

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*

Barbara Benedict, Trinity College, Hartford, *Sloane's Ranges: Shifts in Sir Hans Sloane's Literary Representation in the Eighteenth Century*

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