

5th Week of Science



Alchemy: Thinking the Science through the books.

"Marqués de Valdecilla" Historical Library (Universidad Complutense de Madrid) Seminary & Exhibition

Introduction

It has become a tradition that every year, the Research and Universities General Office of the Madrid Education Council jointly organize an Event called "The Week of Science", devoted to the public and scholar access to all Centres where Science could be close to them. This year will be offered the 5th Edition during the next November-2005.

The Event includes few activities concerning Science. Libraries, Laboratories, Research Centres, Academies, Museums, Control Room of Airports, Train Stations, Fire Departments and any place where Science and Technical Knowledge is settled will open theirs doors in order to an extended approach to the public.

"Marqués de Valdecilla" Historical Library (HL) at Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM) (<u>http://www.ucm.es/BUCM/foa/00.htm</u>) is making a big effort on it. The Head of the HL, Ana Santos, helped by Doctors Miguel Lopez (<u>baeyens@ya.com</u>) and Joaquin Perez (<u>jperez@icp.csic.es</u>), presents several activities about History of Alchemy this year.

The fine books stock related to Alchemy of the HL is, probably, one of the most important and unknown of all Europe. First editions, uncatalogued printed books and very rare copies are waiting for the right attention they deserve.

Activities

1. *Alchemy* Seminary devoted to History of Alchemy

Final Program

November-15

17.00. Presentation

17.30. A scientific approach to the alchemical practise. Joaquin Perez Pariente, Spanish Council for Scientific Research (CSIC)-UCM.

18.15. An experimental approach to the ancient ways of making medicines. Agustin Fernandez, Research Professor, Madrid. 19.00. General Discussion

November-16

17.00. *Metallurgy and theories of matter*. Manuel Martos, Department of Early Modern History, University of Seville.

17.45. Historical view of Chymia. Soledad Esteban.

Department of Organic Chemistry. UNED.

18.30. Alchemy in Catholic environments: the Jesuits. Miguel Lopez. CSIC. 19.15. General Discussion.

November-17

17.00. Alchemy and Medicine. Introduction of Medical Chemistry in Spain. Mar Rey Bueno. UCM. 17.45. Simbolism, Kabbalah and Alchemy. Raimon Arola, Department of Painting. University of Barcelona.

18.00. General Discussion.

Address & Info "Marqués de Valdecilla" HL Conference Room. Calle Noviciado, 3, Madrid 28015. Underground Line 2, *Noviciado* Station.

No registration fee is required. Info: 10.00 to 20.00 (+1 GMT) Phone: 00 34 91 394 66 12. Fax: 00 34 91 394 65 99, e-mail: <u>buc foa@buc.ucm.es</u>. Web site (under construction) will be aviable on time.

2. Alchemy in the books Books Exhibition

A hundred twenty books will be exhibited during November-2005 at "Marqués de Valdecilla" HL Hall. The Order of Sections will be as follows:

- Paracelse and followers
- Spagyric Art
- Medical Chemistry
- The end of Alchemy
- Classic Texts
- Lullian Alchemy
- Collected texts editions
- Very rare books
- Alchemy and Books of Secrets

Books selection by Doctors Miguel Lopez and Joaquin Perez. Definitive Books List since July-2005 via e-mail (<u>baeyens@ya.com</u>).

3. *Alchemical Thought & Practise on paper* Catalogue and Proceedings

Provisional

Seville University Press Service, Director of "Bibliotheca Alchemica Hispaniae" and UCM will sponsor the Exhibition Catalogue and Proceedings. Forthcoming late 2005.



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4. *Alchemy in the web* On-line Catalogue & Exhibition

"Marqués de Valdecilla" HL has been working hard in order to spreading its Heritage during last years, specially via Internet. As a result of it, we have free access to a very good On-line Catalogue and a long Digitalized Books List, as you can see at

http://www.ucm.es/BUCM/foa/english_version/dioscorides.htm

More than this, fourteen On-line Exhibitions can be seen in the HL Web Page http://www.ucm.es/BUCM/foa/Exposiciones.htm

An example; The Kircher Exhibition: http://www.ucm.es/BUCM/foa/exposiciones/08Kircher/Exposicion_kircher.htm

The structure we are trying for this On-line Catalogue & Exhibition includes the previous commentaries to Sections and Books. We hope the participation of Spanish and International Authorities on History of Science and Alchemy for each Sections and Books.

Sections:

<u>Paracelse and followers</u> (by Dr. Allen G. Debus. Morris Fishbein Professor Emeritus of the History of Science and Medicine. Department of History The University of Chicago. Illinois)

Spagyric Art

<u>Medical Chemistry</u> (by Dra. Mar Rey Bueno, Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

<u>The end of Alchemy</u> (by Dr. Harold J. Cook. Director of the Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at University College London)

Classic Texts

Lullian Alchemy

<u>Collected texts editions</u> (by Jose Rodriguez. Director of e-journal "Azogue" devoted to the History of Alchemy).

Very rare books

<u>Alchemy and Books of Secrets</u> (by Dr. William Ch. Eamon. Regents Professor of History. New Mexico State University)

Books:

João Rui Pita (Universidade de Coimbra-Portugal) Annelies van Gijsen (Universiteit Antwerpen)

Rafal T. Prinke (Centre for Electronic Text in the Humanities, Poznań – Poland)

Paulo Alves Porto (Pontificia Universidades de São Paulo-Brasil)

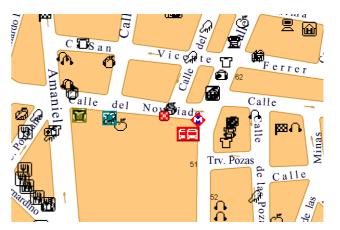
On-line Catalogue & Exhibition Web Page Link since October-2005 from

http://www.ucm.es/BUCM/foa.htm

Additional Info

Location

"Marqués de Valdecilla" HL. Calle Noviciado, 3, Madrid 28015. Underground Line 2 (Red Line), *Noviciado* Station.



Schedule

November-2005.

Disciplines

Social Sciences, History, History of Science, Alchemy and Early Modern Chemistry.

Interesting for

PhD Students, Researchers, University Professors and General Public.

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