

## Celebrating Life Images (Tartu/Estonia, 2009)

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Celebrating Life Images 2009

Lectures Series

In the Darwin Year 2009 Science Center Tartu University Library and Science Centre AHHAA are co-organizing the series of lectures "Celebrating Life Images" which take place in cafes and restaurants in Tartu (Estonia) on Wednesdays after 6pm.

The lectures are held by a scientist and a scholar, either from Estonian or abroad, and focus on the beauty of scientific figures and artistic images. Their underlying theme is:

"Whether we look at a cell, a gene, an animal, or a plant, and pencil their shapes, whether we classify their evolution, recall past knowledge, or simulate future data of the biological sciences, our talks take to revealing the splendor of Life."

The 4th lecture "Life Images, or Art of Life" will be delivered by Dr. Matthias Bruhn (Hermann von Helmholtz-Zentrum für Kulturtechnik "Das Technische Bild", Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany) and Professor Juhan Maiste (Institute of Art History, Tartu University, Estonia) at the Cafe Shakespeare on Wednesday, April 8, 2009.

'Walking into the artes, but looking towards the sciences' will be the theme of their lectures. Both have chosen the time around 1800 as point of departure for depicting the relationship between the visual arts and the natural sciences. Focusing on the profession of scientific illustrators Matthias Bruhn will sketch how the artist's pencil influenced the perception of scientists when observing bodies and bones with the microscope. Adding the architectural and enlightened perspective Juhan Maiste will portray how Tartu University artists Carl Senff and Georg Friedrich Schlater combined the idealism of the 18th century to the brush of a new attitude towards framing empirical data in a revolutionary fashion.

Lecture Series:

Wednesday, January 14, 18h – Tasku (Baer Room)

## DEVELOPMENTAL LIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SHAPES

Scott F. Gilbert (Department of Biology, Swarthmore College, USA)

Sabine Brauckmann (Science Center, Tartu University Library)

Wednesday, February 11, 18h – Ülikooli Kohvik

## THE BEAUTY OF PLANTS AND TREES

Marianne Klemun (Institute of History, University of Vienna, Austria)

Ülle Sillasoo (Department of Ecology and Estonian Humanities Institute, Tallinn University, Estonia)

Wednesday, March 11, 18h – Café Shakespeare,

## CELL'S LIFE

Christine Hauskeller (ESRC Centre for Genomics in Society (Egenis), University of Exeter, UK)

Toivo Maimets (Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology, Tartu, Estonia)

Wednesday, April 8, 18h – Ülikooli Kohvik

## LIFE IMAGES, OR ART OF LIFE

Matthias Bruhn (Hermann von Helmholtz-Centre for Cultural Technology, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany)

Juhan Maiste (Department of Art History, Tartu University, Estonia)

Wednesday, Sept 23, 18h – Kaubamaja (Dedi)

## EVOLUTIONARY LIFE HISTORIES

Gordon McQuat (History of Science and Technology Programme, King's College, Halifax, Canada)

Toomas Tammaru (Institute of Ecology and Earth Sciences, Tartu University, Estonia)

Wednesday, Oct 14, 18h – Place Beer Colors

## LIFE IN SILICO

Denis Thieffry (INSERM and CNRS Marseille, France)

Jaak Vilo (Institute of Computer Science, Tartu University, Estonia)

Wednesday, Nov 11, 18h -- Ülikooli Kohvik

A-LIFE, OR B-LIFE?

Ulrich Krohs (Center for Philosophy of Science, Pittsburgh University,  
USA, and University of Hamburg, Germany)

Jaak Kikas (Institute of Physics, Tartu University, Estonia)

For further information:

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