Science and the First World War: the aftermath

Thursday 13 September 2018 at the Royal Society

Morning

9.00am-9.30am Registration

9.30am-9.40am Introduction and welcome
John Wood FRS, Chair of the Royal Society Library Committee

Session 1
Chair: Wolfgang Eckart, Universität Heidelberg

9.45am-10.15am
The Yanks are coming: the US National Academy of Science, the National Research Council and the mobilisation of science for war in Europe, 1916-1918
Roy MacLeod, University of Sydney

10.15am-10.45am
Science in the city. Munich and the Bavarian Academy of Science in the political and social crisis, 1916-1924
Matthias Berg, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

10.45am-11.15am
'The Commission would have been definitely appointed if the war had not supervened': the International Meteorological Organisation and its Commission for Agricultural Meteorology after WWI
Giuditta Parolini, Technische Universität Berlin

11.30am-12.00am
Coffee break
Session 2
Chair: Patricia Fara, University of Cambridge

12.00am-12.30am
*Friends in deed. The Emergency Society for German and Austrian Science and Art in the Post World War I struggle for scientific continuity, 1920-1927*
Brooke Penaloza Patzak, Universität Wien

12.30am-13.00am
*Binding the wounds of war: internationalism and national interests in the new order of world science*
Danielle Fauque, Université Paris-Sud and Robert Fox, University of Oxford

Lunch 1.00pm-2.00pm

Afternoon

Session 3
Chair: Tilli Tansey, Queen Mary, London

2.00pm-2.15pm
Royal Society International Policy, Europe

2.15pm-2.45pm
*Scientists as diplomats? The Commission for Intellectual Cooperation of the Society of Nations*
Jonathan Voges, Leibniz Universität Hannover

2.45pm-3.15pm
*Measuring performance and will: psychology in Great Britain and Germany during and after WWI*
Andrea G. v. Hohenthal, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg

3.15-3.45 Coffee break

Session 4
Chair: Claude Debru, ENS, Paris

3.45pm-4.00pm
British Society for the History of Science

4.00pm-4.30pm.
*“International science is bound to win”: an astronomer’s efforts for scientific cooperation.*
Florian Laguens, Panthéon Sorbonne University, Paris

4.30pm-5.00pm
*How the First World War shaped the international reception of Einstein’s Theory of Relativity: the case of Belgium (1914-1925)*
Sjang ten Hagen, University of Amsterdam