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A FEW WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Colleagues,

Each period has its own character, which makes it remarkable for future historians. Our days are dominated by the return of infectious diseases, which were known only as phenomena of the past and as historical objects of research. Now we are in a situation where we get the feeling of becoming part of medical history more than some generations before us. On the one hand, we are witnessing a pandemic with a tremendous impact on public health, society, and the economy; on the other hand, we are experiencing incredible and unprecedented advances in vaccine development. It is possible that future research will assess the value of pharmacy and drug development as an achievement of historic dimensions.

Being part of these developments also brings with it the responsibility to preserve materials, publications, communications as objects of study for our colleagues in the future. This is all the more important because electronic publications, e-mails, etc. are much less durable than documents on papyrus or paper. So we should actively try to preserve documents and objects of the present time for future generations.

In this sense, our American colleagues have started a remarkable project to collect material documenting how the pandemic affected our lives, especially pharmacy and medicine. Some inconveniences we currently suffer from will disappear, but some will remain, probably including the practice of online conferencing. Although some say these have led to a plague of its own right ("zoom fatigue") and many of us find it boring to follow such conferences all day, they are a wonderful opportunity to bring people with common interests together very easily.

In our field, there have been very successful examples, such as the Pharmaceutical History Festival organized by the American Society last fall, which turned out to be a tremendous success really fulfilling what the title had promised. The British Society was able to interest almost 200 participants from all over the world for an evening lecture at the end of February. More events will follow, please check our website or those of the national societies.

Of course, the International Society does not want to be left behind, and will therefore hold a virtual conference at the end of April (see announcement in this newsletter and online). Embedded in the two-day conference will be the legally required meetings of the boards and the general assembly. Despite some great experiences with online presentations and discussions, I'm sure everyone will be glad when we can meet again in person. In this respect, we very much hope for the next international congress, which is now planned for September 2022 in Milan. Hopefully, we will then be able to take a first look back at a pandemic that has been overcome.

Prof. Dr. Axel Helmstädter
ISHP President

QUELQUES MOTS DU PRÉSIDENT



Mesdames et Messieurs,

Chaque période a ses propres particularités, qui la rendent unique pour les futurs historiens. Nos jours sont dominés par le retour de maladies infectieuses qui n'étaient connues que comme des phénomènes du passé et comme des objets de recherche historiques. Nous nous trouvons maintenant dans une situation où nous avons le sentiment de faire partie de l'histoire médicale plus que certaines générations avant nous. D'une part, nous assistons à une pandémie dont l'impact sur la santé publique, la société et l'économie est sans précédent ; d'autre part, nous sommes témoins de progrès incroyables et inouïs dans le développement des vaccins. Il est possible que à l'avenir les historiens évaluent le développement de la pharmacie et des médicaments comme une réalisation de dimension historique.

Ce qui implique qu'il est également de notre responsabilité de préserver les matériaux, les publications, les communications comme objets d'étude pour nos futurs collègues. Cela est d'autant plus important que les publications électroniques, les courriers électroniques, etc. sont beaucoup moins durables que les documents sur papier ou sur papyrus. Nous devrions donc nous efforcer activement de préserver les documents et les objets du temps présent pour les générations futures.

À cette fin, nos collègues américains se sont lancés dans un remarquable projet de collecte de matériel documentant la manière dont la pandémie a affecté nos vies, en particulier la pharmacie et la médecine. Certains des inconvénients dont nous souffrons actuellement disparaîtront, mais d'autres subsisteront, notamment probablement la pratique des conférences en ligne. Bien que certains disent que ces conférences ont provoqué un fléau ("fatigue du zoom") et que beaucoup d'entre nous trouvent ennuyeux de suivre de telles conférences toute la journée, elles sont une extraordinaire occasion de rassembler très facilement des personnes ayant des intérêts communs.

Dans notre domaine, il y eut des exemples très réussis, comme le Festival d'histoire de la pharmacie organisé par la Société américaine l'automne dernier, qui a été à la hauteur de son nom. La Société britannique a pu attirer près de 200 participants du monde entier pour une conférence en soirée à la fin du mois de février. D'autres événements suivront, veuillez consulter notre site web ou ceux des sociétés nationales.

Bien entendu, la Société internationale ne veut pas être en reste, c'est pourquoi elle organisera une conférence virtuelle à la fin du mois d'avril (voir l'annonce dans ce bulletin et en ligne). La conférence de deux jours comprendra les réunions des conseils d'administration et de l'assemblée générale prévues par la loi. Malgré les excellentes expériences de présentations et de discussions en ligne, je suis convaincu que chacun sera heureux de se retrouver « en présentiel ». À cet égard, nous attendons avec joie le prochain Congrès international, désormais prévu pour septembre 2022 à Milan. Nous espérons que nous pourrons alors jeter un premier regard sur une pandémie alors surmontée.

Prof. Dr. Axel Helmstädter
Président de la SIHP

EINIGE WORTE DES PRÄSIDENTEN



Liebe Kolleginnen und Kollegen,

Jede Zeit hat ihren eigenen Charakter, die sie für zukünftige Historiker bemerkenswert macht. Unsere Tage sind von der Rückkehr von Infektionskrankheiten bestimmt, die man nur als Phänomene der Vergangenheit und als historische Forschungsobjekte kannte. Jetzt befinden wir uns in einer Situation, in der wir das Gefühl bekommen, mehr als einige Generationen vor uns Teil der Medizingeschichte zu werden. Einerseits sind wir Zeugen einer Pandemie mit ersthaften Auswirkungen auf das öffentliche Gesundheitswesen, die Gesellschaft und die Wirtschaft, andererseits erleben wir unglaubliche und bisher nie gekannte Fortschritte in der Entwicklung von Impfstoffen. Möglicherweise wird die zukünftige Forschung den Wert der Pharmazie und der Arzneimittelentwicklung als eine Errungenschaft von historischer Dimension bewerten.

Teil dieser Entwicklungen zu sein, bringt auch die Verantwortung dafür mit sich, Materialien, Publikationen, Kommunikation als Untersuchungsobjekte für unsere Kollegen in der Zukunft zu bewahren. Das ist umso wichtiger, als elektronische Publikationen, E-mails etc. wesentlich weniger dauerhaft sind als Dokumente auf Papyrus oder Papier. Wir sollten also aktiv versuchen, Dokumente und Objekte der Jetztzeit für zukünftige Generationen zu sichern.

Dazu haben unsere amerikanischen Kollegen ein bemerkenswertes Projekt gestartet, um Material zu sammeln, das dokumentiert, wie die Pandemie unser Leben, insbesondere Pharmazie und Medizin beeinflusst. Einige Unannehmlichkeiten, unter denen wir gegenwärtig leiden, werden wieder verschwinden, aber manches wird bestehen bleiben, wahrscheinlich auch die Praxis der Online-Konferenzen. Obwohl manche sagen, diese führten zu einer Seuche für sich („Zoom-Fatigue“) und es viele von uns langweilig finden, den ganzen Tag solchen Konferenzen zu folgen sind sie eine wunderbare Gelegenheit, Menschen mit gemeinsamen Interessen sehr einfach zusammenzuführen.

Auf unserem Gebiet gab es sehr gelungene Beispiele, so das pharmaziehistorische Festival, das die amerikanische Gesellschaft letzten Herbst organisierte und das seinem Namen alle Ehre machte. Die britische Gesellschaft konnte Ende Februar fast 200 Teilnehmer aus der ganzen Welt für einen Abendvortrag interessieren. Weitere Anlässe werden folgen, bitte schauen sie auf unsere Webseite oder diejenige der nationalen Gesellschaften.

Natürlich möchte auch die Internationale Gesellschaft nicht zurückstehen, und wird daher Ende April eine virtuelle Konferenz abhalten (siehe Ankündigung in diesem Newsletter und online). In die zweitägige Konferenz eingebettet sind die rechtlich erforderlichen Sitzungen der Vorstände und die Mitgliederversammlung. Trotz der teilweise großartigen Erfahrungen mit Online-Vorträgen und Diskussionen, bin ich sicher, dass alle froh sind, wenn wir uns wieder persönlich treffen können. Wir hoffen insofern sehr auf den nächsten internationalen Kongress, der jetzt für September 2022 in Mailand geplant ist. Hoffentlich können wir dann einen ersten Rückblick auf eine überwundene Pandemie werfen.

Prof. Dr. Axel Helmstädter
IGGP-Präsident

ISHP GENERAL ASSEMBLY

APRIL 23, 2021, FRANKFURT, GERMANY

EXTENDED COMMITTEE MEETING & GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Friday April 23, 2021, 18.00 German time (Central European Summer Time)
Institute of Pharmaceutical Chemistry
Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany

Members are required to take part online (Zoom Video conference, details will follow).

AGENDA

1. Welcome address by the president
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Reports: President (A. Helmstädter), Treasurer (K. Bosse-Bringewatt), Editor (H. Tekiner), Internet (S. Wulle), FIP (J. Gruvé), Auditors

Extended Committee Meeting (delegates only)

4. Approval of the reports
5. Approval of the treasurers bookkeeping
6. Approval of the treasurers financial planning 2012/2013
7. Elections: President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, General Secretary, Assessors (see enclosure)
8. Any other business

General Assembly (all members of national societies)

9. Confirmation of elections
10. Election of auditors
11. Admission of retirement Committee members 2019/20
12. Research Fellowships
13. Congresses 2022 and following
14. Any other business

Any proposals have to be made two months in advance, i.e. until February 23, 2021, to the General Secretary or the President. Candidates to be elected are already suggested by the Select Executive Committee as attached. Further proposals can be made until the date mentioned. They will be elected for the period January-December 2022.

It is also necessary to nominate the national delegates for the Extended Committee Meeting, two weeks in advance the latest (Societies with more than 400 members: 3 delegates, 200-400 members: 2 delegates, < 200 members: 1 delegate). Please inform the President or the General Secretary accordingly.

General Assembly will be open for everyone.

Prof. Dr. A. Helmstädter
President

Suggestions for Select Executive Committee Members 2022

President: Axel Helmstädter, Germany
Vice Presidents: Bruno Bonnemain, France; Halil Tekiner, Turkey; Vilma Gudiene, Lithuania
General Secretary: Dusanka Krajnovic, Serbia
Treasurer: Kathrin Bosse-Bringewatt, Germany
Assessors: Greg Higby, USA; Szablocs Dobson, Hungary

ISHP VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM

APRIL 23-24, 2021

ISHP Virtual Symposium will be held online on April 23-24, 2021 via Zoom. Those who are interested to attend should register via e-mail to symposium@histpharm.org. Your e-mail will be used to send you the Zoom link.



PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Friday, April 23, 2021

Session A: Drugs and Prescriptions

15.30: (A1) Terminological changes of essential oils of selected pharmacopoeias – Z. Takáts, N. Papp, T. Ambrus, Pecs, Hungary/Brno, Czech Republic

16.00: (A2) A women's job: getting science in each household (19-20th ct.) – G. Bavone, Italy

16.30: (A3) Apothecaries, charlatans and the manufacturing spectacle. Legal and illegal theriac prescriptions and other antidotes in Bologna in the early modern period – P. Oszajca, Winterthur, Switzerland

17.00: (A4) Prescriptions of narcotics and toxic substances in German-speaking countries from the 18th until the 20th century. A contribution to the history of drug safety – K. Grothusheikamp, Marburg, Germany

Highlight Presentations

20.00: (H1) New insights into ancient Egyptian medical prescriptions – Prof. Dr. Tanja Pommerening, University of Marburg, Germany

20.45: (H2) Imaging of the Syriac Galen palimpsest with powerful X-rays – Prof. Dr. Uwe Bergmann, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, USA

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Session B: Traditional Pharmaceuticals

9.30: (B1) A historical report on preparing sustained release dosage forms for addicts in Medieval Persia, 16th c. AD – S. Soleymani, A. Zargaran, Tehran, Iran

10.00: (B2) Ancient remedies against parasitic nematodes: an investigation on codices and pharmacopeias – C.B. Vicentini, M. Chicca, M. Pezzi, Ferrara, Italy

10.30: (B3) Remedies to seasickness: suggestions from ancient codices, herbals, and pharmacopeias – B.M. Giusto, M. L. Giusto, Ferrara, Italy

Session C: Traditional and Colonial Pharmacy

11.30: (C1) A (very) brief history of Tibetan traditional medicine – F. Eidam-Weber, Marburg, Germany

12.00: (C2) Georg Joseph Kamel (1661-1706): Natural and medical knowledge in transit between the Philippines and Europe – S. Kroupa, London, UK

12.30: (C3) Penal hospital pharmacy in the penal colony in Guyana – D. Braguer, Allauch, France

Session D: Pharmacy and Pharmacists

14.00: (D1) Francis Bernard (1628-1698): A seventeenth-century apothecary and physician – E. Betz, St. Andrews, UK

14.30: (D2) Establishment and activity of pharmacology department of Belarusian state medical university during 1922-1940 – A.V. Shalukhina, N.A. Bizunok, V.F. Sosonkina, Belarus

15.00: (D3) The new academic degree for pharmacists during the Napoleonic Italian republic (1802-1805) – E. Cevolani, Bologna, Italy/Madrid, Spain

Session E: Pharmaceutical Literature

16.00: (E1) Using optical character recognition for the transcription of a handwritten herbal – M. Mönnich, Tübingen/Karlsruhe, Germany

16.30: (E2) Some publications from Romanian pharmaceutical literature from XIX-XXth centuries – L.M. Stanescu, Bucharest, Romania

17.00: (E3) What kind of stories bookplates tell. Some viewpoints in the mirror of the historical library of Swiss pharmacy – S. Ruppen, Berne, Switzerland

17.30: (E4) "A difficult weapon to confiscate". Ethical implications of military human enhancement reflected through the science fiction genre – F. Vongehr, Marburg, Germany

ISHP RESEARCH GRANT

The ISHP will continue to support pharmaceutical history research proposals of international relevance and will welcome proposals for 2022. The grant is primarily, but not exclusively, intended for academic projects. Proposals for the 2022 ISHP Fellowship grant must be sent by email, in English language to the ISHP General Secretary by **August 31, 2021**.

The International Society for the History of Pharmacy 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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OBITUARY: GRAZIELLA L. NARCISA BAICU (1922-2020)

An important loss for the Romanian Society for the History of Pharmacy and also for the Romanian Academy was the death of Doctor Pharmacist Graziella Lygia Narcisa Baicu (1922-2020), who died on April 15, 2020, due to cardiac disease. Graduate of the Faculty of Letters (1947) and of the Faculty of Pharmacy in Bucharest (1948), Ph.D. in pharmaceutical sciences (1975), full member of the International Academy of History of Pharmacy (Seville, September 15, 1974), she had a rich professional, scientific, editorial activity within the Institute for State Control of Medicines and Pharmaceutical Research (ISCMPR), the Society of Medical Sciences, the Department of Pharmacy, and the Medical Publishing House.



**Graziella L. Narcisa
Baicu (1922-2020)**

From March 1, 1949, as the editorial secretary, she ensured the publication of the journal *Farmacia*, an organ of the General College of Pharmacists. She was active for only two months, the publication being abolished due to the liquidation of the College, his tutelary institution, as a result of the nationalization that took place on April 2, 1949.

She had the initiative to create an orientative publication, entitled *Centrofarm Newsletter*, ensuring, in addition to content programming, all printing operations. The journal appeared in ten issues (August 1949-December 1950) and inserted in its pages, provisions, instructions, legislative texts, etc., concerning legal, technical, organizational, and methodological regulations, based on which the new pharmaceutical sector, restructured according to the criteria socialist economy and centralized planning, to be oriented and guided. Other functions performed: editorial secretary at the journal *Farmacia* (March 1, 1953-September 1958); director of three successive Medical Agendas 1955, 1956, 1957, coordinated by DGF from the Ministry of Health; 1973-1988 contributed to the publication of the journal *Pharmacovigilance*, 64 quarterly publications.

Among nearly 60 published works, we can mention the following in particular:

- Traditions of the valorification of medicinal plants in Romania, Doctoral thesis, Institute of Medicine and Pharmacy, Târgu Mureş, 1975.
- History of Pharmaceutical Sciences in Romania, Amaltea Medical Publishing House Bucharest, 1994, Coordinators: Spielmann Josif, Baicu Graziella.
- Faculty of Pharmacy Bucharest 75 years since its establishment 1923-1998, Genicod Ltd General Advertising & Printing House (in the coordination and editing team).
- 18 monographs of pharmacists and doctors published in the Encyclopedia of Great Personalities, vol. I-II-III, Ed. Genesis 1999-2001; vol. IV Contemporanii A-I, Ed. Genesis 2003.

On November 11, 2015, at the Faculty of Pharmacy in Bucharest, Prof. Dr. pharm. Adriana – Elena Tăerel, President of RSHP and Pharmacist Maria-Gabriela Suliman, President of the Bucharest Section of RSHP, handed over to Dr. Ist. Pharm. Graziella-Lygia-Narcisa Baicu Medal "Prof. Dr. Pharmacist Alexandru Ionescu-Matiu", for the entire activity as a scientific researcher in the field of the History of Pharmacy.

We would like to extend our condolences to her family, friends, and colleagues.

Adriana-Elena Tăerel

Romanian Society for the History of Pharmacy

OBITUARY: SLAVA PRIKHODKO (1938-2020)

It is with much regret to inform members of the ISHP of the passing of Pharmacist Slava Prikhodko in 2020.

Graduated from the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Kaunas Medical Institute (Lithuania) in 1967, she directed a pharmacy in one of the ancient Belarusian city of Rogachev for 14 years between 1982 and 1996.

Having a 53-year of professional experience in the field of pharmacy, Slava Prikhodko was also a respected scholar of the history of pharmacy, instilled a love for the profession in many specialists, including the young head of her pharmacy with whom she organized a historical exposition in the pharmacy, which now has more than 300 items. In 2012, they published a book entitled *A Historical Sketch of the Rogachev Region and the Pharmacy Network of the Rogachev Region*.

Pharmacist Slava Prikhodko enjoyed great prestige among colleagues, the population, and the city authorities. We would like to extend our condolences to her family, friends, and colleagues.

Valentina Sosonkina

Belarusian Society for the History of Pharmacy



Slava Prikhodko
(1938-2020)

OBITUARY: FRANZ WINKLER (1929-2020)

On September 7, 2020, Franz Winkler died at the age of 92. Winkler came from a long-established Innsbruck pharmacist family, so his choice of profession, he studied pharmacy, also connected his special interest in the history of pharmacy. After the war, the private pharmaceutical historical collection stored during these years, which went back to his grandfather Ludwig Winkler, was restored and re-erected on Franz Winkler's initiative.

From 1965 to 1999 Franz Winkler was President of the Austrian Society for the History of Pharmacy, at the same time Vice-President of the International Society for the History of Pharmacy for a number of years, and since 1977 a member of the Académie internationale d'histoire de la pharmacie. In 1961 and 1977 he organized the International Congress for the History of Pharmacy in Innsbruck for the ISHP.

In addition to this commitment to the history of pharmacy and the corresponding companies, Franz Winkler was drawn into professional politics very early on, so from 1962 to 1964, he held the position of regional branch manager of the Chamber of Pharmacists in Tyrol. From 1964 Vice-President of the Austrian Chamber of Pharmacists in Vienna, then also chairman of the Pharmacists' Association, representing the interests of the self-employed pharmacists, Franz Winkler was elected President of the Austrian Chamber of Pharmacists in 1980, which he held for 16 years until 1996. After a long and extremely active life, Franz Winkler fell asleep peacefully on September 7, 2020, following a short illness.



**Franz Winkler
(1929-2020)**

Andreas Winkler

Austrian Society for the History of Pharmacy

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AUSTRIA – ÖSTERREICHISCHE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR GESCHICHTE DER PHARMAZIE

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Due to the Corona-related situation, the General Assembly of the ÖGGP planned for autumn 2020 could not take place as usual and be therefore postponed to 2021.

Selected publications

- Biba, Franz. Fragment einer Stadt für die Gesundheit. Die „Neuen Kliniken“ in Wien. Österreichische Apotheker-Zeitung 2020;74(19):82-84.
- Biba, Franz. Beethovens Bruder Johann war Apotheker. Ein pharmaziehistorischer Beitrag zum Beethoven-Jahr. Österreichische Apotheker-Zeitung 2020;74(23):100-103.
- Bilinski, Vanda., Biba, Franz., Reis, Jasmina., Grdinić, Vladimir. August Šenoa i Morisonove pilule. Šta ćete, pokvario sam se prigodom potresa. Zagreb Moj Grad 2020;76(14):110-113.
- Johannes, Seidl., Soukup, Rudolf Werner., Schneeweiß, Bruno., Kletter, Christa., Boué, Ami. De Urina in Morbis (1817) Eine Dissertation an der Schwelle zur modernen Medizin. Melle; 2019. ISBN 978-3-937283-22-7
- Langebner, Thomas. Pro gravidis: Über Diät und Arzneigebrauch in der Schwangerschaft. Pharmakon 2020;8:377-383.
- Langebner, Thomas. Carl Warburg (1804-1892) and his tincture: The rise, fall and revival of a secret remedy. Pharmaceutical Historian 2020;50:74-82.
- Langebner, Thomas. Eine kurze Geschichte der Generika. Österreichische Apotheker-Zeitung 2020;74(16):56.
- Langebner, Thomas. Josef Horner (1928-2019). Ein Krankenhausapotheker mit Herz und Seele. Österreichische Apotheker-Zeitung 2020;74(11):74.
- Langebner, Thomas. "Wird man schon nicht unsterblich damit, bleibt es doch auf der Welt" Der Apotheker und Pharmaziehistoriker Anton Wiltsch (1892-1967). Geschichte der Pharmazie 2020;72:13-18.
- Langebner, Thomas. Galle, Tausendfüßler, Zwiebelsaft - Aus der Geschichte der Otologika. Pharmakon 2020;8:8-14.

BELARUS – BELARUS CLUB OF THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

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On October 30, 2020, an online conference on the history of the development of pharmacy in Belarus was held. The conference participants included specialists in practical and scientific pharmacy as well as students of some medical educational institutions. 15 people made presentations. Link to the conference programme: <https://farmacia.by/novosti/novosti-aptechnoj-seti/respublikanskaya-konferenciya.html>



Link to the conference presentations:

<https://farmacia.by/uploads/news/2020/2020-11/2020-11-02%20Respublikanskaa-konferencia/Materialy-konferencii.zip>



*Second year students of the pharmaceutical department
of the Mogilev Medical College*

A virtual tour of the historical exposition was organized in an old state pharmacy in Postavy, in the Vitebsk region. The building of the pharmacy is an architectural monument.



State Pharmacy in Postavy

Key events in 2021 will be the following:

- The holding of the historical forum in the museum of the Belarusian Polesye, dedicated to the 460th anniversary of the opening of the first pharmacy in Belarus (Pinsk).
- Joint research work with the staff of the state museum in Ruzhany about the healers and pharmacists of the magnates Sapiiega (XVII-XIXth centuries).
- Preparation and publication of scientific articles on historical topics in journals.

Selected publications

- Sosonkina, Valentina F. The organization of quality control of medicines in Belarus (XVI century - early XX century). *Journal of Pharmacy Bulletin* 2020;3(89):104-112.
- Sosonkina, Valentina F. The consolidation of state museums and the pharmacy history club to preserve the pharmaceutical heritage of Belarus. *Materials of the IV All-Russian (with international participation) scientific and practical conference. Novosibirsk* 2020:181-185.
- Sosonkina, Valentina F. Military and Labor activity of Military Doktor, Doktor of medical sciences M.V. Pavlovets. *Materials of the scientific conference. Moscow* 2020:220-225.
- Conroy, Mary., Sosonkina, Valentina. Combatting Epidemics in Belarus by The ARA, 1922-1923. *Journal of Liberal Arts and Humanities* 2020;9:1-18.

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 has been less active than previous years, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our planned conference in Bussum on May 16-17, 2020, had to be postponed to 2022. As a result, the annual consultation of our members could not take place as well.

The Circle published two bulletins in 2020. Issue 135 contained an article by Marie-Christine De Smet about the apothecary shop of the Vande Vyvere Family in Bruges, following her talk on the subject at our conference in Bruges in 2019. The issue also contained two reprints from *Jaarboek Amstelodamum*, issue no. 106. One was about a “yawner” (gaper) wearing a uniform in Amsterdam. Yawners are typical Dutch wooden busts that were used to indicate the presence of apothecary shops in the past. The other reprint was about the seventeenth-century apothecary Abraham Francen (of whom Rembrandt made an etching) by Monique A.F. Peters. Issue 136 contained an article by Jan Trooster about the Jewish female apothecary Branco van Thijn, who worked in Auschwitz and died in Ravensbrück, to commemorate the end of the Second World War 75 years ago. The issue further contained articles by Nanno Bolt about apothecary guilds in the lands of the Dukes of Burgundy, and by Guy Gilijs about the “Office of Beneficence”, a welfare organization in Louvain that founded the Central Apothecary, which provided medicines for the urban poor between 1882 and 1925.

The Circle was shocked to hear about the passing of our former board member Sjoerd Wicherink and board member Harm Beukers. The Circle published several digital newsletters for its members in 2020, with interesting publications and activities about the history of pharmacy. Throughout the pandemic, our website, www.kringbenelux.eu, has been another consistent medium. Despite the measures to contain COVID-19 in the Netherlands and Belgium, and despite the uncertain prospects of gathering our members in the new year, the Circle intends to celebrate its 70th anniversary in 2021. Around World Pharmacists Day (September 25) and the name day of Saints Cosmas and Damianus (September 26), we intend to publish a special bulletin issue. In this way, the Circle hopes to contribute to more awareness and research in the history of pharmacy.

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

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The Section of History of Pharmacy of the Czech Pharmaceutical Society canceled all traditional events with personal attendance due to corona-crisis in 2020. Despite the absence of personal meetings, the history of pharmacy was not paralyzed in Czechia last year.

Some of our members and collaborating professionals published results of their work in the field of history of pharmacy and related disciplines. For instance, the Faculty of Science of Charles University, which had been involved also in the education of pharmacists until the establishment of faculties of pharmacy in Czechoslovakia in 1952, celebrated its centennial in 2020. That is why two articles focused on the history of pharmacy education provided by the Faculty of Science of Charles University were published. You can see a list of selected papers published in 2020 below.

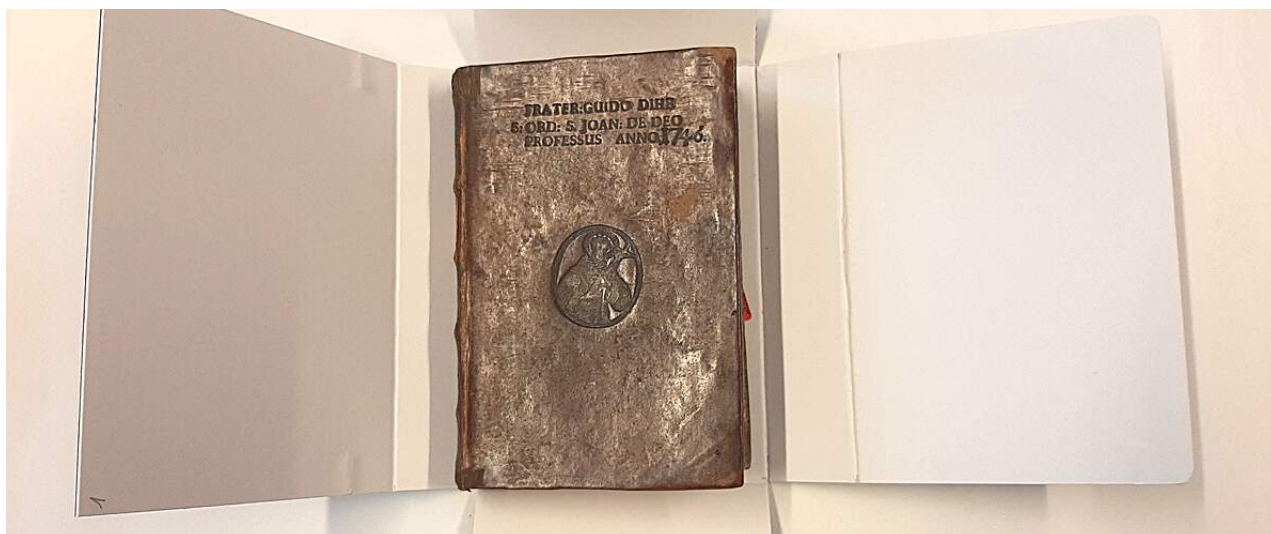
Our members were also involved in a project conducted by the Czech Pharmaceutical Museum, an institution intensively collaborating with our society. Within this project, a handwritten recipe book of a Prague monastic pharmacist from the 18th century had been restored and digitized. The manuscript is now available on <http://www.manuscriptorium.com/cs/node/30508>.

We hope the situation will get better in 2021. If possible, we are prepared to organize the traditional symposia on the history of pharmacy and participate in other related events, including virtual ones.

Moreover, the Czech Pharmaceutical Society, i.e., the parent society of the Section of History of Pharmacy, is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2021. There will be a special meeting on this important occasion, either real, virtual, or combined, depending on the epidemic situation. Details and other news from our section as well as parent society will be available on www.cfs-cls.cz.

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An 18th-century hand written recipe book of Guido Dihr,
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DENMARK – DANISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

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In 2020 all the meetings and excursions of the Danish Society for the History of Pharmacy were canceled or postponed on grounds of the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, our society has taken part in the main activity in Denmark, namely “HCØ 2020: The celebration of the 200th anniversary of the pharmacist H.C. Ørsted’s discovery of electromagnetism”.

HCØ 2020 was organized by the Society for the Dissemination of Natural Science and the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters and supported by the Carlsberg Foundation.

As part of HCØ 2020, Poul R. Kruse gave a lecture “H.C. Ørsted og farmacihistorien” (H.C. Ørsted and the history of pharmacy).



FRANCE – SOCIÉTÉ D'HISTOIRE DE LA PHARMACIE

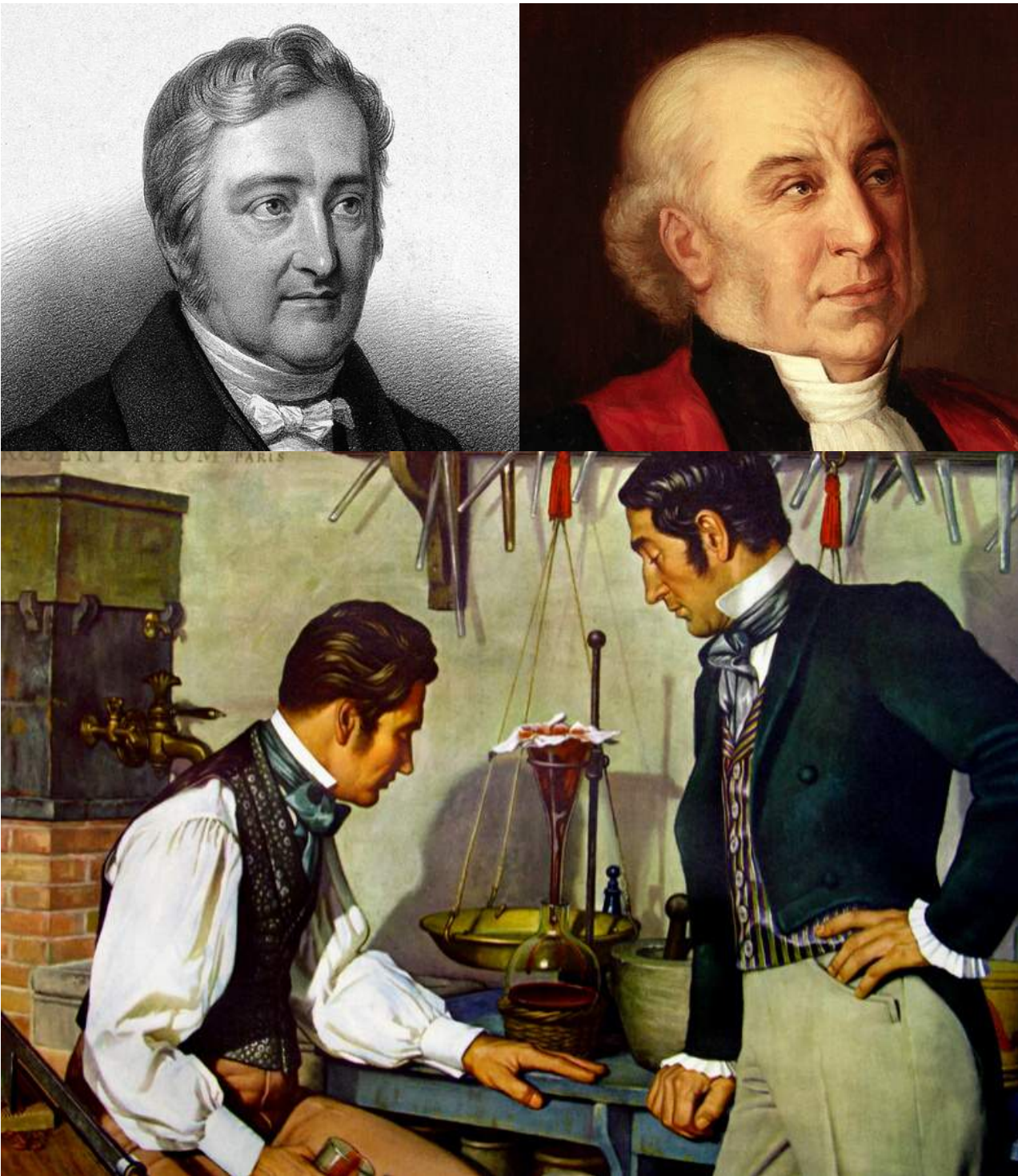
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Like all societies and associations, the French Society for the History of Pharmacy (SHP) experienced a very special year in 2020, marked by the health crisis which prevented us from meeting according to the usual schedule. But the two communication organs of the SHP: the *Revue d'Histoire de la Pharmacie* and the website www.shp-asso.org were both dynamic. Our site has been publishing an exhibition for more than 10 years (142nd exhibition in progress), the last ones have been on "the entertaining journals for doctors, financed by the pharmaceutical industry in the 20th century" and on "the healer kings". As for the *Revue*, it is still accessible on the Internet on the Persée database, until the year 2014 (only the summaries are accessible between 2015 and 2017). In the year 2020, our *Revue* has published 23 studies and will have a total volume of 552 pages.

As every year, the SHP with the Maurice Bouvet-Henri Bonnemain Family has endowed a prize awarded by the French National Academy of Pharmacy. A prize awarded this year to Aurélien Berdot for his thesis entitled "100 years of history of pharmacy practice told through a prescription book dating from 1918". It is through the information contained in this century-old register, and in particular thanks to the details of all the formulas of the magistral preparations issued between 20 August 1918 and 14 January 1919, that we can observe the type of active ingredients used, their natural or synthetic origin, the galenic forms in vogue, the variety of their indications and therefore also see the pathologies affecting the French population at that time appearing in the background.

Moreover, despite the health crisis, we held three sessions (sometimes in the form of videoconferences) which enabled us to hear 16 oral communications on very diverse subjects. A day in Paris on 28 October 2020 was the occasion to evoke the bicentenary of the discovery of quinine in 1820 by two Parisian pharmacists, Joseph Pelletier and Joseph-Bienaimé Caventou. This session provided an opportunity to explore different aspects of the history of cinchona and quinine. In addition, several members of the SHP participated in lectures on the history of pharmacy in France during this period.



Quinine was first extracted, isolated, purified, and named by French pharmacists and chemists Joseph Pelletier and Joseph-Bienaimé Caventou in 1820.

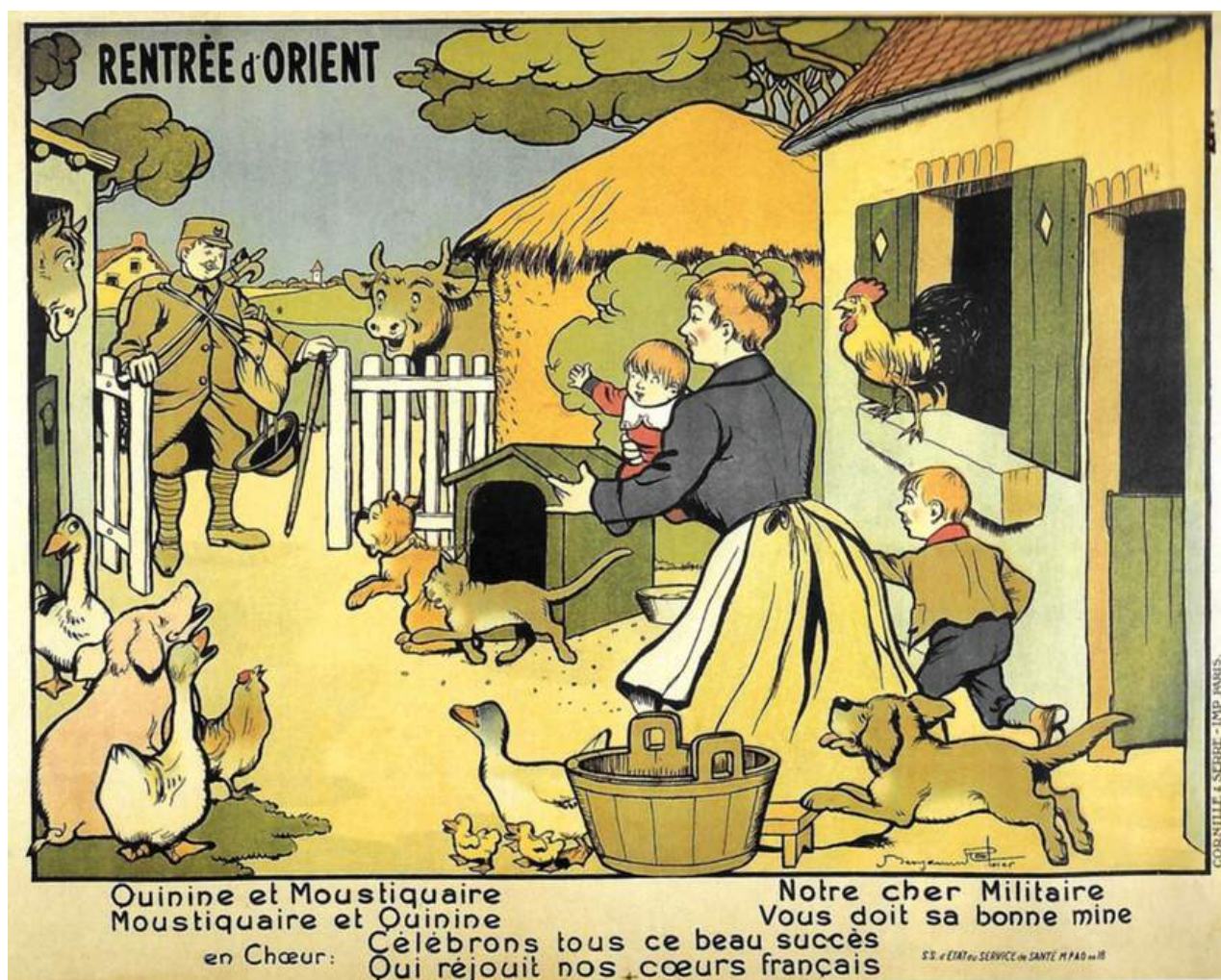
In 2021, we will continue to actively promote the history of pharmacy. This is also the fifth year of the University Diploma in the History of Pharmacy at the University of Paris, with the very active involvement of SHP members. Visits and case studies are also planned. Like every year, teaching will be provided by members of the SHP. We are also taking part in a course for pharmacy students in Lyon, and a course for the general public in Paris.

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Comme toutes les sociétés savantes, la Société d'Histoire de la Pharmacie (SHP) a vécu une année 2020 très particulière placée sous le signe de la crise sanitaire qui nous a empêché de nous réunir selon le calendrier habituel. Mais 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 plus de 10 ans une exposition temporaire (142ème exposition en cours), les dernières ayant porté sur « les journaux divertissants pour les médecins, financés par l'industrie pharmaceutique au XXe siècle » et sur « les rois guérisseurs ». En ce qui concerne la Revue, elle est toujours accessible sur Internet sur la base de données Persée, jusqu'à l'année 2014 (seuls les sommaires sont accessibles entre 2015 et 2017). Au cours de l'année 2020, notre Revue a fait paraître 23 études et aura un volume global de 552 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 Aurélien Berdot, pour sa thèse intitulée « 100 ans d'histoire de la pratique officinale racontés au travers d'un ordonnancier datant de 1918 ». C'est au travers des informations contenues dans ce registre centenaire, et notamment grâce aux détails de toutes les formules des préparations magistrales délivrées entre le 20 août 1918 et le 14 janvier 1919 que l'on peut observer le type de principe actif utilisé, leur origine naturelle ou synthétique, les formes galéniques en vogue, la variété de leurs indications et donc voir apparaître également en filigrane les pathologies touchant la population française à cette époque.

Par ailleurs, malgré la crise sanitaire, nous avons tenu 3 séances (parfois sous forme de visioconférences) qui ont permis d'entendre 16 communications orales sur des sujets très divers. Une journée à Paris le 28 octobre 2020 a été l'occasion d'évoquer le bicentenaire de la découverte de la Quinine en 1820 par deux pharmaciens parisiens, Joseph Pelletier et Joseph-Bienaimé Caventou. Cette séance a permis d'explorer différents aspects de l'histoire du quinquina et de la quinine. Plusieurs membres de la SHP ont participé à des enseignements d'histoire de la pharmacie en France pendant cette période.



En 2021, nous continuerons à promouvoir activement l'histoire de la pharmacie. C'est aussi la cinquième année du Diplôme Universitaire d'histoire de la pharmacie à l'Université de Paris, avec l'implication très active de membres de la SHP. Des visites et des études de cas sont également prévues. Comme chaque année, l'enseignement sera assuré par des membres de la SHP. 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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Like many other associations, the Covid-19 pandemic interrupted normal relations between members and the association's leaders. Yet we tried as much as possible to maintain the link between us.

The beginning of the year was very painful because we lost Mrs. Dominique Kassel, a friend and a pillar of the Sauvegarde du Patrimoine Pharmaceutique in person. She was one of the pioneers of our association and for a long time served as its Secretary General. She saw to the end to the conservation of the objects and old books of the Collections of the Order of Pharmacists, of which she drew up a detailed inventory. Many students came to consult her to find the documents necessary for their thesis, and I think that they appreciated her knowledge as well. We miss her very much and she will always be present in our hearts.

Our General Assembly for the year 2019 planned for the spring could not take place and we had to resort to a postal vote to ratify the financial accounts and the moral report of the President in December 2020.

Only one weekend was planned for the spring in the footsteps of Maria Magdalena (Patron Saint of many apothecary corporations) at the Sainte Baume in Provence. We were obliged to cancel it.

Similarly, our trip to Romania planned for October was postponed to 2021. However, we are looking forward to visiting the museums in Sibiu and Cluj, as well as the Faculty of Pharmacy in Bucharest.

During the confinement, we were able to send our members three long slideshows on French apothecaries. This is undoubtedly the most complete inventory of this heritage to date. Another slide show was devoted to the pharmaceutical objects exhibited at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

On the other hand, the Association's collections have been enriched. We received the donation of the entire collection of glass jars from the Ravasse Pharmacy near Rouen (more than 200 jars) as well as a collection of amber glass jars from a pharmacy in Metz (about 60 jars). We have also completed our collection of pewter to add to the objects presented in our exhibition and other objects.

The immobility to which we were constrained was the trigger for an inventory of the objects owned by our association. This unfinished work today is visible to everyone from the below link:

<https://www.colleonline.com/fr/collections/3378/patrimoine-pharmaceutique>

We have thus found an object supposed to be used to make single-unit suppositories. We call for any documentation relating to this object.

We hope that the year 2021 will be more favorable to exchange with our members and that we will return to normal activity.

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Comme toutes les associations, la pandémie de la Covid-19 a interrompu les relations normales entre les adhérents et les dirigeants de l'Association. Pourtant nous avons essayé autant que possible de maintenir le lien entre nous.

Le début de l'année a été très douloureux car nous avons perdu une amie et un pilier de la Sauvegarde du Patrimoine Pharmaceutique en la personne de Madame Dominique Kassel. Elle fut une des pionnières de notre association dont elle fut longtemps secrétaire générale. Elle a veillé jusqu'au bout à la conservation des objets et des livres anciens des Collections de l'Ordre des Pharmaciens dont elle a dressé un inventaire détaillé. De nombreux étudiants sont venus la consulter pour trouver les documents nécessaires à leur thèse, et je pense que eux aussi ont apprécié ses connaissances. Elle nous manque beaucoup et elle restera toujours présente dans nos cœurs.

Notre Assemblée Générale de l'année 2019 prévue au printemps n'a pu avoir lieu et nous avons été obligé de recourir à un vote par correspondance pour entériner les comptes financiers et le rapport moral du Président en décembre 2020.

Un seul week-end était prévu pour le printemps sur les traces de Marie-Madeleine (Sainte Patronne de nombreuses corporations d'apothicaires) à la Sainte Baume en Provence. Nous avons été obligés de l'annuler.

De même notre voyage en Roumanie prévu en octobre a été reporté en 2021. Nous sommes pourtant impatients de visiter les musées de Sibiu, et de Cluj, ainsi que la faculté de pharmacie de Bucarest.

Pendant le confinement, nous avons pu adresser à nos adhérents trois longs diaporamas sur les apothicaireries françaises. C'est sans doute l'inventaire le plus complet réalisé jusqu'à présent sur ce patrimoine. Un autre diaporama a été consacré aux objets pharmaceutiques exposés à la National Gallery of Art de Washington, D.C.

Par contre les collections de l'association se sont enrichies. Nous avons reçu le don de la collection entière des pots en verre de la Pharmacie Ravasse près de Rouen (plus de 200 pots) ainsi qu'une collection de pots en verre ambré provenant d'une pharmacie de Metz (environ 60 pots). Nous avons également complété notre collection d'étains pour étoffer les objets présentés dans notre exposition.

L'immobilité à laquelle nous étions contraints a été le déclencheur d'un travail d'inventaire des objets dont notre association est propriétaire. Ce travail inachevé ce jour est visible par tout le monde en faisant le lien :

<https://www.colleconline.com/fr/collections/3378/patrimoine-pharmaceutique>

Nous avons ainsi retrouvé un objet supposé être utilisé pour fabriquer des suppositoires à l'unité. Nous lançons un appel pour toute documentation relative à cet objet.

Nous espérons que l'année 2021 sera plus propice aux échanges avec nos adhérents et que nous retrouverons une activité normale.



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From the collection of the Sauvegarde du Patrimoine Pharmaceutique

GERMANY - DEUTSCHE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR GESCHICHTE DER PHARMAZIE

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The past two years have been characterized by numerous pharmaceutical historical activities of the members of the DGGP in Germany and abroad as well as a wealth of publications, which testify to the fact that the history of pharmacy can look forward to a hopeful future.

Highlights of 2018 and 2019

The highlight in 2018 was the successful Biennale in Lindau from April 6 to 8, a joint event with the Swiss Society for the History of Pharmacy (SGGP e.V.). Eight historians of pharmacy or science from Germany and Switzerland gave lectures on the topic "Pharmacy - From Craft to Science". The extensive poster exhibition was enriched by several contributions from DGGP members. The congress in the then newly opened Inselhalle was supported by numerous sponsors and was very well attended.

For the first time at a biennial more than 200 participants could be welcomed. Reports on the event in Lindau appeared in both the trade and local press. The president wrote a report for the DGGP Newsletter 2018. The DGGP e.V. thanks the organizers, especially Gerhard Gensthaler (Munich), Rotraud Mörschner (Berlin), Christiane Engel (Stein) and Ursula Hirter-Trüb (Basel) for an all around successful Biennale.

Christoph Friedrich organized the pre-symposium on "Pharmacy in Hamburg" as part of the DPhG e.V. annual congress in Hamburg on October 2, 2018. A total of four presentations were given by Frederik Vongehr (Munich), Stefanie Boman-Degen (Osnabrück), Marie-Krystin Borchers (Reinbek), and Ute Jutta Götz (Herschbach).

The symposium was very well attended and experienced a high level of public awareness. The lectures were published in 2019 by Christoph Friedrich and Karoline Guba under the title "Pharmacy in Hamburg" as volume 18 of the series "Sites of Pharmaceutical Practice, Teaching and Research".

One of the regional highlights was the festive symposium on November 10, 2018, on the occasion of the 100th birthday of Rudolf Schmitz, the founder of the Institute for the History of Pharmacy in Marburg. Speakers from various disciplines spoke on the topic of "Perspectives on the History of Pharmacy." Christoph Friedrich and Ariane Löhnert (Marburg), Bettina Wahrig (Braunschweig), Gudrun Abel (Erlangen), Gerd Folkers (Zurich) and Dietrich von Engelhardt (Lübeck). The symposium was attended by about 100 participants.

The first highlight of 2019 was a joint event of the DGGP regional groups North Rhine, Rhineland-Palatinate and Westphalia-Lippe. The birthday symposium in honor of Wolf-Dieter Müller-Jahncke took place under the title "The pointed pen turns 75" on February 24 in Düsseldorf. Speakers were Frank Leimkugel (Düsseldorf), Axel Helmstädter (Frankfurt), Peter Dilg (Regensburg), Natalia Bachour (Zürich), Heike Spies (Düsseldorf), Michael Mönnich (Karlsruhe), Christoph Friedrich (Marburg), Katharina Pfister (Heidelberg) and Lisa Garweg (Düsseldorf).

As a further highlight of 2019, the festive symposium in honor of the 70th birthday of François Ledermann followed on February 27 and 28 in Bern as a joint event of the DGGP e.V. and SGGP e.V. On the topic "Scientia non unius populi sed orbis terrarum. On Multilingualism in the History of Pharmacy", Sabine Anagnostou and Christoph Friedrich from Germany, Hubert Steinke, Sara Ruppen and Manfred Fankhauser from Switzerland, Ives Lehmann, Hélène Lehmann and Bruno Bonnemain from France, Angelo Beccarelli from Italy and Francisco Javier Puerto Sarmiento from Spain spoke. The lectures were published in 2020 under the title "Scientia non unius populi sed orbis terrarum. On multilingualism in the history of pharmacy. Le multilinguisme en histoire de la pharmacie. Festschrift für / Mélanges François Ledermann" as volume 32 of the publications of the Swiss Society for the History of Pharmacy, edited by Sabine Anagnostou, Ursula Hirter-Trüb and Claudia Zerobin Kleist. A copy was sent to the members of the DGGP e.V..

On May 11, 2019, the festive colloquium in honor of Christoph Friedrich's 65th birthday took place in Marburg. The laudatory speech was delivered by Sabine Anagnostou, President of the DGGP e.V.. Lectures were given by François Ledermann (Bern), Ulrich Meyer (Greifswald) and Stefanie Boman-Degen (Osnabrück).

The regional groups Baden and Württemberg held their as always well-attended autumn meeting on October 19 and 20, 2019 in Stuttgart on the topic "Pharmacy and Literature". Speakers were Dietrich von Engelhardt (Karlsruhe), Wolf-Dieter Müller-Jahncke (Heidelberg) and Wolf Geyer (Osnabrück).

An international highlight was the International Congress on the History of Pharmacy of the ISHP, which took place under the motto "The pharmacist and quality medicines" from September 5 to 8, 2019 in Washington, D.C. An extensive poster exhibition included quite a few presentations by members of the DGGP e.V., including posters by Ilse Denninger (Karlsbad) and Florian Eidam-Weber (Frankfurt). Presentations were given by Christoph Friedrich (Marburg), Karoline Guba (Marburg), Michael Mönnich (Karlsruhe), Peter Hartwig Graepel (Gladenbach), Axel Helmstädter (Frankfurt), Christiane Engel (Stein), Kerstin Grothusheitkamp (Marburg), and Stefan Alexandru and Meral Avici, both project collaborators of Christoph Friedrich (Marburg). Kathrin Bosse-Bringewatt (Hamburg) was elected as the new treasurer of the IGGP e.V.. The awarding of the Schelenz plaque during the IGGP Congress in Washington 2019 was canceled and will be suspended until the statutes are adopted.

The next International Congress on the History of Pharmacy in Milan has been postponed to 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. <https://histpharm.org/> At the annual congress of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) in Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates) from 22 to 26 September, Frederik Vongehr (Munich) gave a lecture on the history of pharmacy.

Christoph Friedrich (Marburg) organized the pre-symposium on "Pharmacy in Heidelberg" as part of the annual congress of the DPhG e.V., on October 2, 2019, in Heidelberg. A total of four lectures were given by Arnt Heilmann (Hirschhorn/Neckar), Albert Borchardt (Heidelberg), Wolf-Dieter Müller-Jahncke and Elisabeth Huwer (both Heidelberg). The lectures have just been published under the title "Pharmacy in Heidelberg" as volume 19 in the series "Sites of Pharmaceutical Practice, Teaching and Research" edited by Christoph Friedrich.

Numerous other well-attended and highly regarded scientific events organized by the DGGP e.V. and its regional groups were also reported in the trade press. These are available on the association's website <https://sites.google.com/site/dggphomepage/aufgefuehrt>.

Reports by the President on the activities of the DGGP e.V. in 2018 and 2019 have appeared in the IGGP Newsletter (see <https://histpharm.org/>).

I would like to thank all regional group leaders and members of the DGGP e.V. for their active engagement in pharmaceutical history. Their constant presence in the scientific and general public gives pharmaceutical history an intensive life not only in Germany.

Publication activity of the DGGP e.V.

The Festschrift in honor of the 65th birthday of Christoph Friedrich has been published as volume 15 of the series "Veröffentlichungen zur Pharmaziegeschichte" with the title "Facetten der Pharmaziegeschichte" and has been sent to all members. The editors are Sabine Anagnostou and Ariane Retzar. Our thanks go to all the authors and to Peter Hartwig Graepel for his generous contribution to the Festschrift, which made printing with color illustrations possible.

The lectures of the Pharmaceutical History Biennial in Lindau from April 6 to 8, 2018, have been published under the title "Pharmacy: From Craft to Science" as volume 16 in the series "Veröffentlichungen zur Pharmaziegeschichte." I would like to thank the editors Christoph Friedrich and Wolf-Dieter Müller-Jahncke as well as the authors. As has been the case for years, the journal *Geschichte der Pharmazie* (History of Pharmacy) is published regularly and in high quality with many scientific contributions - a mirror of German pharmacy historiography. Our thanks go to the editors Wolf-Dieter Müller-Jahncke and Christoph Friedrich.

Together with the well-known pharmacologist Ernst Mutschler, Christoph Friedrich published the book *Lighthouses - Successful Drug-researchers in the 20. Century*.

The third supplementary volume of the *German Pharmacist Biography* is to be published next year after many years of intensive work, for which Christoph Friedrich (Marburg) and Peter Hartwig Graepel (Gladenbach) will be responsible.

The publications of the members are listed in the *Pharmaziehistorische Bibliographie* PHB or online at the following website:
<http://services.bibliothek.kit.edu/pharm/phb.html>.

Honors

I would like to congratulate the following members of the DGGP e.V. on their honors:

Peter Dilg received the Elsa Ullmann Medal on the occasion of the DPhG meeting in Hamburg 2018. The honor, which goes back to the first German technology professor, honors personalities who have rendered outstanding services to the further development of the pharmaceutical profession both inside and outside DPhG e.V.. Peter Dilg was chairman of the History of Pharmacy section of DPhG e.V. from 1989 to 2011, was the initiator and editor of the publication series "Stätten pharmazeutischer Praxis, Lehre und Forschung" (Sites of Pharmaceutical Practice, Teaching, and Research) and is the founder of the citizens' symposia in the run-up to the DPhG annual meetings.

Maximilian Haars received the 2018 Dalberg Award for Transdisciplinary Young Research from the Academy of Non-Profit Sciences in Erfurt for his dissertation, which was supervised by Sabine Anagnostou and Sabine Föllinger. Florian Eidam-Weber (Doktorand by Axel Helmstädter) won second place in the poster competition at the 2019 International Congress of IGGP e.V. in Washington, D.C. Klaus Koch (Hamburg) was awarded the 2019 statuette Mgr. pharm. by the Polish Society for the History of Pharmacy. Antonina Leśniewska for his services to the history of pharmacy, especially in Poland.

The 2019 Johannes Valentin Medal in Silver will be awarded to Frank Leimkugel and the 2019 Johannes Valentin Medal in Bronze will be awarded to Ingrid Pieroth, the 2020 Johannes Valentin Medal in Silver will be presented to François Ledermann and Ulrich Koppitz will receive the 2020 Johannes Valentin Medal in Bronze.

I congratulate the winners for the awards. The awarding of the medals and the honoring of the awardees will take place at the next General Assembly in presence.

Christoph Friedrich received the Mannich Medal, the highest award of the German Pharmaceutical Society. Congratulations!



Christoph Friedrich received the Mannich Medal.

Dissertations

The following dissertations were completed: Lisa Hedrich-Trimborn, Andreas Möckel, Maren Zummersch, Katja Susanne Moosmann, Ilse Denninger, Lucia Wolf-Krowartz, Barbara Maresca Köster and Christian Michael Redmann, all supervised by Christoph Friedrich (Marburg), the dissertation of Maximilian Haars supervised by Sabine Anagnostou and Sabine Föllinger (both Marburg), the dissertation of Kerstin Grothusheitkamp supervised by Sabine Anagnostou and Christoph Friedrich (both Marburg), the dissertation of Sara Gnehm (now Ruppen) supervised by François Ledermann (Bern) and Christoph Friedrich (Marburg), the dissertation of Sylvia Wagner supervised by Heiner Fangerau and Frank Leimkugel (both Düsseldorf), and the dissertation of Daniela Gožić supervised by Frank Leimkugel (Düsseldorf).

Further activities of the DGGP e.V.

In 2019, the DGGP e.V. supported the Leipzig University Library with a donation of 500 € for fundraising for the permanent presentation of the Papyrus Ebers in the foyer of the Bibliotheca Albertina. There will be exclusive tours in small circles for the donors. We will receive more information about this soon.

Close cooperation will continue with the German Pharmaceutical Central Library in Stuttgart, the Braunschweig University Library, the German Pharmacy Museum in Heidelberg, the Swiss Society for the History of Pharmacy, and the German Pharmaceutical Society. I would like to thank Michael Mönnich, Stefan Wulle, Elisabeth Huwer, Ursula-Hirter Trüb, and Christoph Friedrich for their successful and trustful cooperation.

The homepage of the DGGP e.V. is still maintained and updated by Ute Jutta Götz and Michael Mönnich. We would like to thank them cordially for this.

Deceased members of the DGGP e.V.

The DGGP e.V. mourns deceased members and sends its condolences. In 2018, our long-time board member Horst Remane passed away. We remember his high scientific merits and his tireless commitment to the history of pharmacy, but also his kind, conciliatory manner and warm-heartedness with which he always enriched our events. The DGGP e.V. will always cherish his memory and never forget him.

We also remember the deserving members Friedrich Schmelzer, Dieter Fuxius and Volker Articus. Only recently, the great and internationally widely known pharmaceutical historian Erika Hickel from Braunschweig passed away. With her active work for the history of pharmacy and numerous doctoral students, she created a lasting legacy.

The official honoring of the dead of all members who have died since the last general meeting will take place at the next general meeting, presumably in Detmold.

Resignations

On November 24, 2019, the long-time treasurer resigned from his position. He has now explained the reasons in his treasurer's report. We regret the resignation very much and thank Michael Michalak for his many years of reliable commitment to the financial concerns of the DGGP e.V..

The Biennale

We had to cancel the Biennale in Detmold with a heavy heart. In view of the development of the COVID-19 pandemic, the board could not justify exposing the members to the high risk of infection.

Numerous other planned events also had to be canceled for the time being. The newly scheduled general meeting and urgent election of a new board in Bad Schussenried in October 2020 could not be held for the same reason.

The new board will decide whether the Biennale in Detmold 2023 can take place. The Biennale 2022 is planned in Nuremberg.

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Sabine Anagnostou & Ulrich Meyer

Die vergangenen beiden Jahre waren geprägt von zahlreichen pharmaziehistorischen Aktivitäten der Mitglieder der DGGP im Inland und Ausland sowie einer Fülle von Publikationen, die davon zeugen, dass die Pharmaziegeschichte in eine hoffnungsvolle Zukunft blicken darf.

Highlights der Jahre 2018 und 2019

Das Highlight im Jahr 2018 war die erfolgreiche Biennale in Lindau vom 6. bis 8. April, einer Gemeinschaftsveranstaltung mit der Schweizerischen Gesellschaft der Geschichte der Pharmazie (SGGP e.V.). Acht Pharmazie- bzw. WissenschaftshistorikerInnen aus Deutschland und der Schweiz hielten Vorträge zum Thema „Pharmazie – Vom Handwerk zur Wissenschaft“. Die umfangreiche Posterausstellung wurde durch etliche Beiträge von DGGP-Mitgliedern bereichert. Der Kongress in der seinerzeit gerade erst neu eröffneten Inselhalle wurde von zahlreichen Sponsoren unterstützt und war sehr gut besucht. Erstmals bei einer Biennale konnten mehr als 200 Teilnehmer begrüßt werden. Zur Veranstaltung in Lindau erschienen Berichte sowohl in der Fach- als auch in der Lokalpresse. Die Präsidentin verfasste einen Bericht für den IGGP-Newsletter 2018. Die DGGP e.V. dankt den Organisatoren, insbesondere Gerhard Gensthaller (München), Rotraud Mörschner (Berlin), Christiane Engel (Stein) und Ursula Hirter-Trüb (Basel) für eine rundherum gelungene Biennale.

Christoph Friedrich organisierte das Vorsymposium zum Thema „Pharmazie in Hamburg“ im Rahmen des Jahreskongresses der DPhG e.V. am 2. Oktober 2018 in Hamburg. Insgesamt vier Vorträge hielten Frederik Vongehr (München), Stefanie Boman-Degen (Osnabrück), Marie-Krystin Borchers (Reinbek) sowie Ute Jutta Götz (Herschbach). Das Symposium war sehr gut besucht und erfuhr eine hohe öffentliche Wahrnehmung. Die Vorträge wurden im Jahr 2019 von Christoph Friedrich und Karoline Guba unter dem Titel „Pharmazie in Hamburg“ als Band 18 der Reihe „Stätten pharmazeutischer Praxis, Lehre und Forschung“ herausgegeben.

Als einer der regionalen Höhepunkte ist das Festsymposium am 10. November 2018 zum 100. Geburtstag von Rudolf Schmitz, des Gründers des Instituts für Geschichte der Pharmazie in Marburg, hervorzuheben.

Zum Thema „Perspektiven der Pharmaziegeschichte“ sprachen ReferentInnen verschiedener Fachrichtungen: Christoph Friedrich and Ariane Löhnert (Marburg), Bettina Wahrig (Braunschweig), Gudrun Abel (Erlangen), Gerd Folkers (Zürich) und Dietrich von Engelhardt (Lübeck). Das Symposium besuchten rund 100 TeilnehmerInnen.

Das erste Highlight des Jahres 2019 war eine Gemeinschaftsveranstaltung der DGGP-Regionalgruppen Nordrhein, Rheinland-Pfalz und Westfalen-Lippe. Das Geburtstagssymposium zu Ehren von Wolf-Dieter Müller-Jahncke fand unter dem Titel „Die spitze Feder wird 75“ am 24. Februar in Düsseldorf statt. ReferentenInnen waren Frank Leimkugel (Düsseldorf), Axel Helmstädter (Frankfurt), Peter Dilg (Regensburg), Natalia Bachour (Zürich), Heike Spies (Düsseldorf), Michael Mönnich (Karlsruhe), Christoph Friedrich (Marburg), Katharina Pfister (Heidelberg) sowie Lisa Garweg (Düsseldorf).

Als weiteres Highlight des Jahres 2019 folgte am 27. und 28. Februar das Festsymposium zu Ehren des 70. Geburtstages von François Ledermann in Bern als Gemeinschaftsveranstaltung der DGGP e.V. und SGGP e.V. Zum Thema „Scientia non unius populi sed orbis terrarum. Zur Vielsprachigkeit in der Geschichte der Pharmazie“ sprachen Sabine Anagnostou und Christoph Friedrich aus Deutschland, Hubert Steinke, Sara Ruppen und Manfred Fankhauser aus der Schweiz, Ives Lehmann, Hélène Lehmann und Bruno Bonnemain aus Frankreich, Angelo Beccarelli aus Italien sowie Francisco Javier Puerto Sarmiento aus Spanien. Die Vorträge erschienen im Jahr 2020 unter dem Titel „Scientia non unius populi sed orbis terrarum. Zur Vielsprachigkeit in der Pharmaziegeschichte. Le multilinguisme en histoire de la pharmacie. Festschrift für / Mélanges François Ledermann“ als Band 32 der Veröffentlichungen der Schweizerischen Gesellschaft für Geschichte der Pharmazie, herausgegeben von Sabine Anagnostou, Ursula Hirter-Trüb und Claudia Zerobin Kleist. Den Mitgliedern der DGGP e.V. wurde ein Exemplar zugesandt.

Am 11. Mai 2019 fand das Festkolloquium zu Ehren des 65. Geburtstages von Christoph Friedrich in Marburg statt. Die Laudatio trug Sabine Anagnostou, Präsidentin der DGGP e.V. vor. Vorträge hielten François Ledermann (Bern), Ulrich Meyer (Greifswald) und Stefanie Boman-Degen (Osnabrück).

Die Regionalgruppen Baden und Württemberg veranstalteten ihre wie immer gut besuchte Herbsttagung am 19. und 20. Oktober 2019 in Stuttgart zum Thema „Apotheke und Literatur“. Redner waren Dietrich von Engelhardt (Karlsruhe), Wolf-Dieter Müller-Jahncke (Heidelberg) und Wolf Geyer (Osnabrück).

Ein internationales Highlight war der Internationalen Kongress für Geschichte der Pharmazie der IGGP e.V., der unter dem Motto „The pharmacist and quality medicines“ vom 5. bis 8. September 2019 in Washington stattfand. In einer umfangreichen Posterausstellung waren etliche Präsentationen von Mitgliedern der DGGP e.V. vertreten, darunter Poster von Ilse Denninger (Karlsbad) und Florian Eidam-Weber (Frankfurt). Vorträge hielten Christoph Friedrich (Marburg), Karoline Guba (Marburg), Michael Mönlich (Karlsruhe), Peter Hartwig Graepel (Gladenbach), Axel Helmstädter (Frankfurt), Christiane Engel (Stein), Kerstin Grothusheitkamp (Marburg) sowie Stefan Alexandru und Meral Avici, beide Projektmitarbeiter von Christoph Friedrich (Marburg). Als neue Schatzmeisterin der IGGP e.V. wurde Kathrin Bosse-Bringewatt (Hamburg) gewählt. Die Verleihung der Schelenz-Plakette während des IGGP Kongresses in Washington 2019 entfiel und wird auch weiterhin ausgesetzt, bis die Statuten angepasst sind.

Der nächste internationale Kongress für Geschichte der Pharmazie in Mailand wurde aufgrund der COVID-19-Pandemie in das Jahr 2022 verschoben.
<https://histpharm.org/>

Beim Jahreskongress der International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) vom 22. bis 26. September in Abu Dhabi (Vereinigte Arabische Emirate) hielt Frederik Vongehr (München) einen pharmaziehistorischen Vortrag.

Christoph Friedrich (Marburg) organisierte das Vorsymposium zum Thema „Pharmazie in Heidelberg“ im Rahmen des Jahreskongresses der DPhG e.V., am 2. Oktober 2019 in Heidelberg. Insgesamt vier Vorträge hielten Arnt Heilmann (Hirschhorn/Neckar), Albert Borchardt (Heidelberg), Wolf-Dieter Müller-Jahncke und Elisabeth Huwer (beide Heidelberg). Die Vorträge sind gerade unter dem Titel „Pharmazie in Heidelberg“ als Band 19 in der von Christoph Friedrich herausgegebenen Reihe „Stätten pharmazeutischer Praxis, Lehre und Forschung“ erschienen.

Auch von zahlreichen weiteren gut besuchten und viel beachteten wissenschaftlichen Veranstaltungen der DGGP e.V. und ihrer Regionalgruppen war in der Fachpresse zu lesen. Diese sind auf der Internetseite des Vereins <https://sites.google.com/site/dggphomepage/> aufgeführt.

Berichte der Präsidentin über die Aktivitäten der DGGP e.V. in den Jahren 2018 und 2019 sind im IGGP Newsletter erschienen (siehe <https://histpharm.org/>).

Ich danke allen RegionalgruppenleiterInnen und Mitgliedern der DGGP e.V. für ihr reges pharmaziehistorisches Engagement. Ihre stete Präsenz in der wissenschaftlichen wie allgemeinen Öffentlichkeit verleiht der Pharmaziegeschichte nicht nur in Deutschland intensives Leben.

Publikationstätigkeit der DGGP e.V.

Die Festschrift zu Ehren des 65. Geburtstages von Christoph Friedrich ist als Band 15 der Reihe „Veröffentlichungen zur Pharmaziegeschichte“ mit dem Titel „Facetten der Pharmaziegeschichte“ erschienen und wurde allen Mitgliedern zugesandt. Als Herausgeberinnen zeichnen Sabine Anagnostou und Ariane Retzar verantwortlich. Unser Dank richtet sich an alle AutorInnen und Peter Hartwig Graepel für seinen großzügigen Zuschuss zur Festschrift, der einen Druck mit farbigen Abbildungen ermöglichte.

Die Vorträge der Pharmaziehistorischen Biennale in Lindau vom 6. bis 8. April 2018 sind unter dem Titel „Pharmazie: Vom Handwerk zur Wissenschaft“ als Band 16 in der Reihe „Veröffentlichungen zur Pharmaziegeschichte“ erschienen. Ich danke den Herausgebern Christoph Friedrich und Wolf-Dieter Müller-Jahncke sowie den AutorInnen. Wie seit Jahren regelmäßig und in hoher Qualität erscheint die Zeitschrift „Geschichte der Pharmazie“ mit vielen wissenschaftlichen Beiträgen – ein Spiegel der deutschen Pharmaziegeschichtsschreibung.

Unser Dank dafür gilt den Redakteuren Wolf-Dieter Müller-Jahncke und Christoph Friedrich. Zusammen mit dem bekannten Pharmakologen Ernst Mutschler publizierte Christoph Friedrich das Werk „Leuchttürme – Erfolgreiche Arzneimittelforscher im 20. Jahrhundert“.

Der dritte Ergänzungsband der Deutschen Apotheker Biografie soll nach langjähriger intensiver Arbeit im kommenden Jahr erscheinen, für den Christoph Friedrich (Marburg) und Peter Hartwig Graepel (Gladenbach) verantwortlich zeichnen werden.

Die Publikationen der Mitglieder sind in der Pharmaziehistorischen Bibliographie PHB oder online unter <http://services.bibliothek.kit.edu/pharm/phb.html> verzeichnet.

Ehrungen

Zu folgenden Ehrungen von Mitgliedern der DGGP e.V. gratuliere ich sehr herzlich:

Peter Dilg erhielt anlässlich der DPhG-Tagung in Hamburg 2018 die Elsa-Ullmann-Medaille. Die Ehrung, die auf die erste deutsche Technologieprofessorin zurückgeht, zeichnet Persönlichkeiten aus, die sich innerhalb und außerhalb der DPhG e.V. in besonderer Weise um die Weiterentwicklung des pharmazeutischen Berufsstands verdient gemacht haben. Peter Dilg war von 1989 bis 2011 Vorsitzender der Fachgruppe Geschichte der Pharmazie der DPhG e.V., war Initiator und Herausgeber der Schriftenreihe „Stätten pharmazeutischer Praxis, Lehre und Forschung“ und ist der Begründer der Bürgersymposien im Vorfeld der DPhG-Jahrestagungen.

Maximilian Haars erhielt den Dalberg-Preis 2018 für transdisziplinäre Nachwuchsforschung von der Akademie gemeinnütziger Wissenschaften zu Erfurt für seine Dissertation, die unter der Leitung von Sabine Anagnostou und Sabine Föllinger stand. Florian Eidam-Weber (Doktorand von Axel Helmstädter) errang beim Internationalen Kongress der IGGP e.V. 2019 in Washington den zweiten Platz im Posterwettbewerb. Klaus Koch (Hamburg) wurde 2019 von der Polnischen Gesellschaft für Geschichte der Pharmazie mit der Statuette Mgr. pharm. Antonina Leśniewska für seine Verdienste um die Geschichte der Pharmazie, vor allem in Polen, ausgezeichnet.

Die Johannes-Valentin-Medaille 2019 in Silber wird Frank Leimkugel und die Johannes-Valentin-Medaille 2019 in Bronze Ingrid Pieroth verliehen, die Johannes-Valentin-Medaille 2020 in Silber wird François Ledermann und Ulrich Koppitz die Johannes-Valentin-Medaille 2020 in Bronze überreicht. Ich gratuliere den PreisträgerInnen für die Auszeichnungen. Die Verleihung der Medaillen und die Ehrung der PreisträgerInnen erfolgt bei der nächsten Mitgliederversammlung in Präsenz. Christoph Friedrich erhielt mit der Mannich-Medaille die höchste Auszeichnung der Deutschen Pharmazeutischen Gesellschaft. Gratulation!

Promotionen

Folgende Dissertationen wurden abgeschlossen: Lisa Hedrich-Trimborn, Andreas Möckel, Maren Zummersch, Katja Susanne Moosmann, Ilse Denninger, Lucia Wolf-Krowartz, Barbara Maresca Köster und Christian Michael Redmann, alle betreut von Christoph Friedrich (Marburg), die Dissertation von Maximilian Haars betreut von Sabine Anagnostou und Sabine Föllinger (beide Marburg), die Dissertation von Kerstin Grothusheitkamp betreut von Sabine Anagnostou und Christoph Friedrich (beide Marburg), die Dissertation von Sara Gnehm (jetzt Ruppen), betreut von François Ledermann (Bern) und Christoph Friedrich (Marburg), die Dissertation von Sylvia Wagner betreut von Heiner Fangerau und Frank Leimkugel (beide Düsseldorf) sowie die Dissertation von Daniela Gožić betreut von Frank Leimkugel (Düsseldorf).

Weitere Aktivitäten der DGGP e.V.

Im Jahr 2019 unterstützte die DGGP e.V. die Universitätsbibliothek Leipzig mit einer Spende von 500 € für das Fundraising zur dauerhaften Präsentation des Papyrus Ebers im Foyer der Bibliotheca Albertina. Für die Spender wird es exklusive Führungen in kleinen Kreisen geben. Dazu werden wir demnächst nähere Informationen erhalten. Eine enge Kooperation erfolgt weiterhin mit der Deutschen Pharmazeutischen Zentralbibliothek in Stuttgart, der Universitätsbibliothek Braunschweig, dem Deutschen Apotheken-Museum in Heidelberg, der Schweizerischen Gesellschaft für Geschichte der Pharmazie e.V. und der Deutschen Pharmazeutischen Gesellschaft e.V. Ich danke Michael Mönnich, Stefan Wulle, Elisabeth Huwer, Ursula-Hirter Trüb und Christoph Friedrich für die erfolgreiche und vertrauensvolle Zusammenarbeit. Die Homepage der DGGP e.V. wird nach wie vor von Ute Jutta Götz und Michael Mönnich betreut und aktualisiert. Dafür sei ihnen herzlich gedankt.

Verstorbene Mitglieder der DGGP e.V.

Die DGGP e.V. trauert um verstorbene Mitglieder und übermittelt ihre Kondolenz. Im Jahre 2018 verstarb unser langjähriges Vorstandsmitglied Horst Remane. Wir erinnern uns an seine hohen wissenschaftlichen Verdienste und sein unermüdliches Engagement für die Pharmaziegeschichte, aber auch an seine lebenswürdige, versöhnliche Art und seine Warmherzigkeit, mit der er unsere Veranstaltungen stets bereichert hat. Die DGGP e.V. wird sein Andenken stets in Ehren halten und ihn nie vergessen.

Wir gedenken ebenso den verdienten Mitgliedern Friedrich Schmelzer, Dieter Fuxius und Volker Articus. Erst kürzlich verstarb die große und international weithin bekannte Braunschweiger Pharmaziehistorikerin Erika Hickel, die mit ihrem regen Wirken für die Pharmaziegeschichte und zahlreichen Doktoranden ein bleibendes Erbe geschaffen hat.

Die offizielle Totenehrung aller seit der letzten Mitgliederversammlung verstorbenen Mitglieder erfolgt bei der nächsten Mitgliederversammlung voraussichtlich in Detmold.

Rücktritte

Am 24. November 2019 legte der langjährige Schatzmeister sein Amt nieder. Die Gründe hat er jetzt in seinem Kassenbericht dargelegt. Wir bedauern den Rücktritt sehr und danken Michael Michalak für sein jahrelanges zuverlässiges Engagement für die finanziellen Belange der DGGP e.V.

Die Biennale

Die Biennale in Detmold mussten wir schweren Herzens absagen. Angesichts der Entwicklung der COVID-19-Pandemie konnte es der Vorstand nicht verantworten, die Mitglieder dem hohen Risiko einer Infektion auszusetzen. Auch zahlreiche weitere geplanten Veranstaltungen mussten vorerst entfallen. Die neu anberaumte Mitgliederversammlung und dringliche Wahl eines neuen Vorstandes in Bad Schussenried im Oktober 2020 konnten aus demselben Grund nicht durchgeführt werden. Der neue Vorstand wird darüber entscheiden, ob die Biennale in Detmold 2021 stattfinden kann. Die Biennale 2023 ist in Nürnberg geplant.

HONG KONG – HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

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2020 was a challenging year with the COVID-19 pandemic having a great impact on all walks of life, which pharmacists play a significant role in the prevention and treatment of patients infected with the deadly virus. The Society scaled back a couple of the projects when the government announced travel restrictions and “social distancing” guidelines. An update of the HKAPI activities are as follows:

- Election of the 2020-2022 Term of Office of the Executive Committee of the HKAPI. The president reported the 2019 activities of HKSHP in its annual general meeting held on March 16, 2020, at the premises of the Hong Kong Jockey Club to its members. The three executive committee members comprising the president (Patrick Chiu), the honorary treasurer (Benedict Chiu), and the honorary secretary (Joanne Zhang) submitted their application for re-election and were voted by all those present, 10 of the 15 members, in the meeting for another three years from 2020-2022.
- A book, *A History of Pharmacy and the Pharmaceutical Market, 1841-2020*, authored on behalf of HKSHP, was published by the Joint Publishing Ltd. of Hong Kong for distribution in May 2020.
- An original researched paper on “The challenges and opportunities for Western Pharmacy in Colonial Hong Kong, 1945-1984,” authored on behalf of HKSHP, was published by the *Pharmaceutical Historian* in the June 2020 edition.

2021’s planned projects include a book on AS Watson, 1841-2021, *Globalization and Best Practice Management*, authored on behalf of the HKSHP, the Chinese language version will be published in April and the English version in July 2021. AS Watson is a global retail pharmacy and drug store chain with a strong presence in Asia and Europe under its own or joint-venture management. These include the brands of Dirk Rossmann (Germany, Poland, and Czech), Drogas (Baltic), ICI Paris, and Kruidvat (Benelux), Marionnaud (France and Europe), Savers and Superdrugs (UK), and Watsons (Russia and Turkey).

The resumption of a publication project, postponement of which was due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on “A History of Chinese Pharmacy, From Shennong to Tu Youyou, A Journey of 5,000 Years of Materia Medica” with the Fudan University School of Pharmacy in Shanghai and the Peking Union Medical College Hospital Pharmacy Department of Beijing is now scheduled in September 2021.

HUNGARY – HUNGARIAN SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

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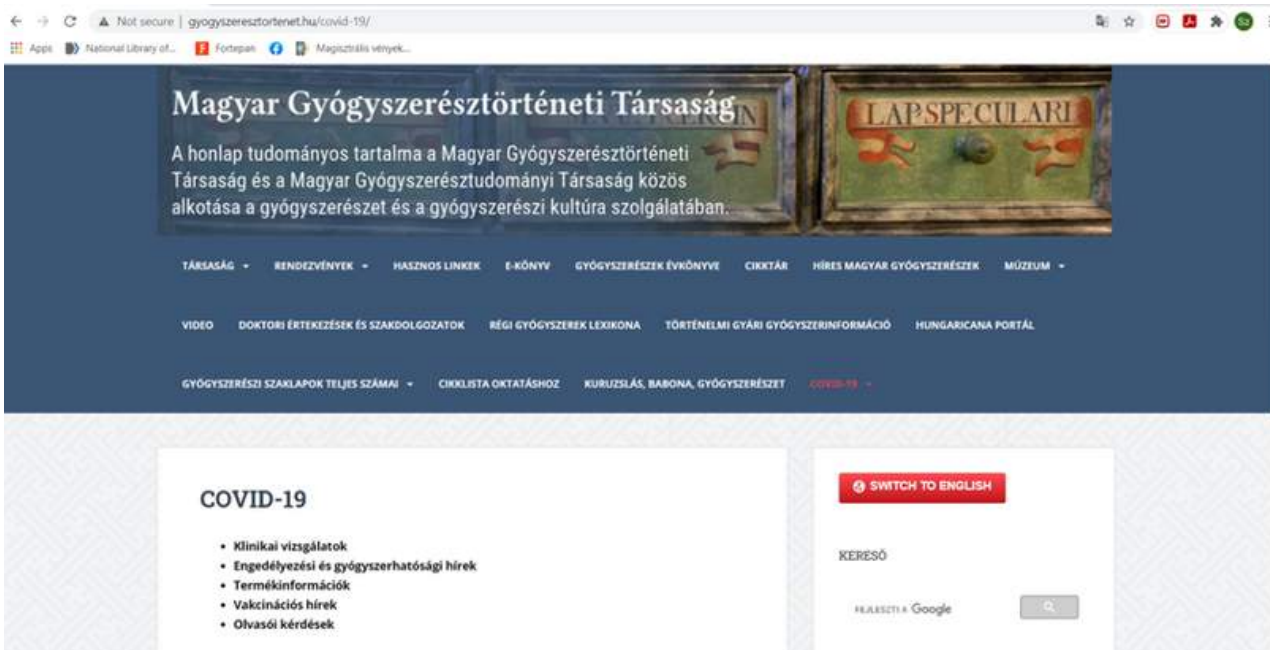
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Back in April 2017, we have launched our Facebook page named “Képes gyógyszerészet (Pharmacy in pictures) where we post almost every day a photo of historical interest with short explanations. As of 20 February 2021, 3338 people (compared to 1383 people on 30 January 2019) followed our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/gyogyszeresztortenet/>. According to our experience, social media should be taken seriously regarding the history of pharmacy, too. This is a very useful tool for delivering historical information on pharmacy to the lay public and professionals and receiving sometimes really valuable feedbacks from them.

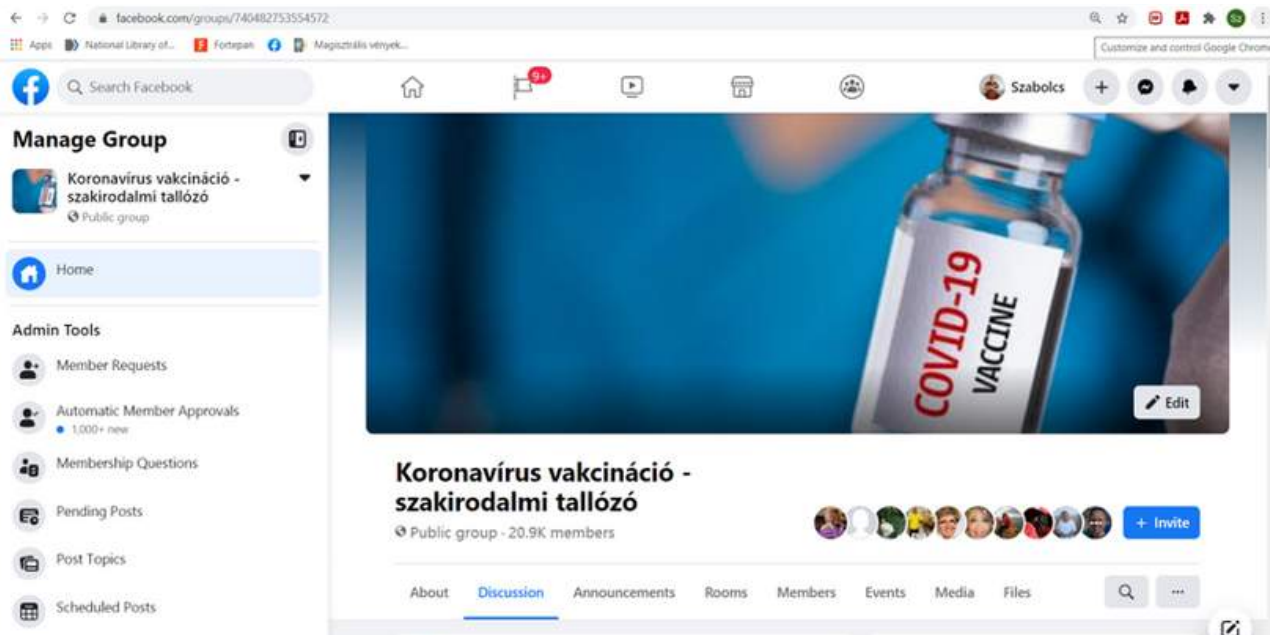
Because of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 we had to postpone our annual Summer Symposium on the History of Pharmacy and probably, we have to further postpone it this year, too.

As usual, we continued the develop our website (www.gyogyszeresztortenet.hu) with some of the contents available in English. In 2020, among others, 10 new articles and 6 new digitalized books, and one thesis have been uploaded to our website, which is the most significant electronic repertory of Hungarian pharmacy history books, articles, photos and other pieces of information.

At the end of 2020, on 22 December, we have launched a new service on our website named “COVID-19”, which is linked to an open Facebook page named “Coronavirus vaccination – literature review group” (in Hungarian Koronavírus vakcináció – szakirodalmi tallózó), with almost 21,000 members, laymen, and professionals (MDs, pharmacists, nurses, etc). In the frame of this service, we provide up-dated information on the Summaries of Product Information (SmPCs) of vaccines against COVID-19, a collection of “Readers’ questions and answers”, “Vaccination news” and “Clinical trial abstracts”. This is partly to serve the Hungarian population during these unusual times, document the current events as future history and lastly, popularise the whole website.



The website (<http://www.gyogyszerestortenet.hu/covid-19/>)



The Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/740482753554572>)

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Because of the Covid pandemic, the traditional activities of our Society were reduced significantly during the year 2020. The most important programme of the year, the 16th Hungarian Pharmaceutical Congress (Congressus Pharmaceuticus Hungaricus) of the Hungarian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences, originally scheduled for April 2020, was held on September 10-12th and organized as an on-line congress.

The programme of the biggest scientific meeting of Hungarian pharmacists included a section of oral presentations in the field of the history of pharmacy. In this section, eight lectures were presented, which covered a wide range of historical topics in pharmacy, including the history of the pharmaceutical industry, wholesaling, museology, church pharmacy, medicines packaging, etc. Their abstracts were published in the congress abstract book issued as a special number of scientific journal *Acta Pharmaceutica Hungarica* (<https://www.aph-hsps.hu/acta/index.php/aph/issue/view/6>). Another traditional meeting of our Society, the 55th Mátyás Rozsnyay Memorial Contest for a young pharmacist was also held on-line on September 26. The Pharmacy History Division participated in the work of the Evaluation Board. In the programme was presented one lecture (author: Boglárka Tenke) related to pharmacy history, dedicated to the life and work of a famous Hungarian pharmacist and viticulturist, Zsigmond Katona.



Speakers of the Pharmacy History Section at the online 16th Hungarian Pharmaceutical Congress in September 2020 (photo by N. Papp)

IRAN – IRANIAN SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

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The outbreak of COVID 19 by the beginning of the year 2020 changed normal life all around the world and affects the activities of the Iranian Society for the History of Pharmacy as well. However, in this new condition, we aimed to hold an important online event on Integrative medicine and COVID 19. Therefore, the First Online Conference on Integrative Medicine and Clinical Practice with the subject of “Integrative Medicine and COVID 19” was held as a joint program with 15 organizers and co-organizers all around the world on May 30, 2020. The main host of this international conference was the School of Persian Medicine at Tehran University of Medical Sciences. Dr. Arman Zargaran, the president of IrSHP was the scientific secretary of this event. There were 34 presentations (oral and virtual poster) by the researchers from five continents and more than 1600 audiences attended via Zoom platform and Facebook Online at this conference. This Conference had great success to find audiences and also holding as a joint program with the cooperation of many related institutes in Asia, Europe, and North America.



The First International Online Conference on Integrative Medicine and Clinical Practice, 30 May 2020

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ITALY – ACCADEMIA ITALIANA DI STORIA DELLA FARMACIA

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Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the 70th National Congress of the AISF took place online between 28-29 November 2020 with the support of the University of Ferrara. Many relations about the recent historical and pharmaceutical studies were presented, and as usual, they will be published in our review *Atti e Memorie*. Fortunately, we didn't have deceased colleagues, and in 2021 we hope to organize the 71st National Congress regularly in the summer, or online in case of Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. In 2021 will also take place the election of the new council of AISF. The AISF is working to organize the International Congress of History of Pharmacy in Milan in early September 2022 by the old and prestigious hospital Ca' Granda (now University of Milan), founded in 1456 by the Duke of Milan Francesco Sforza and designed by the architect Filarete. The main theme of the international congress will be "Health and Well-being". The most important target of WHO is "reaching of the highest level of health", defined as "a state of total physical, mental and social well-being", and not simply the lack of sickness and infirmity. For this reason, the topic of the congress takes his starting point in the "Prospectus Pharmaceuticus sub quo Antidotarium Mediolanense" of 1668, almost certainly the first official pharmacopeia in the world that have a specific chapter dedicated to the manufacture of beauty products, so to make them similar to the medicaments. The AISF, through its President, will communicate the final title of the congress.

Exhibitions

- Vecchie e nuove epidemie. City Museum, Rimini, Italy, October 5, 2019 – December 5, 2019. Curator: Angelo Beccarelli; Organization: Accademia Italiana di Storia della Farmacia, City Museum.
- Il Proton. Camillo Rocchietta. Industria e pubblicità - Pinerolo nel mondo. Museo Civico Etnografico Palazzo Vittone, Pinerolo (TO) Italy, February 1, 2020– May 31, 2021. Curator: Angelo Beccarelli; Organization: Accademia Italiana di Storia della Farmacia. Museo Civico Etnografico.
- Veleni e Magiche pozioni. Grandi storie di cure e delitti. National Atestino Museum, Este (PD) Italy, October 19, 2019 – March 8, 2020. Curator: Chiara Beatrice Vicentini. Visitors: 9,500. Organization: National Atestino Museum, University of Ferrara, in collaboration with AISF.

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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. Koji Yamakawa on December 29, 2019, at the age of 91. During his lifetime, Dr. Yamakawa taught at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Tokyo University of Science, and served as the 5th president of JSHP (2005-2011). Professor Yamakawa made numerous outstanding contributions in a variety of fields ranging from his publications on organic chemicals to those on the history of Japanese and international pharmacy. Perhaps his greatest contribution to JSHP was the editing of the first comprehensive history of the Japanese pharmaceutical industry in 1995. Twenty-six books from his personal collection were donated to the History of Pharmacy Library of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Tokyo by his daughter, Hiromi.



Dr. Koji Yamakawa
(1928-2019)

Appointment of a new JSHP President

At the General Assembly Meeting held online in April 2020, Dr. Kazushige Morimoto was appointed as the 8th president of JSHP for a term of two years. Dr. Morimoto is currently a guest scientist at the National Institute of Health Sciences. He holds a doctorate in Pharmaceutical Science, is a certified Education System-qualified Pharmacist, and earned a second doctorate in Ministry. He has extensive work experience at the Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare, the World Health Organization, HTP/EDM, and PMDA (Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency). As the new president, Dr. Morimoto's aspirations are to make JSHP a more attractive society where mid-career specialists, especially women, can play an active role, to raise the status of the *Japanese Journal for the History of Pharmacy* (Yakushigaku Zasshi), to strengthen cooperation with ISHP, and to work on the creation of a business plan to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the founding of JSHP in 2024. Under the leadership of the new president, JSHP is expected to develop in various fields.



Dr. Kazushige Morimoto,
8th President of JSHP

Meetings

The General Assembly Meeting of JSHP was held online on April 24, 2020. This year, however, because of the spread of COVID-19, two special lectures, which are held annually on the same day as the general assembly meeting, were canceled. The 2020 Shibata Forum (summer), the Annual Meeting (fall), and the Six Societies Meeting of the Histories of Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Nursing, and Western Learning (December) were also rescheduled for next year due to the spread of the COVID-19.

General circumstances caused by COVID-19 responses by JSHP

In Japan, particularly since November 2020, the number of persons testing positive for COVID-19 has increased sharply. The third wave of infection is underway, which is having a great impact on many types of social activities. In order to prevent the further spread of the virus, Japanese health authorities are urging residents nationwide to avoid close contact. In response, academic societies such as JSHP must also adapt to the changing situation. In addition to canceling and rescheduling various academic gatherings this year, the Board of Directors and Councilors' meetings will be held online in 2021.

International Exchange

JSHP accepted the kind invitation by AIHP to attend the History of Pharmacy Festival held on 24-29 September. Those who took part in the festival found it most informative and look forward to future opportunities.

Publications in 2020

JSHP published volume 55 numbers 1 and 2 of the *Japanese Journal for the History of Pharmacy* (Yakushigaku Zasshi) and the *History of Pharmacy Newsletter* (Yakushi Letter), numbers 83, 84, and 85.

Website Update

The JSHP website was updated: <http://yakushi.umin.jp/>

An English version of the website is also available for viewing.
<http://yakushi.umin.jp/en/index.html>

Journal articles in Japanese, which include an English abstract can be downloaded free of charge from the same website.

LITHUANIA – LITHUANIAN SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

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Main activities

The Lithuanian parliament (Seimas) declared 2020 as the year of the doctor of biological sciences, pharmacist and herbalist Eugenija Šimkūnaitė (1920-1996). Šimkūnaitė dedicated her life to the study of medicinal plants and folk medicine.

Many events were organized to commemorate Šimkūnaitė's life. In June, an exhibition of Lithuanian folk medicine was opened in the yard of the Museum of the History of Lithuanian Medicine and Pharmacy in Kaunas.

The Museum of the History of Lithuanian Medicine and Pharmacy produced a virtual exhibition Prescriptions and their place in pharmacy history (Curator: Zenona Šimaitienė). The museum's collection contains more than 700 prescriptions from the middle of the 19th century to the end of the 20th century.

Virtual exposition website is given below:

https://www.muziejai.lt/Kaunas/Signatura_farmacijos_muziejus.lt.asp



Curator of the Museum of the History of Lithuanian Medicine and Pharmacy Zenona Šimaitienė opened the exhibition.

An international e-conference "Contemporary pharmacy: issues, challenges, and expectations" was organized by the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences (LUHS). It took place on October 23 in Kaunas. A separate section on the History of Pharmacy was organized by the Lithuanian Society for the History of Pharmacy. It was dedicated to the first pharmaceutical periodical journal in Lithuania: *Pamiętnik Farmaceutyczny Wileński* (Notes of Vilnius Pharmacy). 11 speakers spoke about pharmaceutical periodicals published in Lithuania, Germany, France, Latvia, Estonia, and Tsarist Russia. The e-conference was attended by ISHP President Prof. Axel Helmstädter as well as other ISHP members and guests: Dušanka Krajnovič (University of Belgrade, Serbia) Secretary-General of the ISHP; Arnaud Parent (Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania); Algirdas Utkus (Vilnius University, Vilnius Medical Society); Mary Schaeffer Conroy (University of Colorado, Denver, USA); Halil Tekiner (Erciyes University, Turkey) Vice-President of the ISHP; Ain Raal (University of Tartu, Estonia); Vilma Gudienė (Lithuanian University of the Health Sciences, Museum of the History of Lithuanian Medicine and Pharmacy) Vice-President of the ISHP; Viktorija Šimkutė (Lithuanian University of the Health Sciences); Angelė Rudžianskaitė (Lithuanian University of the Health Sciences, Museum of the History of Lithuanian Medicine and Pharmacy); and Kaspars Antonovičs (Rīga Stradiņš University, Latvia).

The presentations of the History of Pharmacy Section are available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3gUhJYrw5j8&feature=youtu.be>

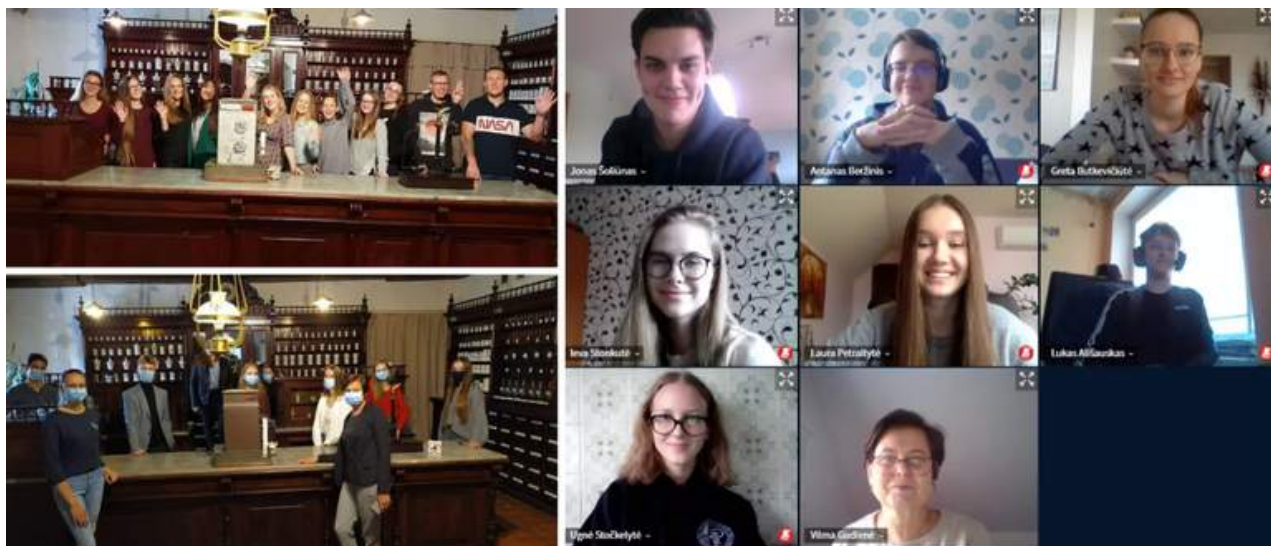


Virtual conference participants: moderator and President of the Lithuanian Society for the History of Pharmacy Ramūnas Kondratas, President of the ISHP Axel Helmstädter, student of the Faculty of Pharmacy of LUHS Viktorija Šimkutė, curator of the Museum of the History of Lithuanian Medicine and Pharmacy Angelė Rudžianskaitė.

In May 2020, a Facebook group and page on the history of medicine and pharmacy were created by the members of the Lithuanian Society for the History of Pharmacy. The aim of this initiative was to unite, discuss, share, comment, and popularize research on medical and pharmaceutical history. We invited physicians and pharmacists, students, and all fans of the history of science and medicine to write, comment, send photos, memoirs of doctors and pharmacists, and suggest topics for discussion. Links to the Facebook group and page are as follows:

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1607171916113972>
- <https://www.facebook.com/MedicinosIstorija>

The COVID-19 pandemic eased during the summer, and so courses on the Development of Pharmacy were given at the Museum of the History of Lithuanian Medicine and Pharmacy starting on 1 September. Unlike in previous years, students wore masks during lectures and kept a safe distance of two meters. Now, studies are taking place virtually.

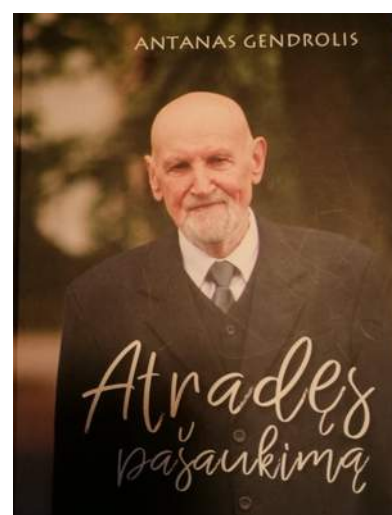


Students during the lectures on the Development of Pharmacy: 2018 and 2020.

Books

Well-known Lithuanian pharmacist Prof. Antanas Gendrolis (b. 1926) published a book of memoirs about his life and professional activities: *Atradęs Pašaukimą* (Having discovered a vocation). Prof. Antanas Gendrolis is a great pharmacist, former director of the Endocrine Preparations Factory in Kaunas, lecturer, and Chairman of the State Pharmacopoeia Commission. Now he does research on bee products and is an honorary member of the Lithuanian Apitherapy Society. Prof. Antanas Gendrolis' autobiography is available on the website:

<http://www.apiterapija.eu/i-f-a-/speakers-authors-36/EN/prof--antanas-gendrolis-52.html>



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Oral presentations

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At the international distance conference Contemporary pharmacy: issues, challenges, and expectations (23 October 2020, Lithuanian University of the Health Sciences, Kaunas) the following members of the Lithuanian Society for the History of Pharmacy gave presentations:

- Vilma Gudienė, Ramūnas Kondratas. The first pharmaceutical periodical journal in Lithuania: *Pamiętnik Farmaceutyczny Wileński* (Notes of Vilnius Pharmacy).
- Viktorija Šimkutė. The prevention of infectious diseases in the military periodicals *Kariškių žodis* (Word of Soldiers) and *Karys* (Soldier), 1919-1923.
- Angelė Rudžianskaitė, Vilma Gudienė. Advertisements in the Lithuanian pharmaceutical journals, 1923-1940.

NORWAY – THE NORWEGIAN SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

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NFHS Meetings in 2020

The Covid-19 pandemic resulted in more or less a lockdown in Norway from March 12. This affected the possibilities of conducting meetings the traditional way.

The Annual Meeting in NFHS 2020: As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, the meeting was conducted electronically. 21 members voted by e-mail. All documents relating to the validity of the meeting were approved. The Annual Report for 2019, the financial report for NFHS, as well as the one for the journal *Cygnus*, and the budget proposal for 2020 were all approved. The members also supported the proposals for membership fee for 2021 and a small change in the statutes pertaining to the number of Board members. The recommendation from the nomination committee for the incoming Board was unanimously approved. The elected Board: Liv Slettevold (chair), Erik Andrew (second chair), Holger Moe Tørisen (secretary), Sissel Brinchmann, and Anne Gerd Granås.

The Autumn Member Meeting in November: Again, the Covid-19 restrictions forced us to arrange the meeting as a webinar on November 4. This turned out to be very successful with more participants than we normally would have, with everyone watching and listening in their homes. The program opened with an exciting and dramatic tale by retired professor Jens Kristian Wold when he was a young military pharmacist during the Suez conflict in 1956-57.

Other topics were: Trygve Fjeldstad gave us the history of The Norwegian Medicines Manual for Health Personnel. Øyvind Holte looked at the history of The Pharmacists Sports Association and its cabin in the forest outside Oslo (Farmasøythytta). Erik Andrew focused on the pharmacist and chemist Hans H Hvosllef, while Liv Slettevold, who in 1998 established a strongly needed educational program for Regulatory Affairs, described the running of these courses up to 2003. Grethe Eide gave us an interesting look into a Pharmaceutical Study Group on Lifelong Learning. Gunnar Fossaa gave an interesting insight into the old pharmacy at the museum “Glomdalsmuseet“, as well as a “tour” of the collections. Professor Anne Gerd Granås shared the experience from the first-year student project “My Pharmacy History”, a series of interviews with seasoned pharmacists and their lives in different areas of our profession.

Publications

The Norwegian Society for the History of Pharmacy published the membership journal *Cygnus* in February 2020. (It was first published in October 1997, and has since been published once or twice a year). The latest issue of *Cygnus* is now being distributed to the NFHS members. Through 2020 NFHS published four digital newsletters to the members.

Lectures

NFHS has given lectures on the topic of the history of pharmacy at the University of Oslo, Department of Pharmacy.

Digital presence

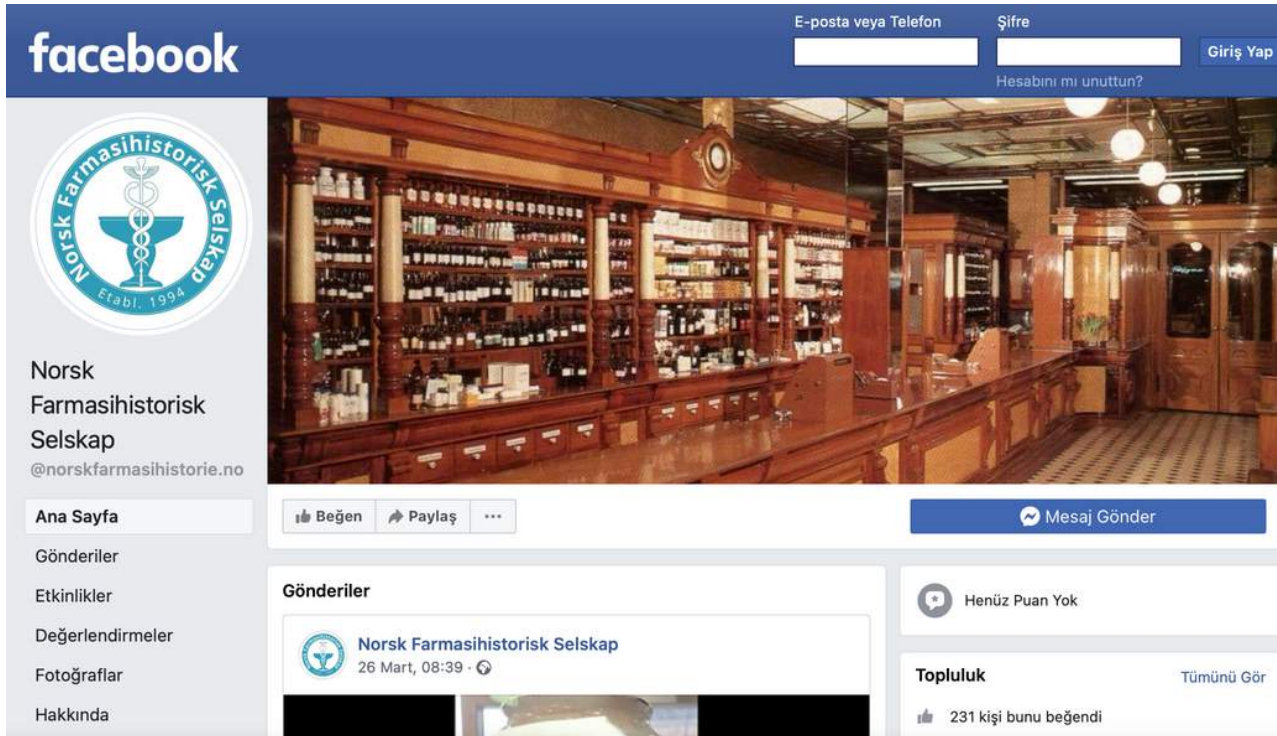
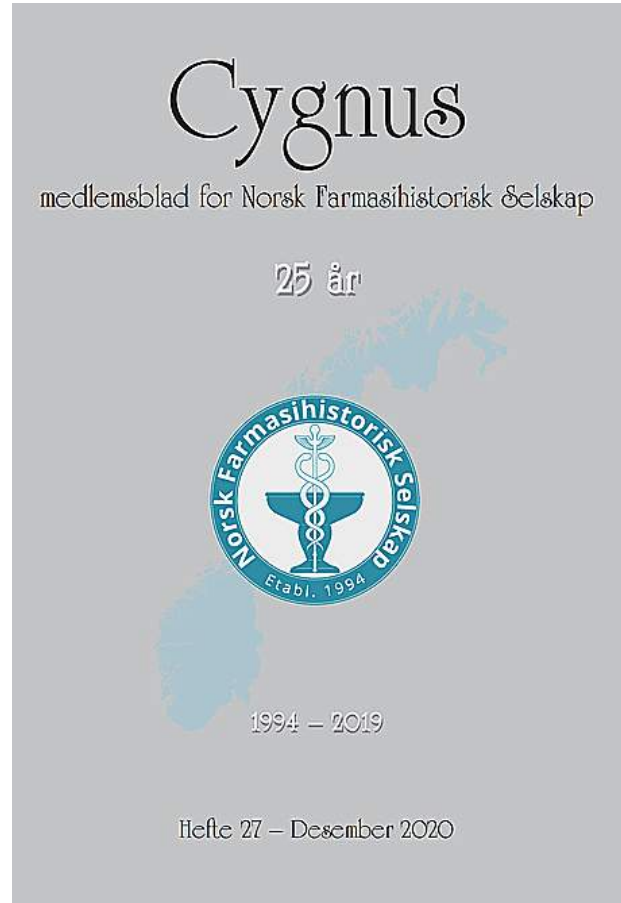
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Facebook site of the Norwegian Society for the History of Pharmacy

POLAND – HISTORY OF PHARMACY DIVISION OF POLISH PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY

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Polish pharmacists working in the profession include about 150 persons who show an active interest in the history of pharmacy. The year 2020 was unfavorable for direct contacts; nevertheless, the activity continued, as follows:

On 20 January 2020, Gdańsk held celebrations for the 90th birth anniversary of Dr. Sc. Aleksander Drygas. The scholar hosted a visit of historians of pharmacy from across Poland. A formal address was held by Lidia Maria Czyż, Ph.D., chairwoman of NCHP. On 20 February, the Szczecin chapter held a celebration honoring an unusual achievement, 60 years of professional work of MSc. T. Kończak Zielińskiej. On 24 February, the Kraków chapter organized a scientific session for the 100th birth anniversary of colonel Jerzy Pertkiewicz, Ph.D. These events took place before the restrictions imposed due to the pandemic, and they provided an opportunity for face-to-face meetings and discussions.

The most significant scientific conference of 2020 was prepared by A. and L. Birkenmajer Institute for the History of Science, Polish Academy of Science, as well as Societas Scientiarum Klukoviana et Jablonovianae Museum of Agriculture in Ciechanowiec and was entitled “International Scientific Conference for Innovation in Agriculture: Tradition and Contemporary Times. In memory of Duchess Anna Jabłonowska, née Sapieha”. It was held on 18-19 September via remote means of communication. Over 20 participants made their presentations and the event was observed by nearly 100 people; both groups included members of the NCHP.

Another nationwide scientific conference was the 4th symposium organized on the occasion of Sts. Cosmas and Damian Day by the Museum of Biecz Region on 19-20 September in Biecz. This time the title was “Botanical and sensory gardens in Poland and Europe”.

Members of the Kraków chapter took part in the Conference entitled “Pharmaceutical raw materials”, organized by the chapter in Bydgoszcz, on 15-16 October. Historians from the Szczecin chapter also actively participated in the symposium. On 25 September the Łódź chapter organized a webinar on “Chemists from Łódź in Polish-Soviet war”.

Members of the NCHP, despite all the restrictions, continued their work. In Warsaw, they cooperated with the Museum of the History of Medicine at the Medical University of Warsaw. Maria Pająk, MSc., (Opole) initiated cooperation with the Museum of the Opole University, Museum of Opole Silesia, and the National Archive in Opole. Katarzyna Hanisz, PhD., joined the Academic Council of J. Muszyński Museum of Pharmacy.

In 2020 distinctions in recognition for their work were awarded to:

- Dr. Jan Majewski personality of two decades “Pharmacist who contributed to the image of Polish pharmacy”.
- Dr. Jerzy Waliszewski (Stargard) received the title of voluntary custodian of historical monuments.
- Dr. Majewski received the Medal “True to tradition” on the 30th anniversary of the Society for Commemoration of Wielkopolska Uprising, and acknowledgment for his support for the initiative “renovation of the family grave of Prof. Jan Czochralski, pioneer of electronics and crystallography” from the Commune Office in Kcynia.

Historians of pharmacy in Warsaw regularly visit cemeteries in Warsaw where they put flowers at the monuments commemorating chemists and pharmacists; in 2020 they visited Protestant cemeteries.

Throughout 2020 a number of works related to the history of pharmacy were published in books and journals dedicated to the pharmacy, medicine, and library studies.

Unfortunately, the Symposium for the History of Pharmacy did not take place as planned, it was postponed to be held at a more convenient time.

ROMANIA – THE ROMANIAN SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

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The situation generated by the pandemic in 2020, unfortunately, has not allowed the organization of the Annual National Reunion of the Romanian Society for the History of Pharmacy. On December 14, 2020, the RSHP General Assembly was held online for the presentation and approval of the Activity Reports on the activity for 2019, rescheduled, being present the President of the National Society, the presidents of the RSHP sections, the Society's treasurer, the Society's censors and cashier, the secretary of the Bucharest section.

As we already have mentioned, RSHP was not involved in the organization of scientific manifestations because of the Covid-19 pandemic, however, her members published papers regarding the history of pharmacy in various scientific publications or participated in online manifestations. We have mentioned a part of them:

- Outstanding personalities of the Romanian pharmaceutical research - 100 years, Adriana-Elena Tăerel, Ana Carată, Emilia Stancu, Honorius Popescu, Iliora Oniga, Daniela Benedec, Daniela Hanganu, Elena Butnaru, Luminița Agoroaei. *Romanian Medical Journal* 2020;67(3):11-20.
- Romanian School of pharmacy in Bucharest: past, present, and perspectives - Ana Carată, Adriana-Elena Tăerel, Emilia Stancu, *Romanian Medical Journal* 2020;67(3):21-34.
- The Romanian Society for the History of Pharmacy (RSHP), after 29 years of intense activity, Ana Carată, Adriana-Elena Tăerel, Emilia Stancu. *Galenus* 2020;137:72-74.
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The National Pharmacy Conference was held online between 26 and 28 November 2020 with the following presentations highlighted:

- Professor Dr. Doc. Pharmacist Nicolae I. Ioanid (1897-1990), the father of modern Romanian toxicology, Gabriela Antoaneta Vlăsceanu, Maria-Gabriela Suliman.
- The literature of Romanian pneumophthisiology in the 19th century, Daniela Mihăilescu, N. Marcu, Maria-Gabriela Suliman.

SERBIA – HISTORY OF PHARMACY SECTION OF THE SERBIAN PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY

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In 2020, the members of the Section were active. Although in difficult conditions, quantitatively speaking, their activity was considerably reduced, but in terms of publications, this year they presented their results in two scientific papers in international journals with undiminished energy and efforts.

The members of the Section also supported the exhibitions organized by the Museum of the History of Pharmacy at the Faculty of Pharmacy. The exhibition entitled “Looking for a beginning, shine and hours stopped”, dedicated to academicians Stevan Jakovljević and Jovan Tucakov, professors at the Faculty of Pharmacy, was organized within the cycle entitled “Greats in Pharmacy”. The exhibition was presented in the Science and Technology Gallery of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts in Belgrade from 1st to 11 July 2020. The members of the Section could admire the exhibition entitled “In the pharmacy, at the Hungarian King St. Stephen”, which was created as a result of cooperation between the Embassy of Hungary and the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Belgrade. The setting of the exhibition was related to the restored furniture from the Museum of the History of Pharmacy at the Faculty of Pharmacy in Belgrade, which belonged to the pharmacy “At the Hungarian King St. Stephen”, located in the northern parts of Serbia, then Austro-Hungary. The exhibition was followed by interactive workshops on the production of obsolete pharmaceutical dosage forms as well as the design of an old prescription of tea made in the city when the pharmacy was opened. The setting of the exhibition was transferred to the hall of the Faculty, and as a concept of an open museum, it is available to visitors and students. The author of the exhibition is Jelena Manojlović.

The members of the Section actively took part at the XI. Congress of the Historians of Medicine that took place in Belgrade from 16th to 19th September 2020 with the following two lectures:

- Jelena Manojlović, spec. pharm. presented the paper entitled “Museum for the History of Pharmacy within the Faculty of Pharmacy – the youngest museum in Serbia”.
- Dr. Ilinka Vuković with Prof. Dr. Duška Krajnović and Mirjana Gajdaš, spec. pharm. presented the paper entitled: “The review and significance of the Nobel Prizes in physiology and medicine”.

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

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The main activities and news related to the Sociedad de Docentes Universitarios de Historia de la Farmacia de España (SDUHFE) have been disseminated through our website (<https://sduhfe.wordpress.com>) and its corresponding associated Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/SDUHFE>). This information can be followed through the subscription service we offer, both on the website and on the Facebook page, or by visiting the "We are News" section (<https://sduhfe.wordpress.com/category/somos-noticia>), where most of the content published throughout 2020 has been included. Below, in chronological order, we offer an extract of this news:

15 January 2020: Antonio González Bueno and Cecilio J. Venegas Fito, academics from the Real Academia Nacional de Farmacia (Instituto de España). We would like to congratulate our colleagues, Antonio González Bueno, and Cecilio J. Venegas Fito, on their recent appointments as Full and Corresponding Academy Members, respectively. Cecilio took office on 13 February 2020, at 19:00, with a speech entitled "El No-Do como instrumento documental de la Historia de la Farmacia en España". We do not yet know the date on which Antonio will read his reception speech, which has been postponed due to the COVID crisis.

18 March 2020: Postponement of the 6th Conference of our Society. The exceptional circumstances oblige us to put off the 6th Conference of our Society, to be held in Calamocha (Teruel), until the optimum epidemiological conditions have been met.

3 April 2020: The annual *ISHP Newsletter (2020)* is published. The International Society for the History of Pharmacy (ISHP), to which our Society belongs, has published the Newsletter for 2020, which includes the activities carried out by the Society of University Lecturers in the History of Pharmacy.

21 April 2020: "Conocer el pasado es predecir el futuro". Our Society has just joined the initiative "Knowing the past is predicting the future", a platform created by people and societies from the History of Medicine and Health Sciences. Our colleague Enrique Aramburu, one of the initiators of this platform, will be our representative in this project. Its objectives, as set out in the founding manifesto, are as follows "To establish in each state of the European Union, a permanent research group on the origin, development, termination, and consequences of what have been epidemics and pandemics throughout history. To integrate into all the epidemiology teams of the State and the Autonomous Communities, health science historians specialized in studies on the history of diseases and historical demography. Introduce a chapter of historical epidemiology in the subject of the history of medicine in the curricula of all the Faculties of Medicine and Health Sciences".

1 May 2020: Death of Iris-Abril Figuerola i Pujol, in March 2020. Iris was Professor of the History of Pharmacy at the Chair of History of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Legislation of the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Barcelona until her retirement.

4 September 2020: We leave you with information about the Social History of Pharmacy and Pharmaceuticals Festival, a virtual event organized by the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy (USA).

29 September 2020: Recognition by the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy for our colleague Antonio Ramos Carrillo. Our colleague Antonio Ramos Carrillo has obtained the "AIHP Certificate of Commendation", a distinction awarded by the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy, for the creation and management of the Museo de Historia de la Farmacia de Sevilla, as well as for his work in collecting, researching and teaching in this Museum. El Museo de Historia de la Farmacia de Sevilla provides an overview of the professional and scientific activity of pharmacists in the 19th and early 20th centuries, at a time when the industrial revolution was modifying, as in so many other disciplines, the aesthetics, and dynamics of the pharmaceutical world. In this way, it constitutes a collection of pharmaceutical tools aimed at achieving the well-being of the individual and fighting disease. The material ranges from the preparation, conservation, and dispensing of the medicine itself, to tools for analysis, a collection of simple vegetables, and pharmaceutical specialties.

1 December 2020: "Plantas y medicamentos: una apasionante visión histórica". Our colleagues from the Seville Pharmacy History Museum, led by Antonio Ramos Carrillo, presented us with an entertaining and instructive video entitled "Plants and medicines: an exciting historical vision" (<https://youtu.be/msf6rDMEsFU>), which was presented at the "Researchers' Night".

14 December 2020: Newsletter number 1 of the Museo de la Farmacia Hispana. The Museo de la Farmacia Hispana (Faculty of Pharmacy. Universidad Complutense de Madrid. <https://www.ucm.es/museofarmaciahispana>) has just published the first issue of its Newsletter: "Our intention is to publicize all the Museum's activity to our followers and to communicate future projects with the aim of sharing and making you participants in our work of documentation, conservation, research and dissemination of the pharmaceutical heritage that we preserve".

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

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The section had 242 members as of the end of 2019. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, no lectures were held during the year. One pharmacy student was supervised by a board member when writing their examination essays. Three issues of the section's journal *Unicornis* were published.

Since the year 2019, *Unicornis* is available from our homepage <https://www.apotekarsocieteten.se/sektioner-kretsar/sektioner/farmaci-och-lakemedelshistoria/unicornis/>. The museum was closed during 2020 since it will be refurbished. It is planned to be reopened in 2022.

The screenshot shows the website for Apotekarsocieteten. The header includes the logo and navigation links: Medlemskap, Sektioner & kretsar, Aktiviteter, Stipendier & priser, Opinion & debatt, Nyheter, Om oss, and Jubileumssida. The main content area features the Unicornis logo and a description: "Unicornis är sektionens medlemstidskrift, som för närvarande kommer ut två gånger per år. I den publiceras dels nyheter och aktualiteter från sektionen, dels artiklar och notiser om farmacihistoriska ämnen, skrivna såväl av sektionens medlemmar som utomstående författare." Below this, there are two featured items: "UNICORNIS NR 1 2021" and "REGISTER". The right sidebar contains a "BLI MEDLEM" button, a "Kontakt" section with the contact information for Nils-Otto Ahnfelt, and a section for "Apotekarsocieteten aktuella aktiviteter" listing events like "Kliniska beslutsstöd: Läkarnas högra hand" and "ISO 14155:2020 GCP för medicinteknik".

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

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In February 2020, our newsletter, *Novellas*, was published full of memories of events in 2019 (Washington, D.C., and the excursion to Val-de-Travers); the Corona pandemic did not feature in it! From mid-March, however, Switzerland was already in lockdown, the home office was the order of the day, and "stay at home" was the slogan; everything else is sufficiently well known. The Summer *Novellas* consisted of some contributions to the ongoing Corona situation.

The planned scientific conference in the monastery of Muri on the topic of "Forgeries in the History of Pharmacy" in May had to be canceled, the attempt to organize a general meeting in Diessenhofen in autumn failed, as only four members had registered for it due to the unclear hazard of the situation. In the end, the Board had no choice but to call a meeting by correspondence, which was successfully held on 3 December. The 40 people who attended accepted the 2019 accounts, thanked the treasurer for his work, and discharged the Board. With the election of Dr. Sara Ruppen, we can welcome a new Board member. Rosmarie Schürch, member of the Board for many years, stepped down at the General Assembly. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the interesting events that have taken us to different parts of Switzerland.

The commemorative publication for the 70th birthday of Professor François Ledermann "Scientia non unius populi sed orbis terrarum / Zur Vielsprachigkeit in der Pharmaziegeschichte" was published as the 32nd volume in the *Grüne Reihe*. The volume was edited by Sabine Anagnostou, Ursula Hirter-Trüb and Claudia Zerobin Kleist. At this point we would like to thank the DGGP e.V. for the constantly good cooperation.

The Board has designed a new promotional flyer for the Society, which has not yet been distributed, due to a lack of opportunity caused by the Corona pandemic. During the summer, the texts of our website www.histpharm.ch were revised, and new pictures will follow in 2021. And finally, we still have the goal of translating the entire website into French.

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Notre première lettre d'information de l'année, les « Novellas », a été publiée en février 2020. Elle était pleine de souvenirs de 2019, notamment celui de Washington, D.C., et de notre rendez-vous dans le Val-de-Travers mais la pandémie de Coronavirus n'était pas évoquée ! Dès la mi-mars, la Suisse fut pourtant plongée en quarantaine, télétravail et confinement à la maison étant devenus les règles du quotidien. La suite est connue de tous, mais les « Novellas » de l'été sont revenues sur les conséquences de cette pandémie.

La conférence scientifique prévue en mai 2020 au monastère de Muri sur le thème "Les faux dans l'histoire de la pharmacie" a dû être annulée. De la même manière, notre assemblée générale à Diessenhofen en automne a également été annulée, car seuls quatre membres s'y étaient inscrits en raison des risques de contamination. Le conseil s'est finalement résolu à organiser une assemblée virtuelle qui s'est tenue le 3 décembre sur la base des votes écrits préalablement transmis par 40 participants. Ces derniers ont accepté les comptes 2019, remercié le trésorier pour son travail et donné décharge au conseil. Avec l'élection du Dr. Sara Ruppen, nous avons ainsi accueilli un nouveau membre au sein du conseil. Elle remplace Rosmarie Schürch, qui s'est retirée cette année de ce conseil auquel elle participait depuis de nombreuses années. Nous tenons à la remercier vivement pour sa collaboration active qui nous a notamment permis de découvrir de nombreuses régions de notre pays.

Notre collection « La Série verte » s'est étoffée avec un 32ième volume reposant sur le colloque organisé pour le 70ième anniversaire du professeur François Ledermann "Scientia non unius populi sed orbis terrarum / Le multilinguisme en Histoire de la Pharmacie". Il a été préparé par Sabine Anagnostou, Ursula Hirter-Trüb et Claudia Zerobin Kleist. Nous tenons à ce propos à remercier la Société allemande pour l'Histoire de la Pharmacie pour son excellente et toujours renouvelée coopération.

Le conseil a enfin conçu un nouveau dépliant publicitaire présentant notre société. Il n'a pu encore être distribué en raison de la pandémie actuelle. Notre site web www.histpharm.ch a également été revu cet été au niveau de sa rédaction. De nouvelles illustrations suivront en 2021. Il ne nous restera plus ensuite qu'à le traduire en français.

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Im Februar 2020 wurde unser Mitteilungsorgan, die "Novellas", voller Erinnerungen an Anlässe von 2019 (Washington, D.C., und den Ausflug ins Val-de-Travers) publiziert, die Corona-Pandemie kam darin nicht vor! Ab Mitte März war die Schweiz aber bereits im Lockdown, Homeoffice war angesagt und «bleiben Sie zu Hause» die Losung; alles weitere ist hinlänglich bekannt. Die Sommer-Novellas haben dann einige Beiträge zur Corona-Situation gebracht.

Die geplante wissenschaftliche Tagung im Kloster Muri zum Thema «Fälschungen in der Pharmaziegeschichte» im Mai musste abgesagt werden, der Versuch im Herbst eine Generalversammlung in Diessenhofen zu organisieren, schlug fehl, da sich auf Grund der Gefährdungslage nur vier Mitglieder dafür angemeldet hatten. Dem Vorstand blieb schliesslich nichts anderes übrig als eine schriftliche Versammlung anzuberaumen, welche am 3. Dezember erfolgreich durchgeführt werden konnte. Die 40 teilnehmenden Personen akzeptierten die Rechnung 2019, dankten dem Kassier für seine Arbeit und erteilten dem Vorstand die Décharge. Mit der Wahl von Dr. Sara Ruppen dürfen wir ein neues Vorstandsmitglied begrüßen. Auf die Generalversammlung ist das langjährige Vorstandsmitglied Rosmarie Schürch zurückgetreten. Wir möchten ihr bei dieser Gelegenheit herzlich für die interessanten Anlässe danken, die uns in verschiedene Teile der Schweiz geführt haben.

In der «Grünen Reihe» erschien die Festpublikation zum 70. Geburtstag von Professor François Ledermann «Scientia non unius populi sed orbis terrarum / Zur Vielsprachigkeit in der Pharmaziegeschichte» als 32. Band. Dieser wurde von Sabine Anagnostou, Ursula Hirter-Trüb und Claudia Zerobin herausgegeben. An dieser Stelle danken wir der DGGP e.V. für die immer wieder gute Zusammenarbeit.

Der Vorstand hat einen neuen Werbe-Flyer für die Gesellschaft gestaltet, welcher bis heute noch gar nicht unter die Leute gebracht werden konnte, da die Gelegenheit sich wegen der Corona-Pandemie ja nicht ergeben hat. Im Sommer wurde unsere Website www.histpharm.ch textlich überarbeitet, neue Bilder werden im Jahr 2021 folgen. Abschliessend bleibt noch das Ziel die Website endlich ins Französische zu übersetzen.

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Unfortunately, no scientific activity could be scheduled in 2020 due to the COVID outbreak, except for a number of online conferences on the history of pharmacy.

The image shows a Zoom meeting interface. On the left, a presentation slide is displayed. At the top of the slide is the logo of Sivas Cumhuriyet University Faculty of Pharmacy, featuring a caduceus and the text 'SIVAS CUMHURİYET ÜNİVERSİTESİ Eczacılık Fakültesi'. Below the logo, the title 'Pandemi Sohbetleri-6' is followed by a blue star icon. The main text on the slide reads: 'Bu haftaki konuğumuz; Erciyes Üniversitesi Eczacılık Fakültesi'nden Doç.Dr. Halil TEKİNER'. A list of topics is provided: '• Türk Eczacılık Günü neden 14 Mayıs'ta kutlanıyor?', '• Türkiye'nin ilk ilaç fabrikası ne zaman kuruldu?', '• Türkiye'nin ilk kadın eczacısı kim?', and '• Reçete dilimiz nasıl değişti?'. A green box contains the text 'Hepinizi bekliyoruz...'. The slide also features a Microsoft Teams logo and the text 'dkuxzzm'. On the right side of the Zoom interface, a participant's name '17 Aralık haliltekiner' is visible, along with a video thumbnail of Dr. Halil Tekiner, a man in a suit and glasses, standing in front of a building. Below the name, the text reads: 'Doç.Dr. Halil TEKİNER', 'Erciyes Üniversitesi Eczacılık Fakültesi', and '19. Yüzyıldan Günümüze Türk Eczacılık Tarihinin Kılometre Taşları'.

On December 17, 2020, Dr. Halil Tekiner delivered an online lecture entitled "Milestones of the Turkish history of pharmacy since the 19th century," to pharmacy students at Cumhuriyet University Faculty of Pharmacy in Sivas, Turkey.

UNITED KINGDOM – BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

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In common with societies everywhere, the BSHP has had to adjust to the restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic. We were able to hold only a single in-person meeting in 2020; Dr. Emma Spary, Reader in the History of Modern European Knowledge, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge spoke to us concerning “Suppliers of plant drugs in late seventeenth-century Paris: in (and out?) of the pharmacy” at the UCL School of Pharmacy.



Dr. Emma Spary of Cambridge University delivering her lecture on “Suppliers of plant drugs in late seventeenth-century Paris: in (and out?) of the pharmacy” at the UCL School of Pharmacy in February.

The Annual Conference, due to be held at the end of March 2020 in Manchester had to be postponed due to national lockdown. Provisional plans for it to be carried out in March 2021 have also had to be revised. It will now be delivered freely available and online (registration required) from Friday 26 to Sunday 28 March inclusive. Further details can be found on the BSHP website (see link below).

We normally hold our AGM at the Annual Conference. This year it took place in October and involved the usual confirmation of changes to Office-bearing personnel.

The 2020 Burnby Memorial Bursary was awarded to Dr. Sebastian Kroupa, University of Cambridge, for his paper: “Medical knowledge in transit between Manila and London: Philippine Materia Medica – Lost and found in translation.” This year’s winner of the Annual Pharmacy History Research Grant was Soh Xi Ken of the University of Sunderland, School of Pharmacy, for his project “A holistic view on the evolution of pharmacy education from the 19th to 21st century: a case study on University of Sunderland’s School of Pharmacy”. We look forward to both of these winners being able to present the results of their studies to the Society in due course.

Four issues of the *Pharmaceutical Historian: An International Journal for the History of Pharmacy* (vol. 50, nos. 1,2,3,4) were published during the year in March, June, September, and December (and accessible via Ingenta) under the editorial oversight of Stuart Anderson. The December issue also contained some online-only content. Stuart also produced a five-year index for 2016-2020 (volumes 46-50), which is available at the BSHP website.

Having investigated the potential of the Zoom platform for delivery of a revised program of BSHP events, we held our first meeting on 11 January. This took the form of a Panel Discussion on the topic What is the future for pharmacy history?, hosted by Professor Mark Nesbitt of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. Participants in the discussion were Independent Curator and pharmacy historian Briony Hudson, Anna Greenwood (Nottingham University), and Yewande Okuleye (Leicester University). The number of registrants for the meeting exceeded our wildest dreams and have stimulated planning of an ambitious program of events for 2021.

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



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British Society for the History of Pharmacy

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Welcome to the BSHP website.

The British Society for the History of Pharmacy was formed in 1967 having originated from a committee of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

It seeks to act as a focus for the development of all areas of the history of pharmacy, from the works of the ancient apothecary to today's ever-changing role of the community, hospital, academic, wholesale or industrial pharmacist.

Upcoming Events:

Monday 26 April 2021
Online lecture: 'From Apollo to the ISS: the history of space pharmacy', Dr Christiane Staiger

Monday 24 May 2021
Online lecture: 'The contribution of the Cairo Genizah to the study of medieval Arabic medicine', Professor Efraim Lev

Monday 21 June 2021
Online lecture: 'How Empire Turned People into Patients: Big Pharma's Early Modern Roots', Dr Zachary Dörner

USA – AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

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Main Activities

The American Institute of the History of Pharmacy (AIHP) hosted the New Social History of Pharmacy and Pharmaceuticals Festival in September. The Festival was a five-day free online streaming event that brought together scholars and researchers from around the world to explore perspectives on the social history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals. The Festival's 21 events, including contributed paper panels and lectures, drew a total of 1,150 participants from 29 different countries across six continents.

In May and June, AIHP and the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy sponsored the inaugural Edward Kremers Seminar in the History of Pharmacy & Drugs, a series of five online weekly lectures on topics related to the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals. The series drew approximately 80 participants for each lecture.

In April 2020, the Institute launched the AIHP COVID-19 Historical Documentation Project, which seeks to document pharmacy stories and experiences during the COVID-19 global pandemic for the benefit of future historians and scholars. The Institute hopes to preserve the history of the effects of this public health emergency on all types of pharmacy experiences. AIHP invites you to share your pharmacy stories, photos, videos, artifacts, and other documentation of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic at <https://aihp.org/collections/aihp-covid19-project/>

In 2020, AIHP's awards program honored several individuals and organizations for their contributions to the field of the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals. The 2020 AIHP Robert P. Fischelis Award was awarded to Robert Buerki, Ph.D., RPh, for his extraordinary contributions to the Institute and the field of pharmacy history. Dr. Buerki, Professor Emeritus at The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy, is a member of the International Academy of the History of Pharmacy. Another member of the International Academy, Professor Michael Flannery, was awarded the 2020 AIHP Glenn Sonnedecker Prize for his article, "Government as Apothecary: Civil War Pharmacy and the Common Good." The Institute awarded five Certificates of Commendation to recognize meritorious contributions to the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals. International honorees included Professor Antonio Ramos Carrillo, Ph.D. (University of Seville (Spain)) for his work as the founder and current Director of the Museum of the History of Pharmacy of Seville, and Professor Paloma Ruiz Vega, Ph.D. (University of Cadiz (Spain)) for her work as the founder and president of the pharmacy section of the Ateneo [Athenæum] de Cadiz, where over the past ten years she has organized and presented almost 100 lectures and discussion on historical and cultural aspects of pharmacy.

AIHP awarded two Ph.D. Thesis Support Grants in 2020, each for \$2,000. Barbara Di Gennaro, a doctoral candidate in the Department of History at Yale University, was awarded a grant to conduct research related to her dissertation, tentatively entitled “The State Drug: The Politics of Theriac in Early Modern Italy.” Jacob Green, a doctoral candidate in the Department of History at UCLA, was awarded a grant to support work on this dissertation currently entitled “Recreation, Mysticism, and Anesthesia in the 19th Century.”

Important News

AIHP in September announced significant changes coming to its academic journal, *Pharmacy in History*, in 2021. The Institute entered into a new partnership agreement with the University of Wisconsin Press for the publication of the journal. In conjunction with the move to the UW Press, AIHP will change the name of the journal to *History of Pharmacy and Pharmaceuticals* (HoPP) to better reflect its broad topical scope.

The Institute undertook a comprehensive review of its awards program during 2020. The review produced a series of recommendations, approved in June by the Institute’s Board of Directors, that will change protocols for awarding the George Urdang Medal, the Edward Kremers Award, and the AIHP Glenn Sonnedecker Prize. The changes, which take effect in 2021, are intended to enhance the prestige of the awards and better advance the mission of the Institute.

In 2020, AIHP received a grant to expand its Pharmaceutical Trade Catalog Collection, a rare and unique collection of more than 400 historical pharmaceutical trade catalogs published between 1829 and the 2000s. The Institute also entered into an agreement with the University of Wisconsin Digital Collections Center (UWDCC) to digitize parts of the Trade Catalog Collection and the AIHP Drug Topics Photograph Collection, a collection of approximately 17,000 pharmacy-related photographs. The project, to be implemented over the next several years, marks the Institute’s first major step toward digitizing its historical collection.

The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) in 2020 awarded the Remington Honor Medal, the U.S. pharmacy profession’s highest recognition, to AIHP Vice President John Grabenstein, Ph.D., a globally recognized vaccinologist, pharmacist, and epidemiologist. Dr. Grabenstein was also the featured speaker at AIHP’s Annual Business Meeting in November, where he delivered a lecture entitled “Applying History’s Lessons to Contemporary COVID-19 Vaccination.” Dr. Grabenstein is slated to become AIHP’s President in November 2021.

In 2020, the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) also announced that Gregory Higby, Ph.D., AIHP’s former Executive Director and currently AIHP’s Fischelis Scholar, had been selected to serve as the 2021 Honorary President of APhA.

Obituaries

Louis Vottero, who served as AIHP's Treasurer for more than 30 years, died on September 12, 2020. He was 87. Professor Vottero served on the faculty of the College of Pharmacy at Ohio Northern University, in Ada, Ohio, for many years. While serving as the Institute's Treasurer, Professor Vottero was instrumental in AIHP's receipt of a \$1.2 million bequest in 1983 from the estate of Robert Fischelis, a leader of the U.S. pharmacy profession. The bequest remains the single largest financial contribution the Institute has ever received.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE GEORGE URDANG MEDAL

The American Institute for the History of Pharmacy is now accepting nominations for the George Urdang Medal. The deadline for receipt of nominations is June 1, 2021.

The George Urdang Medal recognizes the lifetime achievements of a person who, over a sustained period, has made important scholarly contributions to the field of the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals. The George Urdang Medal is awarded without regard to citizenship or nationality.

The award honors Professor George Urdang (1882-1960), a pioneering historian of pharmacy in Germany and the United States, the founding Director of AIHP, and the founder of the first American graduate program in the history of pharmacy.

A panel of historians will evaluate nominations on the basis of the nature and significance of the nominee's scholarly contributions to the field of the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals, and the span of time over which those contributions were made. Contributions to the field may include (without limitation) scholarly publications, exceptional service to professional organizations, dedicated work for scholarly or popular publications, outstanding contributions to education, and/or significant achievements in the collection and preservation of historical sources or collections.

Nominations for the George Urdang Medal must include at least one letter of nomination outlining the nominee's scholarly contributions to the field. Nominations must also include the nominee's curriculum vitae (or similar biographical information) and any documents or other supporting materials for the panel to consider. Please email nominations to aihp@aihp.org.

AIHP expects to announce the recipient of the 2021 George Urdang Medal in the fall. Further information about the George Urdang Medal is available on AIHP's website.

AAIHP originally established the George Urdang Medal in 1952. Prior to this year's competition, the Urdang Medal recognized a scholarly publication in the field of pharmacy history that exhibited superior quality and distinctive significance.

A 2020 task force, headed by Historical Director Lucas Richert, Ph.D., recommended changes to several Institute awards, including the George Urdang Medal and the Edward Kremers Award. The task force decided that the two awards had largely overlapping purposes and recommended using the Urdang Medal to recognize lifetime achievements in the field of pharmacy history. The Edward Kremers Award will now recognize the author(s) of a single outstanding scholarly publication in the field of pharmacy history.

The task force also recommended conferring both awards without regard for citizenship or nationality and conducting competitions for the two awards in staggered years. A competition for the Edward Kremers Award will be conducted in 2022. AHP's Board of Directors approved revised protocols for the awards reflecting the task force's recommendations.



INCOMING EVENTS IN PHARMACEUTICAL HISTORY

As of March 2021, 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/>.



Artist: Gatis Sluka (2020)

<https://cartoonmovement.com/cartoon/covid-19-vaccine-0>



Artist: Tim Dolighan (2020)

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/cartoons/oct-19-2020>



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