

SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF ALCHEMY AND CHEMISTRY

In the Beginning: Sources of Alchemy and Chemistry

The Society for the History of Alchemy and Chemistry Spring Meeting

16 March 2013

Richard Eden Room, Gillian Beer House,
Clare Hall (West Court site), Herschel Road, Cambridge

Programme

12.30–13.00 Registration and refreshments

13.00–13.30 Introduction

Professor Lawrence M. Principe (Johns Hopkins University)
“Early Sources of Alchemy and Chemistry”

13.30–15.00 Panel 1: Alchemy in the Graeco-Roman and Judaeo-Arabic Worlds

Dr Matteo Martelli (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)
“Zosimus and the First Book of Alchemy”

Dr Gabriele Ferrario (Taylor-Schechter Genizah Research Unit, Cambridge
University Library)
“Judaeo-Arabic Alchemy in the Cairo Genizah”

Chair: Dr Cristina Viano (CNRS, Paris)

15.00–15.30 Coffee break

15.30–17.00 Panel 2: Sources of Latin Alchemy

Dr Sébastien Moureau (Université catholique de Louvain)
“Elixir and Ferment, Alchemy and Medicine: The Link Between Pseudo-Avicenna’s
De anima, Roger Bacon, and Pseudo-Aristotle’s *Secretum secretorum*”

Dr Jennifer Rampling (University of Cambridge)
“Plotting the Future of Medieval Alchemy”

Chair: Professor Charles Burnett (Warburg Institute)

17.00–17.30 Roundtable

Colloquium organized by Jennifer Rampling (University of Cambridge) and Professor Lawrence Principe (Johns Hopkins University) on behalf of SHAC. With support from the British Society for the History of Science and the Charles Singleton Center for the Study of Pre-Modern Europe.