Study Group Name:

History

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Objectives:

To study and publish accounts of the history of analytical chemistry in Europe. To promote a lecture and publications on this topic at each EUROANALYSIS Conference.

Activities and Outputs in 2017-2018 (e.g. reports, publications, seminars, meetings):

Publications

- 1. D. Thorburn Burns and M. J. Walker, "Gordon Wickham Monier-Williams, OBE, MC, MA, PhD, FRIC (1881-1964) A major contributor to the improvement in quality and purity of foodstuffs via his professional influences and innovations in analytical chemistry." J. Assn Public Analysts, **46**, 9-19 (2018). Gives access to scanned copy of his eponymous referee method for SO₂ in foods.
- 2. H. Deelstra and D. Thorburn Burns, "Paul Coremans (1908-1965): A pioneer chemist in the application of scientific methods to the visual arts" Conference proceeding, KIK-IRPA, Brussels, due out Sept. 2018.

Meetings

Annual Meeting of the Association of Public Analysts, Cardiff, 25/26 Sept. 2018. Lecture by D. Thorburn Burns and M. J. Walker, The life, times and contributions of Monier-Williams to food quality and purity."

Activities planned for 2018-2019:

- 1. Completion of the history of analytical chemistry in Romania (van Staden & Burns)
- 2. Account of the life and contributions of Miss J. Peden, first female President of the Association of Public Analysts (Burns & Walker)
- 3. Historical review of the development and interrelationships of Belgian, Dutch and UK Food Law up to the early 20th century (Deelstra, Homberg, Burns)

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