From Books to Bezoars

An international conference celebrating the 350th anniversary of the birth of Sir Hans Sloane, physician, naturalist and collector

British Library Conference Centre, 7-8 June 2010

Day 1.
9:30 Registration
Chair: Michael Hunter, Birkbeck, University of London
10.00 James Delbourgo, Rutgers University, Collecting Sir Hans Sloane
10:45 Coffee
11.05 Sloane’s origins, life and work
   Mark Purcell, National Trust, "Settled in the north of Ireland", or Where did Sloane come from?
   Pratik Chakrabarti, University of Kent, The Voyages of Hans Sloane: A Colonial History of Gentlemanly Science
   Lisa Smith, University of Saskatchewan, Sir Hans Sloane: physician of the family
Questions
12:15 Lunch
Chair: Arthur MacGregor, Ashmolean Museum
1:10 Specimens and Classification
   Charlie Jarvis, Mark Spencer, Rob Huxley, Natural History Museum, Sloane’s plant specimens at the Natural History Museum
   Savithri Preetha Nair, independent scholar, Botanising on the Coromandel coast in the seventeenth century
   Jill Cook, British Museum, Sloane, elephants and climate change
Questions
3:00 Tea
Chair: James Delbourgo
3.20 Sloane and the West Indies
   James Robertson, University of the West Indies, Knowledgeable readers- Jamaican critiques of Hans Sloane's botany
   Julie Chun Kim, Fordham University, The African and Amerindian sources of Atlantic medicine
   Wendy Churchill, University of New Brunswick, Hans Sloane's perspectives on the medical knowledge and health practices of non-Europeans
   Tracy-Ann Smith and Katherine Hann, Natural History Museum, Sloane, slavery and the natural world: new perspectives from community programming
Questions
5.00 Close

6:30-8.00 Evening reception: Enlightenment Gallery, British Museum
Day 2.
Chair: Alison Walker, Sloane Printed Books Project
10:00 Kim Sloan, British Museum, *Sir Hans Sloane’s ‘Paper Museum’*
10:45 Coffee
11:05 The Culture of Collecting
   Kathryn James, Beinecke Library, Yale, *Hans Sloane and the public performance of natural history*
   Eric Jorink, Huygens Instituut, *Sloane and the Dutch connection*
Questions
12:15 Lunch

Chair: Giles Mandelbrote, Lambeth Palace Library
1:15 Catalogues, books, and manuscripts
   Alison Walker, *The Sloane Printed Books Project*
   Marjorie Caygill, British Museum, *Sloane’s catalogues in the British Museum*
   Arnold Hunt, *Sloane as a manuscript collector*
Questions
2.20 Tea
2.50 Sloane’s book collections
   John Goldfinch, British Library, *A rediscovered volume of printed and mss fragments from Sloane’s library*
   Julianne Simpson, Wellcome Library, *The dispersal of Sir Hans Sloane’s library: a case study from the Medical Society of London collection*
   Stephen Parkin, British Library, *Sloane’s Italian books*
   Will Poole, New College, Oxford, *Sloane’s books at the Bodleian Library*
Questions
4.20 Concluding remarks
5:00 Close