



Chair: Professor Koen Koch (Universiteit Leiden, the Netherlands)

Conference Language: English
Location: City Theatre, Vandenpeereboomplein (unless indicated otherwise)

Thursday 17 November 2005

- 09.00 Reception, registration and refreshments (coffee/tea)
- 09.45 Introduction Professor Koen Koch (Universiteit Leiden the Netherlands)
- 10.15 Dr. Olivier Lepick (Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique, Paris, France) 22 April 1915, The First Chemical Attack or the debut of a weapon of mass destruction?
- 11.15 **Professor Margit Szöllöszi-Janze** (Universität zu Köln, Germany)

 The scientist as expert: Fritz Haber and German chemical warfare during the First World War
- 11.45 **Dominiek Dendooven** (In Flanders Fields Museum)
 Overview: 22 April 1915 Eyewitness accounts of the first gas attack
- 12.30 Lunch (Cloth Hall)
- 14.00 **Julian Putkowski** (London, United Kingdom)

 Toxic Shock: British reaction to the use of poison gas in 1915
- 14.45 **Dr. Luc Van de Weyer** (Belgian Army Museum, Brussels)

 The reaction of the Belgian Army to the introduction of chemical warfare
- 15.30 Coffee break
- 15.45 **Dr. Nathan M. Greenfield** (Ontario, Canada) *The Canadian army and the Second Battle of Ypres*
- 16.30 **Dr. David Omissi** (Hull University, United Kingdom)

 The Indian Army Corps and the Second Battle of Ypres
- 17.30 Visit: In Flanders Fields Museum
- 20.00 Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate
- 20.15 Conference dinner

Friday 18 November 2005

- 09.30 **Dr. Nick Lloyd** (Centre for First World War Studies -Birmingham, United Kingdom)

 The first British Gas Attack, Loos, 25 September 1915
- 10.15 **Dr. Peter Van den Dungen** (Bradford University, United Kingdom)

 Civil resistance to chemical warfare during the First World War
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.15 **Wolfgang Wietzker** (Universität Düsseldorf, Germany) Chemical weapons and German newspapers
- 12.00 Lunch (Cloth Hall)
- 13.30 **Bert Heyvaert** (In Flanders Fields Museum) *Minor actions in the Ypres Salient in 1915*
- 14.15 Dr. Gery Oram (Open University, United Kingdom)

 British morale in 1915
- 15.00 Coffee break
- 15.15 Dr. Leo Van Bergen (Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, the Netherlands) 'Gas is a humane weapon'. Medical and humanitarian-judicial discourse on poison-gas during and after the First World War
- 16.00 Professor Annette Becker (Université Charles de Gaulle, Lille III, and Centre de recherche de l'Historial de la Grande Guerre, Péronne, France) La mémoire du gaz dans l'après guerre
- 16.45 Discussion
- 17.30 Drinks

Saturday 19 November 2005

- 09.30 Lt. Glenn Nollet (Belgian Army Ammunition Disposal Unit DOVO)

 Chemical ammunition disposal in Flanders
- 10.15 Representative of OPCW (The Hague, the Netherlands)

 The work of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.15 Dr. Jean-Pascal Zanders (Bio Weapons Prevention Project, Geneva, Switzerland) Ypres, 22 April 2015: Can It Be Avoided?
- 12.00 Dr. Shariar Khateri (Society for Chemical Weapons Victims Support, Teheran, Iran)
- 12.45 Lunch
- 4.00 Excursion: tour of sites, monuments and cemeteries associated with the gas attack of 22 April 1915, visit to the Belgian Army Ammunition Disposal Unit and facility for dismantling chemical weapons.
- 17.00 Drinks

The full programme and registration form will be available from the In Flanders Fields Museum from September 2005. Please note: the number of places for the Excursion on 19 November is strictly limited - priority will be given to those registering to attend all three days of the conference.

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