

Notes on WTMC



Dear WTMC Members,

In these Notes on WTMC (4), you'll find news on:

- ***The WTMC Annual Meeting 2006 (Amsterdam, November 16-17): full program and information on registration!***
- A new password for the WTMC Wikipedia
- *Detailed information about how to apply for WTMC workshop grants*
- Prizes, and opportunities for ESF funding
- WTMC PhD program and research masters

J. Worth Estes Prize for Toine Pieters

Toine Pieters (VU) has been awarded with the J. Worth Estes Prize of the American Association for the History of Medicine for his paper (co-authored with Stephen Snelders and Charles Kaplan): On Cannabis, Chloral Hydrate, and Career Cycles of Psychotropic Drugs in Medicine, *Bulletin for the History of Medicine*, 2006, 80, 1, 95-114.

Congratulations! This paper will be discussed at our annual meeting, see below.

WTMC Wikipedia

The password for the WTMC wiki-community on the WTMC website has changed. You can find the community at: <http://www.wtmc.net/wiki>. User name: wiki. Password: stsisfun. And so it is!

European Science Foundation

The European Science Foundation has announced a call for proposals for Research Conferences 2008 (deadline October 2, 2006) and a Call for Research Networking Programmes (deadline October 30, 2006). See <http://www.esf.org>. It is late, but not too late, and checking these opportunities may inspire you to opt for future calls. Now that less national grants for conferences are available, this may be interesting.

Funding of WTMC Workshops

As announced in earlier Notes on WTMC, WTMC has 10,000 euro annually available for workshops and conferences on WTMC themes. These are the requirements for applying:

- WTMC has a maximum of 2.500 euro available for each workshop
- The theme of the workshop needs to combine the interests of at least two of the three research clusters of WTMC in order to sustain the integration of the WTMC members' research and in order to make the workshop attractive for as many WTMC members as possible
- The workshop should be open to WTMC members, with no or seriously reduced fees for these members
- WTMC members applying should send a signed letter to the academic director of WTMC with:
 - the full program and invited speakers
 - a detailed budget (with information about additional grants, etc.)
- The letter with the grant application should be sent to the academic director of WTMC three months prior to the workshop, and calls for proposals or announcements about the workshop should be sent to the WTMC community at least two months prior to the event
- In case WTMC subsidizes the workshop, WTMC should be mentioned as (one of the) sponsor(s) on the announcements, calls and publications about the workshop. After the event, a 1-2 page report about the workshop needs to be sent to WTMC, including a financial report.

In 2005, the workshop *Action-oriented STS* (Amsterdam, organized by Teun Zuiderent-Jerak et al.) has been sponsored by WTMC. In 2006, the same holds for *Mediated Bodies* (Maastricht, Renée van de Vall et al.), although the grant requested was very modest. In the fall of 2006, probably two additional workshops are forthcoming.

WTMC Annual Meeting 2006, November 16-17, 2006
Felix Meritis, Teekenzaal, Keizersgracht 324, Amsterdam (020-6262321)

Thursday, November 16

10:30 Coffee & Publication Market (Teekenzaal)

11:00 Opening by Karin Bijsterveld

11:15-12:30 Discussion of *User Behavior and Technology Development*, edited by Peter-Paul Verbeek & Adriaan Slob

11:15-11:25 Comments by Stefan Kuhlmann

11:25-11:35 Comments by Harro Maat

11:35-11:45 Response by Peter-Paul Verbeek

11:45-12:30 General Discussion

12:30-13:45 Lunch (Felix Meritis)

13:45-15:00 New groups at WTMC

13:45-14:15 Technogiedynamica & Duurzame Ontwikkeling, Delft: Linda Kamp, interviewed by Stefan Verhaegh

14:15-14:45 Rathenau Institute, Science Systems Assessment: Peter van de Besselaar (or another staff member), interviewed by Sarah de Rijcke

14:45-15:00 Virtual Knowledge Studio: Paul Wouters, interviewed by Maaïke Lauwaert

15:00-15:30 Tea/Coffee & Publication Market (Teekenzaal)

15:30-16:45 Discussion *Time Innovation and Mobilities*, authored by Peter Frank Peters

15:30-15:40 Comments by Sally Wyatt

15:40-15:50 Comments by Joske Bunders

15:50-16:00 Response by Peter Peters

16:00-16:45 General Discussion

16:45 Drinks (at Felix Meritis)

18:00-20:00 WTMC Dinner (at Felix Meritis)

20:30-21:30 Energetica Amsterdam: Behind the Scenes
(optional, see information below)

Friday, November 17

10:30 Coffee & Publication Market (Teekenzaal)

11:00 Finding Funding: Opportunities for STS

- 11:00-11:15 Ruud Smits: On FES, formerly Bsik
11:15-11:45 Questions and Discussion
11:45-12:00 Barend van der Meulen: Promising Experiences with PRIME
(EU Network of Excellence)
12:00-12:30 Questions and Discussion

12:30-13:45 Lunch (Felix Meritis)

13:45-15:00 Why has this paper been awarded?

Discussion of Stephen Snelders, Charles Kaplan and Toine Pieters, On Cannabis, Chloral Hydrate, and Career Cycles of Psychotropic Drugs in Medicine, *Bulletin for the History of Medicine*, 2006, 80, 1, 95-114. This article has been awarded with the J. Worth Estes Prize (American Association for the History of Medicine).

- 13:45-13:55 Praise by Frank Huisman
13:55-14:05 Praise by Rein Vos
14:05-14:15 Response by Toine Pieters and Stephen Snelders
14:15-15:00 General Discussion

15:00-15:30 Tea/Coffee & Publication Market (Teekenzaal)

15:30-16:45 Public Intellectuals: Writing for Non-Expert Audiences

- 15:30-15:45 Trudy Dehue: STS in the *Academische Boekengids*
15:45-16:00 Tsjalling Swierstra: More than ISI-publications
16:00-16:45 General Discussion

16:45 Drinks (at Felix Meritis)

Registration form WTMC Conference 2006

Location: Felix Meritis, Keizersgracht 324, 1016 EZ Amsterdam

Date: November 16 and 17, 2005

Fee without hotel but including lunches and dinner: € 20,--

Fee including hotel, lunches and dinner: € 40,--

Deadline: October 1, 2006

<i>Surname and first name or initials</i>	
<i>University / Organisation Department / Faculty</i>	
<i>Address PO Box or address Postal code and city</i>	
<i>E-mail</i>	
<i>Phone</i>	
<i>Hotel room Hotel Ibis Amsterdam City Stopera (www.hotels.nl/amsterdam/ibis)</i>	<i>0 yes 0 no Arrival 16 November, departure 17 November</i>
<i>Visit to Energetica (free of charge)</i>	<i>0 yes 0 no</i>
<i>Address for invoice, if different from above</i>	
<i>Remarks</i>	

Please send this registration form to Hannie Spronck by e-mail:

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Peter-Paul Verbeek & Adriaan Slob (2006), *User Behaviour and Technology Development—Shaping Sustainable Relations between Consumers and Technologies*. Dordrecht: Springer

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Peter Frank Peters (2006), *Time Innovation and Mobilities*, London [etc.] Routledge

In social theory and sociology, time and travel in technological cultures is one of the new and challenging research topics in the 'mobilities turn'. Yet surprisingly, contemporary practices of mobility have till now, seen only limited theorization within these disciplines. By analyzing historic and contextualized transit practices, this revealing book argues that travel cannot now simply be reduced to getting from A to B; it is an integrated part of everyday life. In this area, researching how problems can be identified as dilemmas and reformulated as design problems helps create a new vocabulary; one which will not only change the agenda in the debate on mobility problems in the public domain, but will also suggest new ways of theorizing mobility innovations. In this fascinating book, author Peters: develops a conceptual framework to study contemporary transit practices and evaluate innovation strategies; gives new insights regarding historic and contemporary design strategies and regarding innovations related to travel in technological cultures; gives special attention to electronic timespaces and ICT based mobility innovations; and investigates cases of travel in technological cultures, car travel, air travel, and cycling in Dutch towns. An original and provocative contribution to the emerging field of mobilities, this book will become an essential resource for advanced undergraduate, post-graduate, researchers and practitioners in the fields of sociology, geography, spatial planning, policy and transportation studies.

Stephen Snelders, Charles Kaplan and Toine Pieters, On Cannabis, Chloral Hydrate, and Career Cycles of Psychotropic Drugs in Medicine, *Bulletin for the History of Medicine*, 2006, 80, 1, 95-114.

Abstract: This article compares the careers of two psychotropic drugs in Western psychiatry, with a focus on the nineteenth century: Cannabis indica and chloral hydrate. They were used by doctors for similar indications, such as mania, delirium tremens, and what we would now call drug dependence. The two show similar career paths consisting of three phases: initial enthusiasm and therapeutic optimism; subsequent negative appraisal; and finally, limited use. These cycles, which we term "Seige cycles," are generally typical of the careers of psychotropic drugs in modern medicine. However, differences in the careers of both drugs are also established. The phases of chloral show relatively higher peaks and lower valleys than those of cannabis. Chloral is the first typically "modern" psychotropic drug; a synthetic, it was introduced in 1869 at a time of growing asylum populations, pharmaceutical interests, and high cultural expectations of scientific medicine. Cannabis indica, introduced in the 1840s, is typically a "pre-modern" drug steeped in the climate of cultural Romanticism. We conclude that the analytical concept of the Seige cycle is a useful tool for future research into drug careers in medicine.

Energetica: Nationaal Publiekscentrum voor Energie, Amsterdam

Those interested are kindly invited to visit *Energetica: Nationaal Publiekscentrum voor Energie*. Energetica is a former museum housed at the *Centrale Oost*, the first power station at Amsterdam (1903), and is now developing into a *National Publiekscentrum voor Energie*. It has a great collection of industrial heritage, notably of electro-technical equipment. We will be welcomed by Hans Looijen, director of Energetica. He will show us the *Centrale* and some of its collections, and discuss his views on the future of Energetica with us. Vice versa, he is highly interested to hear our views on how to transform a traditional museum into a center that informs the public on recent developments concerning technology, energy and society with help of historical knowledge, a typical WTMC theme. We'll thus have a look behind the scenes in more than one respect.