

**Academies:  
The Historiography of Learned Societies in the 'Age of Sociability'  
International Symposium  
Middelburg (the Netherlands), 13-14 December, 2019  
UCR, Raadzaal**

**Friday, 13 December**

9:00-9:15

Opening

Bert van den Brink (dean University College Roosevelt) & Hugo Schorer (President *Koninklijk Zeeuwsch Genootschap der Wetenschappen*/ Royal Zeeland Society for the Arts and Sciences)

9:15-9:45

Anita Traninger (Freie Universität Berlin), Arjan van Dixhoorn (Utrecht University/UCR)

Introduction

Session I
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9:45-10:45

Martin Urmann (Freie Universität Berlin)

Theoretical and methodological debates in the current historiography of learned societies

10:45-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:15

Klaas van Berkel (University of Groningen)

The disciplinary mindset. Eighteenth-century Dutch academies in the historiography of the nineteenth century

12:15-13:15

Rienk Vermij (University of Oklahoma)

Re-evaluation of the historiographies of the learned societies in their relationship to (evolving) ideas about the Enlightenment

13:15-14:45 Lunch break (speakers only)

Session II
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14:45-17:00 Visit to the collections of the *Koninklijk Zeeuwsch Genootschap der Wetenschappen*

17:00-18:00

Caspar Hirschi (Universität St. Gallen)

The Académie française as historical model: controversies about equality in the Paris Académie des sciences

19:30 Conference Dinner (speakers only)

**Saturday, 14 December**

Session III

10:30-11:30

Elisabeth Décultot (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg)

The Royal Academy of Berlin as viewed from France in the nineteenth century. On the *Histoire philosophique de l'Académie de Prusse* (1850-51) by Christian Bartholmèss

11:30-12:30

Sebastian Kühn (Universität Hannover)

Manufactories of natural knowledge. Organizing and writing common action in eighteenth-century academies

12:30-14:00 Lunch break (speakers only)

Session IV

14:00-15:00

James McClellan (Stevens Institute of Technology)

*Science Reorganized* (a critical reassessment)

15:00-16:00 Concluding session: what's next?

**Discussants**

Isabelle Fellner (Freie Universität Berlin)

Hilde de Ridder-Symoens (emeritus Ghent University)