

Science Voices: Scientists speak about science and themselves

a joint conference of

- Centre for Arts and Humanities Research at the Natural History Museum
- Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Kingston University
- Centre for History of Science at the Royal Society
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12 – 13 May 2011 at the Royal Society, Carlton House Terrace, London

PROGRAMME

DAY ONE: 12 May 2011

13:30 – 14:00 Registration, Oral History Listening Posts Open

14:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks

14:30 ***An historian's perspective: doing and using interviews***
Professor Soraya de Chadarevian
(Department of History and Center for Society and Genetics,
University of California at Los Angeles)

15:15 Tea and Coffee, Listening Posts Open

15:45 **SCIENCE INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUAL SCIENTISTS**

Writing the recent history of the Royal Society

Dr Peter Collins

(Director, Royal Society Centre for History of Science)

***Whose story is it anyway? The challenges of doing
institutional oral history***

Dr Sue Hawkins

(Centre for the Historical Record, Department of Politics and
History, Kingston University)

17:00 Wine reception for delegates, Listening Posts Open
Hosts: Royal Society Publishing

18:00 Keynote Address (open to the public)

***Subjects, objects and expectations in Museum Lives:
an oral history of the Natural History Museum***

Professor Brian Cathcart

(School of Humanities, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences,
Kingston University and Principal Investigator, Museum Lives:
an oral history of the Natural History Museum, AHRC
Knowledge Transfer Fellowship)

DAY TWO: 13 May 2011

9:15 Late Registration, Listening Posts Open

9:30 ***Let's talk about science***

Elizabeth Haines

(PhD Candidate, Royal Holloway University of London: Collaborative Doctoral Award with the Science Museum pending)

10:15 **A SENSE OF ONESELF IN SCIENCE**

Oral history and the scientific self

Dr Paul Merchant

(Oral History Interviewer, 'A Changing Planet', An Oral History of British Science, National Life Stories, The British Library)

Society life: from presidents to 'Personal Information Files'

Keith Moore

(Librarian, Royal Society)

12:00 Lunch, Listening Posts Open

13:00 **UNHEARD VOICES IN SCIENCE**

Scientists with a safebox: perspectives on the oral history of science and secrecy

Dr Simone Turchetti

(Research Fellow, Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine, University of Manchester)

Hidden voices: an oral history of medical laboratory technicians

Professor Tilli Tansey

(School of History, Queen Mary University of London)

14:30 Tea and Coffee, Listening Posts Open

15:00 **SPEAKING FOR THOSE WHO WILL SPEAK NO MORE**

"Much concerned with death"

Professor Tom Meade FRS

(Editor in Chief, Royal Society Biographical Memoirs and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine)

The challenges of writing Royal Society Biographical Memoirs

Professor Malcolm Longair CBE FRS FRSE

(Emeritus Jacksonian Professor of Natural Philosophy, Director of Development of the Cavendish Laboratory and Professorial Fellow of Clare Hall, Cambridge)

16:30 ***On being interviewed for Museum Lives: An Oral History of the Natural History Museum***

Professor Paul Henderson CBE FGS

(Hon Prof of Mineralogy, University College London; Trustee, Horniman Museum; ex-Director of Science, Natural History Museum)

17:00 Plenary and Closing Remarks

Dr Peter Collins (Royal Society); Julie Harvey (Natural History Museum);

Dean Martin McQuillan (Kingston University)

17:30 CLOSE