

# **materia medica**



## **on THE move**

**2nd edition: Amsterdam 2017**

**Organisers:**



**Hosted by:**



**ARTIS**

## **Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

*Venue: Indische kas, Hortus Botanicus Amsterdam*

**19:15-19:45 Registration / Coffee & tea**

**19:45-19:50 Welcome:**

Reinout Havinga (Hortus Botanicus Amsterdam)

**19:50-20:00 Opening:**

Toine Pieters (Utrecht University)

**20:00-21:00 Keynote lecture:**

Matthew Crawford (Kent State University)

*Disturbing drugs: re-thinking the historiography of the early modern world through materia medica*

**21:00-22:00 Drinks in the Oranjerie**

## Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Venue: ARTIS Library

**09:15-09:30** Coffee & tea

**09:30-09:45** Warming up:

Tinde van Anandel (Naturalis Biodiversity Center)

*A recently discovered treasure from the Dutch East India Company (VOC): 262 watercolour illustrations of medicinal plants and recipes from Ceylon (1694-1722)*

**09:45-11:00** Parallel sessions:

### Room 1:

**1a: Old sources, new perspectives**

Chair: Valentina Pugliano (University of Cambridge)

Akif Yerlioğlu (Harvard University)

*Corpse medicine in the early modern Ottoman Empire*

Katariina Lehto (University of Tampere)

*Evacuant and stimulating medicines helping the menstrual flow: Peter Elfving defending his thesis at Utrecht University in 1702*

Wouter Klein (Utrecht University)

*Brokers in Amsterdam and the drug trade: essential intermediaries on the medical market in the eighteenth century*

### Room 2:

**1b: Books as barometer**

Chair: TBA

Dirk Imhof (Museum Plantin-Moretus)

*A European bestseller? The distribution of Rembert Dodoens' Stirpium historiae pemptades sex from 1583*

Laia Portet i Codina (University of Cambridge)

*Understanding Pierre Pomet: exotic drugs between print and material culture*

Hana Oh (University of Oxford)

*Exotic plants and the eighteenth-century English medicine: London Medical Journal, 1780-90*

**11:00-11:45** Key note lecture:

Patrick Wallis (The London School of Economics and Political Science)

*Medical markets and mobile medicines*

**11:45-12:00** Coffee break

**12:00-13:15 Parallel sessions:**

**Room 1:**

**2a: Virtues of plants, virtues of men**

Chair: TBA

Jane Corrie

*Physicians playing the market in Enlightenment Edinburgh*

Kim Walker (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew)

*A tale of two cities: assembling cinchona bark collections in Leiden and London*

Raymond van der Ham (Naturalis Biodiversity Center)

*Dutch materia medica collections: from cradle to grave to revival*

**Room 2:**

**2b: Natural history on the spot: relation to the motherland**

Chair: Matthew Crawford (Kent State University)

Esther Helena Arens (University of Cologne)

*Materia medica in the Water Indies: categories and boundaries in Rumphius' Amboinese Herbal*

Sebastian Kroupa (University of Cambridge)

*Jesuit beans and vomitory nuts: Philippine materia medica on the move*

Monique Palma (University of Porto)

*Surgery and pharmacy in 18th century Portuguese America: frontiers and connections, theories and practices*

**13:15-14:15 Lunch**

**14:15-15:00 Key note lecture:**

Valentina Pugliano (University of Cambridge)

*The truth about nature: uncertainty, adulteration and forgery in sixteenth-century pharmacy*

**15:00-15:15 Short break**

**15:15-15:30** *Fac lege artis: plenary introduction*  
with Nils-Otto Ahnfelt & Hjalmar Fors (Uppsala Universitet)

**15:30-16:15** **Interactive session**

**Room 1:**

**3a** *Fac lege artis: re-enacting pharmaceutical practices of the past*  
with Nils-Otto Ahnfelt & Hjalmar Fors (Uppsala Universitet)

**Room 2:**

**3b** **Mini-exhibition of plant illustrations in prints and drawings**  
with Mieke Beumer & Hans Mulder (ARTIS Library)

(groups switch after 20 minutes)

**16:15-16:30** *Fac lege artis: plenary discussion*  
with Nils-Otto Ahnfelt & Hjalmar Fors (Uppsala Universitet)

**16:30-17:30** **Drinks**

**17:30-20:30** **Conference diner**

## Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Venue: ARTIS Library

**09:15-09:30** Coffee & tea

**09:30-09:45** Warming up:

Wouter Klein (Utrecht University)

*Digging for data on drug trajectories: the Time Capsule platform as an innovative research tool*

**09:45-10:30** Key note lecture:

Pratik Chakrabarti (University of Manchester)

*Materia medica and imperialism: the blood in the Jamaican blood flower*

**10:30-10:45** Coffee & tea

**10:45-12:00** Plenary session:

**Room 1:**

**4a: Drug trajectories**

Chair: Toine Pieters (Utrecht University)

Susann Holmberg (University of Oslo)

*Guaiacum: locating a cure for syphilis*

Katrina Maydom (University of Cambridge)

*Expanding the English pharmacopoeia: American drugs and poisons in the seventeenth century*

Dominique Juhé-Beaulaton (Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle)

*Biography of the miraculous fruit (Synsepalum dulcificum): travellers on the West African coast to pharmaceutical laboratories*

**12:00-12:15** Book reading by Tom Hillenbrand, author of *Der Kaffeedieb (The coffee thief)*

**12:15-12:45** Interview with the author

Moderator: TBA

**12:45-13:00** Closing remarks:

Toine Pieters (Utrecht University)

## Registration

You can register via <http://www.timecapsule.nu/events/2017/closing-conference-materia-medica-move-ii>. Registration is open until September 22.

## Venues

### Venue Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

Hortus Botanicus Amsterdam  
Plantage Middenlaan 2a  
1018 DD Amsterdam

### Venue Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

ARTIS Library  
Plantage Middenlaan 45-45A  
1018 DC Amsterdam

Please, do not use the entrance at Plantage Kerklaan 38-40.

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