

## Sir Hans Sloane, Physician-Naturalist (London, 7-8 Jun 10)

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Call for Papers:

Sir Hans Sloane, The Greatest Physician-Naturalist of His Era

An International Conference

Commemorating the 350th Anniversary of His Birth

To be held at the

British Library

7-8 June 2010

Deadline: 15 December 2009

The year 2010 marks the 350th anniversary of the birth of the physician Sir Hans Sloane (1660-1753). Well-known as one of the greatest collectors of his age, he was also President of the Royal Society and the Royal College of Physicians, the major patron of the Chelsea Physic Garden, a physician to Queen Anne, George I and George II, and had many other connections throughout British society, leaving his name to the prestigious Sloane Square in London. His enormous network of acquaintances and correspondents throughout the world established him as probably the single most influential British 'scientist' between Isaac Newton and Joseph Banks. After his death, Parliament purchased his collections, which laid the foundation for what are now three institutions: the British Library, British Museum, and Natural History Museum.

A project has been generously funded by the Wellcome Trust to electronically re-create the bulk of Sloane's voluminous but now dispersed library, led by Alison Walker with the assistance of Shauna Barrett and the direction of Prof Hal Cook. It is now online and being continuously updated at [www.bl.uk/catalogues/sloane](http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/sloane). The project's two host institutions, The British Library and The Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at UCL, are sponsoring a two-day conference on Sloane and his collections.

We invite proposals on any aspect of the history and significance of Sloane and his activities, such as: his medical practice and career; his role in medical and scientific institutions; his travel and links to the

West Indies; his botanical and zoological collecting; his ethnographic and antiquarian collecting; his prints, drawings and fine art; his books and manuscripts; his links to global trade networks across and beyond the British Empire. Papers on the development of the Sloane collections after his lifetime will also be considered. Preference will be given to studies that make use of the new online catalogue. Those attending the conference will be responsible for organising their own travel and accommodation.

Please send your proposal by no later than 15 December 2009, which should be no more than one page in length, to Lauren Cracknell at The Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at UCL, 183 Euston Rd., London NW1 2BE, UK, or emailed to [l.cracknell@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:l.cracknell@ucl.ac.uk). Inquiries may be directed to Hal Cook, via Lauren Cracknell, or to Alison Walker [alison.walker@bl.uk](mailto:alison.walker@bl.uk)

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