Celebrating the quatercentenary of the birth of Thomas Willis

Online conference, 18 November 2021, 09:30-17:30

Session 1: Natural philosophy in early modern England

Moderator:
Anna Marie Roos, School of History and Heritage, University of Lincoln; editor Notes and Records

9.30 – 9.55: Clubs and societies for improving knowledge
Michael Hunter, Department of History, Classics and Archaeology, Birkbeck, University of London

9.55 – 10.20: Religious and political contingency in advancing knowledge
Louis Caron, independent scholar

10.20 – 10.45: Thomas Willis’s imaginative empiricism
Alexander Wragge-Morley, University of Lancaster

10.45 – 11.15: Discussion

Session 2: Structure and function of humane bodies

Moderator:
Catherine Dromelet, Department of Philosophy, University of Antwerp

11.30 – 11.55: Willis’s chemical corpuscularianism and his study of fevers
Antonio Clericuzio, Department of Humanities, Roma Tre University

11.55 – 12.20: The anatomy of the brain and nerves
Zoltán Molnár, Department of Physiology Anatomy and Genetics, University of Oxford

12.20 – 12.45: Anatomising the corporeal soul: Thomas Willis’s medical-philosophical discourse on Man
Claire Crignon, Department of Philosophy, Sorbonne Université

12.45 – 13.15: Discussion
Session 3: Setting down experiments of the sciences

Moderator:
Giles Mandelbrote, Lambeth Palace Library

James Raven, Magdalene College, Cambridge

14.10 – 14.35: The printed works of Thomas Willis
Alastair Compston, Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Cambridge

14.35 – 15.00: Original and copy in intaglio book illustration
Roger Gaskell, Ffawyddog, Crickhowell

15:00 – 15:30: Discussion

Session 4: The legacy of Thomas Willis

Moderator:
Jan van Gijn, Department of Neurology, University of Utrecht

15.45 – 16.10: The reflex and integrated activity of the nervous system: contributions and legacy of Thomas Willis
Miloš Judaš, Croatian Institute for Brain Research, University of Zagreb School of Medicine

16.10 – 16.35: Thomas Willis and the origins of clinical neuroscience
Alasdair Coles, Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Cambridge

16.35 – 17.00: Was Thomas Willis his brain?
Ray Tallis, School of Medical Sciences, University of Manchester

17.00 – 17.30: Discussion