

**An Invitation from Robert G.W. Anderson and Gary Patterson
To
A Joint SHAC/Bolton Society Meeting
In London, England in 2013**

The Society for the History of Alchemy and Chemistry (of the periodical *Ambix* fame) will hold its regular Fall 2013 Meeting in London on November 9, 2013 on the theme of Books in Chemistry. Bolton Society members are invited to present papers at this meeting.

In addition to the presentation of papers, a programme of visits to places of bibliographic interest will occur on November 10-12. On Sunday, there is a chance to see London: the Bloomsbury Book Fair is proposed, with the Science Museum another possibility. Then there will be visits to the two great ancient university cities. On Monday the daytime location shifts to Cambridge (site of Newton's alchemical laboratory, with the first professor of chemistry appointed 1702). Programme: Whipple Museum of the History of Science, David's Bookshop (small but good stock of 19th/20thC science), Cavendish Lab (fantastic collection of early-mid 20thC instruments: JJ Thomson, CTR Wilson, E Rutherford, Crick&Watson, etc, led by Malcolm Longair, formerly head of lab); a possible visit to Roger Gaskell, rare science book dealer in Warboys, a village a few miles away.

On Tuesday, the daytime tour is in Oxford. Programme: Museum of the History of Science (housed in the original 1683 Ashmolean building: the basement is the earliest chem lab to survive in Britain – though long stripped of its fittings). Blackwell's Bookshop is opposite, which has a general secondhand/antiquarian section with some history of science. The Oxford University Press Museum is a possibility (first Oxford book published was in 1478!), as is Sanders of Oxford, a print shop with a substantial stock.

Accommodations will be in London at the Penn Club, close to both the British Museum and British Library. This fine location is reasonably priced (and non-Quakers very welcome!). There are good train connections with both Cambridge and Oxford, and there is no need to decamp each day.

We would like to gauge the level of interest for this event. Please RSVP to gp9a@andrew.cmu.edu if you are interested in attending. We encourage all historians of chemistry to consider this unique opportunity.