

Science Voices

Scientists speak about science and themselves

12 – 13 May 2011 at the Royal Society, Carlton House Terrace, London

DAY ONE 12 MAY 2011

13:30 Registration,
oral history listening posts open

14:00 Welcome and opening remarks

**14:30 An historian's perspective:
doing and using interviews**

Professor Soraya de Chadarevian
(Department of History and Centre
for Society and Genetics, University
of California at Los Angeles)

15:15 Tea and coffee,
listening posts open

**15:45 SCIENCE INSTITUTIONS AND
INDIVIDUAL SCIENTISTS**

**Writing the recent history of
the Royal Society**

Dr Peter Collins (Director, Royal
Society Centre for History of Science)

Whose story is it anyway?

**The challenges of doing institutional
oral history**

Dr Sue Hawkins (Centre for the
Historical Record, Department of
Politics and History, Kingston University)

17:00 Wine reception for delegates,
listening posts open
Hosts: Royal Society Publishing

18:00 Keynote Address,
(open to the public)

**Subjects, objects and expectations in
Museum Lives: an oral history of the
Natural History Museum**

Professor Brian Cathcart (School
of Humanities, Faculty of Arts and
Social Sciences, Kingston University
and Principal Investigator, Museum
Lives: an oral history of the Natural
History Museum, AHRC Knowledge
Transfer Fellowship)

DAY TWO 13 MAY 2011

9:15 Late registration,
listening posts open

9:30 Let's talk about science

Elizabeth Haines (PhD Candidate,
Royal Holloway University of London:
Collaborative Doctoral Award
with the Science Museum pending)

10:15 A SENSE OF ONESELF IN SCIENCE

Oral history and the scientific self

Dr Paul Merchant ('A changing
planet', an oral history of British
science, National Life Stories,
The British Library)

Society life: from presidents to 'Personal Information Files'

Keith Moore (Librarian, Royal Society)

12:00 Lunch, listening posts open

13:00 UNHEARD VOICES IN SCIENCE

Scientists with a safebox: perspectives on the oral history of science and secrecy

Dr Simone Turchetti (Research Fellow,
Centre for the History of Science,
Technology and Medicine, University
of Manchester)

Hidden voices: an oral history of medical laboratory technicians

Professor Tilli Tansey (School of History,
Queen Mary University of London)

14:30 Tea and Coffee,
listening posts open

15:00 SPEAKING FOR THOSE WHO WILL SPEAK NO MORE

"Much concerned with death"

Professor Tom Meade FRS (Editor
in Chief, Royal Society Biographical
Memoirs and London School of
Hygiene and Tropical Medicine)

The challenges of writing Royal Society Biographical Memoirs

Professor Malcolm Longair CBE FRS
FRSE (Emeritus Jacksonian Professor
of Natural Philosophy, Director of
Development of the Cavendish
Laboratory and Professorial Fellow
of Clare Hall, Cambridge)

16:30 On being interviewed for Museum Lives: An Oral History of the Natural History Museum

Professor Paul Henderson CBE FGS
(Hon Prof of Mineralogy, University
College London; Trustee, Horniman
Museum; ex-Director of Science,
Natural History Museum)

17:00 Plenary and Closing Remarks

Dr Peter Collins (Royal Society);
Julie Harvey (Natural History Museum);
Professor Martin McQuillan
(Kingston University)

17:30 CLOSE
