2019. There were seven participants from Austria in the course.

The 2nd Summer School of Persian Medicine: This was a short course on Persian Medicine Principles and theories. It was held between August 1 and 10, 2019. There were four participants from India and Bangladesh in this event. Workshop of Scientific Presentation in Congresses: This workshop was organized on November 9, 2019.

International Workshop on History of Alchemy: This four-hour workshop was hosted by the Academy of Medical Sciences of Iran on November 26, 2019. Dr. Peter J. Starr (from Fatih Mehmet Sultan University, Turkey) and Dr. Shahrzad Irannejad (Mainz University, Germany) were the lecturers of this workshop. There were 50 registered participants from eight countries in this workshop.

The 2nd International Congress on History of Medicine in Iran and Islam: It was a great event on history of medicine and pharmacy, held in the School of Persian Medicine at Tehran University of Medical Sciences between November 26 and 29, 2019. There were more than 150 participants from Iran, India, Turkey, England, Germany, USA, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, France, Italy, and Tunisia. International Academy of History of Pharmacy was also one of the co-organizers of this Congress. Dr. Bruno Bonnemain (president of the International Academy of History of Pharmacy) and Prof. Dr. Olivier Lafont (president of the French Society for the History of Pharmacy) had lectures by video conference in the opening ceremony.

Workshop on Methodology of Research in History of Medicine & Pharmacy: It was held as a post-Congress event in Shiraz between November 30 and December 1, 2019. The lecturers were given by Dr. Peter J. Starr (Fatih Sultan Mehmet, Turkey), Dr. Glen M. Cooper (Einstein Centre Chronoi, Freie Universität, Germany), Dr. Arman Zargaran (Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Iran), Dr. Mehrnaz Katouzian-Safadi (University Paris Diderot, France), Dr. Shahram Jalilian (Shahid Chamran University of Ahvaz, Iran), Dr. Mohammad M. Zarshenas (Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, Iran).

Discussion Panel of Writing Thesis on History of Medicine and Pharmacy: This panel was held on November 30, 2019 in Shiraz.



*The 2nd International Congress on History of Medicine in Iran and Islam,
November 2019*

ITALY – ACCADEMIA ITALIANA DI STORIA DELLA FARMACIA

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National Congress of the Accademia Italiana di Storia della Farmacia (AISF) took place in Matera on June 8-9, 2019 in the old building of ex-San Rocco Hospital. The main theme of the congress was pharmaceutical culture of hospital. Many interesting and important old hospitals and pharmacies were shown, i.e., Magno Spedale S. Anna (Ferrara), Ospedale S. Maria della Scala (Siena), Farmacia dell'Ospedale della Morte (Bologna), and Ospedale Grande (Brescia).

Exceptionally this year the national congress was organized in cooperation with the French Pharmaceutical Society, and will take place on September 2020 in Florence.

The AISF is working to organize the International Congress for the History of Pharmacy in Milan in September 2021 by the old and prestigious hospital, Ca' Granda.

JAPAN - JAPANESE SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

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Member News

Japanese Society for the History of Pharmacy (JSHP) is deeply saddened by the passing of Dr. Yusuke Takenaka on December 31, 2018 at age of 90. During his lifetime, Dr. Takenaka served as the Director of the Division of Chem-Bio Informatics at the National Institute of Hygienic Sciences (NIHS) and the fourth president of the Société Franco-Japonaise de Pharmacie. He will be remembered for his contributions to a deeper understanding of French pharmacy in Japan, passion for learning, and kind encouragement of junior scholars.

JSHP also mourns the passing of two other former members: Dr. Masahiko Takada, on April 3, 2019, and Dr. Nobuo Aoki, on September 8, 2019. Dr. Takada worked at the Health Sciences University of Hokkaido before retirement, and helped to promote JSHP activities in Hokkaido. Dr. Aoki was the first director of the Naito Museum of Pharmaceutical Science and Industry and an honorary member of JSHP.

General Assembly Meeting

On April 20, 2019, JSHP held a general assembly meeting and two public lectures at the University of Tokyo: i) “Professor Yasuhiko Asahina’s crude drug science study and its assistance from Kiyotaka Hisauchi and Totaro Shimizu,” presented by Dr. Hideaki Ohba of the University of Tokyo, Department of Botany and The University Museum, and ii) “Japanese contributions to the advancement of cosmetic science and technology,” presented by Dr. Kazutami Sakamoto, guest lecturer at Tokyo University of Science.

Shibata Forum

Shibata Forum lectures on the history of pharmacy took place on August 3, 2019 at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Tokyo. The first lecture, “The history of making ‘Ensho’ and verification of a reproduction experiment using an aged-soil method: experimental verification of producing gunpowder’s raw material in the Edo Period,” was given by Mr. Naomi Nozawa, visiting professor at Nihon Pharmaceutical University. The second lecture entitled, “The control of lymphatic filariasis in Japan,” was made by Mr. Teruyuki Kobayashi, a novelist and part-time lecturer at Meiji Pharmaceutical University.

Annual Meeting

The 2019 Annual Meeting was held on October 26 at the Naito Museum of Pharmaceutical Science and Industry. Mr. Hiroshi Morita, the conference organizer, presented the opening remarks. 14 oral presentations and 13 poster presentations were given followed by special lectures. Dr. Teiji Kimura, Chief Discovery Officer at Eisai Company made the first special lecture entitled, “Dementia: current research and development of a curative.” The second lecture, “Eating habits: avoidance of dementia” was given by the museum’s director, Hiroshi Morita. On October 27, JSHP members received guided tours of the Naito Museum of Pharmaceutical Science and Industry and its medicinal garden, Inuyama Castle, and sights relating to the life of Shimoyama Jun’ichiro (1853–1912). Shimoyama, known in Japan as the father of pharmacognosy, also helped to introduce modern pharmaceutical science.

The 2019 Six Societies Meeting

The 2019 Six Societies Meeting of the Histories of Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Nursing, and Western Learning at Juntendo University School of Medicine took place on December 21, 2019. Professor Masayuki Mikage (Tokyo University of Agriculture, Department of Bioresource Development, Laboratory of Medicinal Plant Resources) gave a lecture entitled “The botanical origins of the crude drugs used by ancient Chinese doctors and herbalists.” Moreover, international activities of the JSHP were as follows:

Exchanges in South Korea: On April 25, the 2019 Spring International Convention of the Pharmaceutical Society of Korea took place in Seoul. Professor Shinji Funayama (Nihon Pharmaceutical University) gave a lecture entitled “Poisons and medicines of the Tempyo Era (729–767).”

Exchanges in the United States: In May 2019, JSHP member, Dr. Julia Yongue (Hosei University) visited the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy (AIHP) at the University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Pharmacy to renew ties between JSHP and AIHP. She is pictured below with Dr. Greg Higby (former executive director of AIHP, left) and Dr. Lucas Richert (associate professor and George Urdang Chair in the History of Pharmacy, right).

Franco-Japanese Exchanges: On November 24, Dr. Frédéric Bonté, a member of the French National Academy of Pharmacy, gave a lecture at the Maison Franco-Japonais in Tokyo, entitled “Jun’ichiro Shimoyama and Friedrich Flückiger: an exceptional encounter.” His lecture was well attended and included members of JSHP as well as some of the descendants of Jun’ichiro Shimoyama.

International Conference Participation: AIHP hosted the 44th International Congress for the History of Pharmacy (ICHP) in Washington, DC, on 5-8 September 2019. Participants from JSHP included:

- Dr. Toshimasa Koshimizu (Juntendo University Graduate School of Medicine), Dr. Tempei Miyaji (University of Tokyo Graduate School of Medicine), and Dr. Kiichiro Tsutani (Tokyo Ariake University of Medical and Health Sciences), who made a presentation on “Asthma cigarettes (Zensoku tabako),” which were made from cannabis, approved as a medicine, and sold in early days of pharmaceutical and tobacco regulation after Meiji restoration of 1868;
- Dr. Kazushige Morimoto (National Institute of Health Sciences) who presented his “Study to determine if Japanese new biopharmaceuticals were approved by FDA and EMA authorities,” and
- Dr. Yōhko Natsume (JSHP) whose poster title was “History of pharmaceutical development in India and Professor Harkishan Singh.”

Publications in 2019: JSHP published volume 54 of the Japanese Journal for the History of Pharmacy (Yakushigaku Zasshi), and the History of Pharmacy Newsletter (Yakushi Rettaa), numbers 81 and 82.

Website Update: The Japanese version of our website was updated: <http://yakushi.umin.jp/en/index.html>. An English version of our website is also available. Journal articles in Japanese, which include an English abstract can be downloaded free of charge.



*Dr. Yusuke Takenaka
(1928–2018)*



*Opening remarks by Director Hiroshi Morita and
The Naito Museum of Pharmaceutical Science and
Industry*



NORWAY – THE NORWEGIAN SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

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The Norsk Farmasihistorisk Selskap (NFHS, Norwegian Society for the History of Pharmacy) was established in 1994 and marked its 25th anniversary in 2019. Membership is open to all interested parties; individual members, institutions, companies, etc. The society's aim is to assemble, systemize and preserve our long and exciting history. There are currently 186 members as well as four Honorary Members: Mathis Gundersveen, Yngve Torud (posthumously), Aslaug Gombos, and Gunvor Solheim. The current Board of the NFHS is consisting of the following names: Liv Slettevold (chair); Erik Andrew (co-chair); Holger Moe Tørisen (secretary); Sissel Brinchmann and Wenche Aulie Olsen (members). The NFHS held two major meetings in 2019:

Annual Meeting in April: Following the formal proceedings, Anne Markestad from the National Centre for Medicine Shortage and Medicine Contingency spoke about “Medicine shortages in Norway – how did we end up in such a situation? What are we doing to ensure a secure supply?”

25th Anniversary and the autumn member meeting: The celebration of the 25th Anniversary and the traditional member meeting in the autumn was held at the Oslo Cathedral School. More than 70 participants, including colleagues from Denmark and Sweden, attended the meeting. The chair (Liv Slettevold) together with the three honorary members (Aslaug Gombos, Mathis Gundersveen, and Gunvor Solheim) took the audience through the daunting history from 1994 and up to date via conversations, history telling and pictures.

During the break, the participants were able to visit a unique private collection (The Andersen Collection) with 2.500 volumes on pharmacy, botany and medicine, spanning seven centuries.

The member meeting lectures: Anne Cathrine Sund: “Laboremus, pharmaceutical study and discussion club 1941-1977,” Brit Lannem: “EkornRingen at Historica – from idea to exhibition,” Randi Winsnes: “The Norwegian Medicines Agency – the history.”

NFHS Teaching at Universities: The University of Oslo, UiO Department of Pharmacy invited NFHS to give lectures on the history of pharmacy to the first-year master students. Board meetings: The board held seven meetings throughout the year.

Cygnus: NFHS has now the sole responsibility to publish the printed membership journal, since the liquidation of the Cygnus Publishing Company. Holger Moe Tørisen is the editor. NFHS aims to publish one edition per year and in 2019 the 26th edition was published. Cygnus is available online: <http://norskfarmasihistorie.no/cygnus/>.

Newsletters: Through the year NFHS published four newsletters to the members. <http://norskfarmasihistorie.no/medlemmer/medlemsbrev>.

Other activities: “My Life as Pharmacist” – the first-year master students conducted interviews with a number of “seasoned” pharmacists as the basis for reports focusing on recent pharmaceutical history. NFHS had an excursion to the historical exhibition of pharmacies and related medical objects at Glomdalsmuseet in Elverum, a couple of hours drive from Oslo. The website (<http://norskfarmasihistorie.no>) continues to be active, publishing newsletters to the members and focusing on articles published previously in Cygnus as well as recent works. NFHS is also active on social media such as Facebook and Instagram.



Aslaug Gombos, Mathis Gundersveen and Liv Slettevold



Gunvor Solheim and Liv Slettevold



The NFHS Board with Poul Kruse , Denmark and Nils Otto Ahnfelt, Sweden



Mathis Gundersveen sharing early history of the NFHS with the audience

POLAND – HISTORY OF PHARMACY DIVISION OF POLISH PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY

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The most important event of the year 2019 for Polish historians of pharmacy was the 28th Congress for the History of Pharmacy, held on 25-27 May in Krasnobród in Roztocze Highlands, Lubelskie Region. 30 papers were presented, mainly focusing on the motto of the Congress: “There is no disease in the world for which no cure exists,” by Ignacy Krasicki, a Polish poet of the 18th century. The following scientific sessions also took place in 2019:

- Warszawa, 18 January, 13th Review of diploma theses in the field of pharmacy history,
- Warszawa, 28 May, Conference at the Warsaw Museum: Byssus. Medicines from natural history cabinets,
- Łódź, 7 May, 92nd birth anniversary of the doyen of Łódź pharmacists,
- Biecz, 14-15 September “From ancient rhizotomists to contemporary pharmacognostics” – five papers were presented,
- Opole “Municipal Pharmacy in the history of Opole,” and unveiling of a memorial plaque,
- Poznań, 2 October, Jubilee celebrations for Prof. Michał Umbreit,
- Poznań, 28 June, 30 years of the Museum of Pharmacy,
- Poznań, 5 October, 27th Pharmacists’ Day.

The Chapters also organized local events to commemorate the centenary of Polish independence, and pharmacists’ part in work for the free country in various administrative, governmental and military positions. Lectures on pharmacy history are given at universities in Warsaw, Iwona Arabas (WUM); in Opole, Maria Pająk (UO). Promotion of books: Poznań, Hanna Cytryńska *Apteki klasztorne i szpitalne Poznania*; Opole Carla Hermanna *zbiór receptur różnych*; Poznań, 17 December – Wojciech Ślusarczyk *Apteka pod Orłem w Łabiszynie*.

Regarding awards and distinctions, in 2019, Statuette of Antonina Leśniewska was awarded to Jan Majewski, PhD (Poznań) and Klaus Koch PhD (Hamburg). Prof. Michał Umbreit received the Gold Medal “Faithful to Tradition” from the Society for the Memory of the Wielkopolska Uprising.

Representatives of Polish historians including Prof. Iwona Arabas, member of the Chapter Board, attended the 44th International Congress for the History of Pharmacy, held in Washington, DC, with her presentation entitled “New Raw Materials from the New World: Transfer of Knowledge to Polish Pharmacies.” Prof Iwona Arabas participated in Conference European Museum Forum, Sarajewo, 22-26 May, “A small museum which has a lot to say: Antonina Leśniewska Museum of Pharmacy, Warsaw”; Honorary Chairman, Jan Majewski, PhD attended 100th anniversary celebrations at Poznań University of Medical Sciences; Representatives of the Kraków Chapter participated in the 25th National Congress of the Polish Society for the History of Medical Sciences and in the Scientific Conference entitled “Academic Heritage: Involvement of University Museums,” in Gdańsk.

In 2019, members of the National Chapter for History of Pharmacy published a number of scientific studies and reports in Polish and foreign periodicals:

- Arabas, M. Biniecka, L.M. Czyż, S. Tulik. Legendary Medicinal Raw Materials of Marine Origin: History Continues, *Farmacja Polska*, 75, 2019, pp. 692-697.
- Arabas Podlasie Plants Collection of Princess Anna Jabłonowska, *Herbalism* 1(5), 2019, pp. 42-56.
- L.M. Czyż. The Tokarzewski Family from Kańczuga in the Podkarpackie region, *Czasopismo Aptekarskie*, 5(305), 2019, pp. 43-50.
- L.M. Czyż. Walahfried von der Reichenau, nicknamed Strabo, Monk, poet and botanist. *Aptekarz Polski*, 155(133e), 2019, pp. 42-45.

ROMANIA – THE ROMANIAN SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

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In 2019, members of the Romanian Society for the History of Pharmacy (RSHP) have participated in several events: General Assembly and Quarterly Meetings of the Society, International Congress for the History of Pharmacy (ICHP), National Meeting of the History of Pharmacy, National Meeting of the History of Medicine, meetings at the Romanian Academy, Romanian Committee of the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, Session of the Association of Physicians and Officers Pharmacists in Reserve (APOPR) and many others.

Members of the RSHP attended the 44th ICHP in Washington, DC, and presented two posters: “Retrospects on the pharmaceutical industry in Romania,” by A.E. Taerel et al.; and “Pharmaceutical heritage items from the Zisi Fârșirotu Collection, Bucharest,” by C. Rais et al.

Between October 3 and 5, 2019, the 28th National Meeting of History of Pharmacy was organized in Sibiu by the RSHP, with the support of Pharmacists’ College from Sibiu County, under the patronage of the Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy from Bucharest and the Faculty of Medicine, Pharmacy Section at the Lucian Blaga University from Sibiu.

Around 120 participants attended 55 presentations (five plenary conferences and 36 oral presentations) and visited 14 posters. The papers were classified into various main themes: i) museums and museum collections of history of pharmacy in Romania: identification, valorification and promotion of the medico-pharmaceutical heritage at national level; ii) assistance with drugs over the time in our country; iii) Romanian industry of medicines in 19th and 20th centuries; iv) medicinal plants in therapy over the time; v) scientific personalities from medico-pharmaceutical area.

The authors of the papers registered in the program were teachers from the Universities of Medicine and Pharmacy in Bucharest, Belgrad, Chișinău, Cluj, Iași, Oradea, Sibiu, pharmacists and doctors, RSHP members, and researchers from the field of history of pharmacy.

On Thursday, October 3, 2020, at the opening of the Meeting, the President of the Romanian Society of History of Pharmacy, Prof. Dr. Pharm. Adriana-Elena Tăerel, and the President of the Pharmacists' College from Sibiu County, Prof. Dr. Pharm. Felicia-Gabriela Gligor, addressed allocutions. It followed five conferences, beginning with "University, faculty and museum of history of pharmacy: university education and scientific research institutions. Science in the University, medication, science and history in the culture of Romanian people," by Ana Carată, Adriana-Elena Tăerel. After that, it was released the book *History of Medicine and Pharmacy Engraved in Medals* by C-tin Pațilea, Georgeta Năstase, Ed. Omega, Buzău, 2019.

Thursday evening, the Meeting of the Board of Directors from the RSHP took place. Friday, October 4, the papers of the second session were attended by the participants with 29 oral and 34 posters. The scholarship "Lecturer Dr. Pharm. Constantin Iugulescu" was awarded for the work "Medicinal plants used at the preparation of homeopathic remedies from the Museum of History of Pharmacy's Collection of Sibiu," supported by Daniela-Nicoleta Dordea. In addition, all the young researchers who presented papers in this session had received their diplomas. After the closure of the meeting, it followed a social program with visits to culturally interesting objects in and around the city.



28th National Meeting of the History of Pharmacy was organized in Sibiu.



Closure of the National Meeting



Museum of the History of Pharmacy in Sibiu

SERBIA – HISTORY OF PHARMACY SECTION OF THE SERBIAN PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY

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Regarding the activities at congresses, symposia and professional meetings; members of the History of Pharmacy Section of the Serbian Pharmaceutical Association held two expert meetings, and were also active within the Section for the History of Medicine of the Serbian Medical Society. At the Section meeting held on January 11, 2019, in addition to the work report for 2018 and the activities of the Section members, two lectures were held: "The contribution of Velimir Karić, PhD, to the development of the pharmacy service and the pharmaceutical profession in Serbia at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries," by Jasmina Arsić; "The tradition of plants use in treatment and the experiences of herbal pharmacy of scientific institute Josif Pančić that study herbs in Belgrade," by Nebojša Menković.

At the second meeting of the Section, held on May 17, 2019, at the invitation of the President of the Section, and within the contract on cooperation agreement between the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Belgrade and the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Health Sciences of Lithuania, Prof. Dr. Vilma Gudienė, Vice-President of the International Society for the History of Pharmacy (ISHP), held the lecture entitled "Research on the history of pharmacy at the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences." The second lecture entitled "The dark side of the history of pharmacy written in Nazi Germany" was delivered by Mr. Ph. Pavle Zelić, manager for International Cooperation, European Integration and Public Relations at the Agency for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices of Serbia. Within the Serbian Medical Society at the Section for the History of Medicine, Jelena Manojlović delivered a lecture on the greats of Serbian pharmacy, Prof. Jovan Tucakov and Prof. Stevan Jakovljević.

Regarding the activities at international congresses; representatives of the History of Pharmacy Section of the Pharmaceutical Association of Serbia actively participated at the 44th ICHP held in Washington, DC, between September 5 and 8. A number of authors have presented their research through three poster presentations and participated in the activities of the General Assembly and Extended Executive Board of the ISHP: "Inspection visits to pharmacies in the Kingdom of Serbia at the beginning of the 20th century" by Jasmina Arsić and Duška Krajnović, "Development of public health in Serbia" by Andrijana Milošević Georgiev, Duška Krajnović and Verica Jovanović, "Pharmaco-historical collection in Subotica," by Duška Krajnović and Tatjana Crnjanski.

At the 79th FIP Congress held between September 22 and 26, 2019, in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, Uroš Čakar was active within the Section for the History of Pharmacy. Moreover, at the Fourth Congress of Pharmacists of Bosnia and Herzegovina held in Sarajevo from October 10 to 13, 2019, Jasmina Arsić and Dušanka Krajnović presented a poster entitled “Expanding pharmacy network: on the trace of the advertisement for the opening the 15th Belgrade pharmacy at the beginning of the 20th century.” Prof. Dušanka Krajnović participated at the 10th International Pharmaceutical Conference “Science and Practice” in Kaunas, Lithuania, in November 2019 with a presentation entitled “A historical outline of the development of the Faculty of Pharmacy in Belgrade.” Activities under the category of the pharmaceutical science and profession were as follows:

Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Belgrade celebrated its 80th anniversary from October 19 to 24, 2019. The members of the Section had many notable activities in the following manifestations: Festive Academy marking the 80th anniversary of pharmacy studies in Belgrade held on October 24, 2019. It was an opportunity to present the first issue of the Faculty Yearbook, in which the editor is Prof. Dušanka Krajnović, PhD. She wrote briefly about the historical development of teaching at the Faculty of Pharmacy in Belgrade, “A historical outline of the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Belgrade.” This yearbook will be published every year, and will have a short section dedicated to the history of higher education for pharmacists.

The exhibition entitled “I’m looking for the beginning, shine and hours of the stand,” from the cycle “Giants in Pharmacy” by Jelena Manojlović, was held at the Faculty of Pharmacy on October 15, 2019. It opened the possibility to shed light on the character and work of two associate professors, the heads of pharmacy education and the academicians Stevan Jakovljević and Jovan Tucakov. The intention of the authors and organizers was to present to the public the professional contribution of Stevan Jakovljević, better known as writer and university professor of literature, who was the first chairman of the Pharmaceutical Department and the first professor of botany at the Faculty of Pharmacy. Also, Jovan Tucakov, the founder of the Josif Pančić Institute, ethno-medicine academician and the first professor of pharmacognosy.

The Pharmaceutical Association of Serbia, the oldest pharmacists’ association in Serbia and one of the oldest pharmacists’ associations in the Balkans, marked its 140th anniversary on October 26, 2019. The solemn academy organized on this occasion presented the monograph entitled “140 years of the Association” by Prof. Mirjana Medenica, Prof. Darko Ivanović, Prof. Vesna Matović and Mr. Ph. Dubravka Urošev. The work of the History of Pharmacy Section, as one of the oldest sections of this association of pharmacists in Serbia, active from 1951 was well represented in this book.

On the occasion of these two anniversaries at the Serbian Academy of Science and Arts Gallery, April 16 - May 4, 2019, an exhibition was opened, dedicated to another great pharmacist in Serbia, Prof. Dr. Momčilo St. Mokranjac (1899–1967), the founder of Serbian and Yugoslav toxicology, university professor and member of the National Academy of Pharmacy in Paris. The exhibition was prepared by the members of the Section Danijela Djukić-Ćosić and Jelena Manojlović and organized the University of Belgrade - Faculty of Pharmacy and Museum of the Negotin Krajina, in cooperation with the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, at the Serbia Academy of Science and Arts Gallery. This exhibition also appeared in the birthplace of Mokranjac's parents, in Negotin, as part of Mokranjac's days in the gallery of Mokranjac's house.

Museum activities during 2019 included an exhibition: "Crushing - The Story of the Mortar," set in 2018, continued also in 2019 through visits to the following cities: National Museum Zrenjanin (February), Museum of the City of Novi Sad - Gallery Collection of Foreign Art (March/April), National Museum of Kragujevac (May), National Museum of Valjevo (June), National Museum of Požarevac - Gallery of Contemporary Art (November).

As a result of the project of restoration and conservation of old pharmacy furniture from Museum at Faculty of Pharmacy, there was an exhibition funded by the Hungarian government through the Hungarian Embassy and Collegium Hungaricum. The exhibition was about the furniture from the pharmacy of the same name in Vršac, and entitled "The pharmacy at the Hungarian King St. Stefan." This restored furniture from the Museum of Pharmacy History is on display in the hall of the Faculty of Pharmacy in Belgrade. Within this exhibition, two workshops for citizens were realized.

SPAIN – THE SOCIETY OF UNIVERSITY LECTURERS ON HISTORY OF SPANISH PHARMACY

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During 2019, the Sociedad de Docentes Universitarios de Historia de la Farmacia de España (SDUHFE) edited a volume, coordinated by Esteban Moreno, Antonio Ramos Carrillo, and Antonio González Bueno, and co-sponsored by Universidad Internacional de Andalucía and SDUHFE. This 485-page book entitled *Ciencia y Profesión – El farmacéutico en la Historia* (Science and Profession – The Pharmacist in History) presents 22 selected articles among those presented in the 4th Scientific Seminar Series of the SDUHFE which took place in Huelva (Spain) in June 2016. The book is available in pdf and epub formats:

<https://www.unia.es/explorar-catalogo/item/farmacutico-en-la-historia>.

Moreover, the SDUHFE has collaborated, together with Colegio Oficial de Farmacéuticos de Badajoz (Spain) in the edition of an electronic monograph prepared by Cecilio J. Venegas, Antonio Ramos Carrillo, and Rocío Ruiz Altaba, entitled *Utopía y Propaganda – La Imagen de la Farmacia española durante el Franquismo* (Utopia and Propaganda – The Image of the Spanish Pharmacy during Francoism). This monograph analyses and reproduces the images related to pharmacy and medication from the NO-DO documentary, which was of forced dissemination in cinemas during the dictatorship of General Franco (1939–1975).

Between April 16-18, 2020, the Sixth Scientific Seminar Series of the SDUHFE will be celebrated in Calamocha (Teruel, Spain) in this occasion under the broad title of “Historia de la farmacia de Teruel y otros territorios de la Corona de Aragón” (History of the pharmacy of Teruel and other territories of the Crown of Aragon). More information is available at our web page: <https://sduhfe.wordpress.com>.

SWEDEN – HISTORY OF PHARMACY SECTION OF THE SWEDISH ACADEMY OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

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As of the end of 2019, the section had 242 members. The chairman of the board resigned and was replaced by Nils-Otto Ahnfelt. Four evening lectures were held during the year. One was about medicinal leeches, the second on how physicians came to change their view on patients during the 19th century, the third being a visit to the Pharmacy Museum at the Swedish Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the last was a visit to the Hagströmer Library (part of Karolinska Institute) containing Northern Europe's most prestigious collections of manuscripts and old books within the fields of medicine, odontology and pharmaceutics. Six pharmacy students from three universities were supervised by board members in writing their examination essays. Three issues of the section's journal, Unicornis, were published.

The last issue of 2018 contained articles about pharmacy signatures, herbal gardens and pharmacies in Sweden, world champion pharmacist on "high wheeled" bicycle, examination essays and Finland's history on drug distribution. Unicornis is now also available at our homepage <https://www.apotekarsocieteten.se/sektioner-kretsar/sektioner/farmaci-och-lakemedelshistoria/unicornis/>.

The first issue of 2019 contained an article on the unique Svanen pharmacy in Lund and its risk to close down. Ytterby Mine rewarded with EuChem's Landmark signpost, inauguration of pharmacy museum at the Swedish Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences in Stockholm, book report on the re-launched 17th century book Botanologia, first "jubilee doctor" from the Faculty of Pharmacy renewed his pledge, Carl Gustaf Mosander as manufacturer of mineral waters, how pharmacists were involved in the development of mineral waters, the pharmacies' industry manufacture of mineral waters and "Åkers krutbruk (explosives) – the Swedish state's first pharmaceutical company." The second issue of 2019 contained an article on the reopening of Svanen pharmacy in Lund, an article on the early history of the Swedish pharmaceutical industry, sexually transmitted diseases and an article on the fate of the Matfors Pharma Factory.

About 250 persons have been guided through the museum in 2018. Several new donations have been taken care of including an old painting of Paracelsus, made by an unknown painter. Some refurbishment of the pharmacy history museum premises has been made during the year. A project leader was hired to lead the development of making the museum more available for visits by the public. This work will lead to a temporary closure of the museum during the first months of 2020.

SWITZERLAND – SCHWEIZERISCHE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR GESCHICHTE DER PHARMAZIE / SOCIÉTÉ SUISSE D'HISTOIRE DE LA PHARMACIE

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Last year, we had the pleasure of hosting a symposium in honor of the Swiss pharmacy historian Professor Dr. François Ledermann to celebrate his 70th birthday. Together with the German Society for the History of Pharmacy, nine speakers, friends and companions of Prof. Ledermann were invited to the Institute for the History of Medicine in Bern. Under the title “Scientia non unius populi sed orbis terrarum – zur Vielsprachigkeit in der Geschichte der Pharmazie” Prof. Sabine Anagnostou (Marburg), Prof. Hubert Steinke (Bern), Prof. Yves Lehmann and Dr. Hélène Lehmann (Strasbourg), Dr Angelo Beccarelli (Milan), Prof. Francisco Puerto Sarmiento (Madrid), Prof. Christoph Friedrich (Marburg), Dr. Bruno Bonnemain (Chelles), Dr. Manfred Fankhauser (Langnau) and Dr. des. Sara Gnehm (Winterthur) gave exciting and interesting lectures. If you would like to know more about the speakers and their presentations, you can find the details at www.histpharm.ch.

More than 45 people attended the symposium, a nice opportunity to meet old friends and make new acquaintances, for which sufficient opportunity was planned. A commemorative publication on the symposium will be published in spring 2020. In addition to the festive symposium, the ordinary General Assembly of the Society was held, as every year. We are pleased to announce that in the person of Dr. Barbara Brauckmann, an interested and experienced natural scientist was elected to the board. Again, in February and August 2019 one issue of the Novellas could be published, which can now also be viewed on the homepage.

At the beginning of October, a small group of members met for a social event, which this year took place in the Val-de-Travers, a remote valley in the west of Switzerland. The first destination was the asphalt mines of La Presta, from which in the 19th century the asphalt was used for the pavements in Paris, among other things. Afterwards we visited the Absinthe distillery Bovet in Môtiers, enjoyed stories from the time when Absinthe was banned and the varied tasting of this special drink.

L'année 2019 a été marquée par le symposium organisé spécialement pour le 70ième anniversaire du Prof. François Ledermann. Il a été préparé de concert avec la Société allemande pour l'Histoire de la Pharmacie et a réuni dans les locaux de l'Institut bernois d'Histoire de la Médecine pas moins de 9 conférenciers, amis et autres collègues de notre jubilaire. Sur le thème « Scientia non unius populi sed orbis terrarum – le multilinguisme dans l'histoire de la pharmacie » se sont succédés la Prof. Sabine Anagnostou (Marburg), le Prof. Hubert Steinke (Berne), les Prof. Yves Lehmann et Dre. Hélène Lehmann (Strasbourg), le Dr. Angelo Beccarelli (Milan), le Prof. Francisco Puerto Sarmiento (Madrid), le Prof. Christoph Friedrich (Marburg), le Dr. Bruno Bonnemain (Chelles), le Dr. Manfred Fankhauser (Langnau) et la Dre. cand. Sara Gnehm (Winterthur), nous proposant autant de présentations passionnantes. Ceux qui aimeraient en savoir plus sur les conférenciers ou leurs interventions en trouveront tous les détails utiles sur notre site www.histpharm.ch.

Plus de 45 personnes ont pris part à ce symposium et ont profité des intervalles conviviaux réservés à cet effet pour retrouver de vieux amis ou développer de nouvelles amitiés. Au printemps prochain, sortira une publication réunissant l'ensemble des conférences présentées lors de ce symposium.

L'assemblée générale ordinaire de notre société a été organisée en parallèle à cette manifestation. Elle a notamment permis l'élection au sein de notre bureau du Dre Barbara Brauckmann, une scientifique expérimentée. Relevons enfin que nous avons à nouveau pu sortir deux éditions de nos « Novellas » en février et août 2019. Elles sont désormais accessibles sur notre homepage.

Quelques membres de la société se sont retrouvés début octobre pour notre réunion amicale habituelle. Elle s'est déroulée cette année dans le Val-de-Travers, une vallée du Jura Neuchâtelois. La visite de la mine d'asphalte de la Presta a constitué l'un des points forts de la journée, une mine dont la production a entre autres fourni le matériau nécessaire à la construction des trottoirs de Paris. Suivit ensuite une autre visite d'un intérêt différent..., celle de la distillerie Bovet à Môtiers, avec à la clé moult anecdotes liées à la période de prohibition de l'absinthe et bien entendu plusieurs dégustations!

Im vergangenen Jahr durften wir zu Ehren des Schweizer Pharmaziehistorikers Professor Dr. François Ledermann ein Festsymposium zum 70. Geburtstag ausrichten. Zusammen mit der Deutschen Gesellschaft für die Geschichte der Pharmazie konnten neun Redner, Freunde und Wegbegleiter des Jubilars nach Bern ins Institut für Medizingeschichte eingeladen werden. Unter dem Titel „Scientia non unius populi sed orbis terrarum - zur Vielsprachigkeit in der Geschichte der Pharmazie“ haben Prof. Sabine Anagnostou (Marburg), Prof. Hubert Steinke (Bern), Prof. Yves Lehmann und Dr. Hélène Lehmann (Strassburg), Dr. Angelo Beccarelli (Mailand), Prof. Francisco Puerto Sarmiento (Madrid), Prof. Christoph Friedrich (Marburg), Dr. Bruno Bonnemain (Chelles), Dr. Manfred Fankhauser (Langnau) und Dr. des. Sara Gnehm (Winterthur) spannende und interessante Vorträge gehalten. Wer mehr zu den Referenten und deren Vorträgen wissen möchte, findet die Angaben unter www.histpharm.ch.

Über 45 Personen nahmen am Symposium teil, eine schöne Gelegenheit, alte Freunde zu treffen und neue Bekanntschaften zu schliessen, wofür genügend Gelegenheit eingeplant war. Im Frühjahr 2020 wird eine Festpublikation zu dieser Tagung erscheinen.

Neben dem Festsymposium wurde, wie jedes Jahr, die ordentliche Generalversammlung der Gesellschaft abgehalten. Gerne teilen wir mit, dass in der Person von Dr. Barbara Brauckmann eine interessierte und versierte Naturwissenschaftlerin in den Vorstand gewählt wurde. Wiederum konnten im Februar und August 2019 je eine Ausgabe der „Novellas“ herausgegeben werden, welche nun auch auf der Homepage einzusehen sind.

Anfangs Oktober traf sich eine kleine Gruppe von Mitgliedern zum geselligen Anlass, welcher dieses Jahr im Val-de-Travers stattfand, einem abgelegenen Tal im Westen der Schweiz. Das erste Ziel war die Asphaltmine von La Presta, aus welcher im 19. Jahrhundert der Asphalt unter anderem für die Trottoirs in Paris verwendet wurde. Darauf besuchten wir die Absinthe-Destillerie Bovet in Môtiers, genossen Geschichten aus der Zeit des Absinthverbots und die vielfältige Degustation.

TURKEY – TURKISH HISTORY OF PHARMACY RESEARCH GROUP

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Although 2019 saw less activity than previous years, it was still active in terms of the history of pharmacy on the national and international levels.

In May, Dr. Burcu Sen Utsukarci (Istanbul) and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Halil Tekiner (Kayseri) visited Marburg, Germany, to participate in the 65th birthday celebration of Prof. Dr. Christoph Friedrich, director of the History of Pharmacy Institute at Marburg University. In September, Sen-Utsukarci and Tekiner attended the 44th International Congress for the History of Pharmacy held in Washington, D.C., and gave 2 oral presentations and 1 poster presentation. At the General Assembly of the International Society for the History of Pharmacy, Tekiner was elected to serve as vice president for another term.

In December, Prof. Dr. Afife Mat retired from Istanbul University Faculty of Pharmacy. Turkish historians of pharmacy appreciate her precious efforts to keep the history of pharmacy spirit alive in the country for decades with numerous books, papers, events, and achievements. These include re-establishing the Turkish History of Pharmacy Museum in Istanbul in 2012, organizing the 42nd International Congress for the History of Pharmacy in Istanbul in 2015 and a number of national gatherings across Turkey, and founding the History of Pharmacy and Ethics Department at Istanbul University. We wish Professor Mat good health and a successful, enjoyable, and relaxing retirement.

On December 30, 2019, Tekiner received the Distinguished Young Scientist Award of the Turkish Academy of Sciences (TUBA) at the official ceremony held in Ankara.

Selected publications from the year are as follows:

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UNITED KINGDOM – BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

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Our annual lecture programme began in February. Presented by Professor Anne Charlton, it was entitled “Byzantine Pharmacology between East and West.”

The Annual Conference was held in Southsea, near Portsmouth, 29 to 31 March. Friday, after dinner, we were given a talk about “Portsmouth and D-Day” by Andrew Whitmarsh of Portsmouth Museums. The Saturday morning papers presented were: “One hundred years of pharmacy education in Portsmouth” by Darek Gorecki, “John Woodall and the Surgeon’s Mate (1617)” by Chris Duffin, “Oxymel in Ottoman pharmacy” by Ayman Atat. Following a coffee break and poster viewing, papers continued with “Highlights of an ephemera collection” by Peter Homan and “Pharmacy and migration: James Butler Swann (1834–1901) and his three sons in New Zealand, Fiji and Samos” by Stuart Anderson.

Saturday afternoon there was a guided tour of the Tudor ship Mary Rose. The evening meal was followed by a quiz. On Sunday, following the Annual General Meeting, lectures continued with “Consuming New World drugs in Early Modern London: James Peiver’s apothecary practice,” by Katrina Maydom (the Burnby Bursary winner) and “V Antim Tart, Emp Lyttæ and others: naval pharmacy on a river expedition in Africa, 1825.” The May lecture was given by Professor Clare Fowler entitled “The Pharmacopoeia Londinensis 1618 and its descendants.”

In June we visited the National Archives at Kew for a guided tour “Behind the Scenes.” The October lecture was by Henrietta McBurney Ryan, “Animal, vegetable, mineral and Dr John Addenbrooke’s cabinet of materia medica.”

Details of our future events, bursaries and contacts may be found on our website at www.bshp.org.

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44th International Congress for the History of Pharmacy: During 2019, the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy (AIHP) devoted much time and effort to planning and hosting the 44th International Congress for the History of Pharmacy (ICHP), which was held in Washington, D.C., on September 5-8, 2019. The Congress was attended by approximately 150 participants from 24 countries. Participants presented more than 50 papers and the poster competition drew 33 entries. Other activities included four plenary lectures, two plenary panels, seven scientific tours and numerous receptions. It was wonderful to welcome colleagues from around the world to the U.S. and to spend several days together exploring our shared interest in the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals.

AIHP Awards Bestowed in 2019: AIHP conferred several awards during 2019 for contributions to the history of pharmacy. AIHP's George Urdang Medal was awarded to Gregory Higby, PhD, for his publications describing the evolution of American pharmacy during the 19th century. The selection panel cited the breadth and depth of his writings that trace the development of American pharmacy and his ability to provide insight to pharmacy's evolution. Dr. Higby served as AIHP's Executive Director prior to this retirement in December 2018. AIHP's Edward Kremers Award was awarded to Alain Touwaide, PhD, for his body of published work on materia medica and pharmaceutical practice in Antiquity, Byzantium, the Arabic world, and the Renaissance. The selection panel cited in particular the commentary volume he authored for *Tractatus de Herbis – Codex Sloane MS. 4016* (Moleiro, 2013). Dr. Touwaide is the co-founder and current scientific director of the Institute for the Preservation of Medical Traditions. He teaches at the University of California, Los Angeles.

The 2019 AIHP Robert P. Fischelis Award was awarded to George B. Griffenhagen for his decades of support of AIHP and his contributions to the field of the history of pharmacy. Mr. Griffenhagen, an AIHP member since 1949, served in numerous leadership positions at the Institute (including President and Secretary) for more than fifty years. He was a member of the International Academy for the History of Pharmacy and served on the planning committee for the 1983 ICHP. Sadly, Mr. Griffenhagen died shortly after receiving the award at age 95.

Grants-in-Aid: In 2019, AIHP awarded a PhD Thesis Support Grant to Naomi Rendina, a PhD candidate in the Department of History at Case Western Reserve University. The \$2,000 grant is supporting Ms. Rendina's research regarding the development of childbirth-inducing drugs. AIHP also awarded financial assistance grants to four early career researchers to allow them to attend the 44th ICHP. AIHP provided the awardees with complimentary registrations for the Congress and with three complimentary nights at the conference hotel.

Annual Meeting: AIHP conducted its annual membership meeting on November 14, 2019. Approximately 35 members participated in the meeting, which was conducted as a live web conference. In addition to reports from AIHP officers and staff, the meeting included a lecture by John Swann, PhD, entitled "From Daffy's Elixir to dinitrophenol: medicines and their early regulation in America." Dr. Swann is a historian at the U.S. Food & Drug Administration and a past president of AIHP. At the meeting, W. Clarke Ridgway was installed as AIHP's President. Mr. Ridgway succeeds William Zellmer, who had served as AIHP's President for the past six years.

Pharmacy in History: AIHP's periodic journal, *Pharmacy in History*, marked its 60th year of publication in 2019. During the year, Lucas Richert, PhD, AIHP's Historical Director and Editor-in-Chief of *Pharmacy in History*, instituted several changes designed to strengthen and improve the publication. A new Editorial Board has been established. In addition, a new editorial team has been established, comprised of three Contributing Editors and three Review Editors (all volunteers).

Two issues of *Pharmacy in History* were published in 2019. Volume 61, no. 1 & 2, was a special issue in honor of recently retired AIHP Executive Director Gregory Higby, PhD. It included a reprint of one of Dr. Higby's most important articles, "Heroin and medical reasoning: the power of analogy" and a selected bibliography of his publications. The issue's lead articles include "Government as apothecary: Civil War pharmacy and the common good," by Michael A. Flannery and "Erectogenic drugs in Greek Medicine," by Brent Arehart.

Volume 61, numbers 3 & 4, included a special "Future of the History of Pharmacy" section that presented essays by 15 historians, pharmacists, curators, and others suggesting possible futures for the historical study of drugs, medicines, and pharmacy. The issue also included three articles about the history of cannabis. Matthew DeCloedt wrote about "Human rights litigation and the medicalization of cannabis in Canada" since 2000. Lucía Romero recounts the story of "Medical cannabis in Argentina," and Michael Couchman's article, "Medicine, moral panic, and the international context of Canadian cannabis," explores the longer history of the world-wide war against marijuana.



Rosemary Gibson delivering remarks during the opening General Session Discussion Panel addressing “The Past, Present, and Future of Pharmacopeias.” Other panelists (from left) included Olivier Lafont, Stefan Wulle, Ronald Piervincenzi, John Swann, and Axel Helmstaedter.



Congress participants viewing the rare book collection at the U.S. National Library of Medicine, one of the six scientific tours offered at the Congress.



Congress participants who toured the museum and laboratories at the headquarters of the U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention (USP), one the scientific tours offered at the Congress.

INCOMING EVENTS IN PHARMACEUTICAL HISTORY

As of March 2020, most of the previously announced events have been cancelled or suspended due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic around the world. Please visit the following website for further information and updates: <http://histpharm.org/recent-and-incoming/>.



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