

**Society for the History  
of Discoveries**



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3-5 September  
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**London Greenwich Portsmouth**

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## Program

Thursday, 3 September, at the British Library, by kind permission of the Director General, Humanities and Social Sciences.

9:45 am Admission through main gates of British Museum on production of registration form.

10:00-10:30 am Registration and coffee, foyer to the Lecture Theatre.

10:30-11:00 am Welcome by J.M. Smethurst, Director General, and Introduction.

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Paper Session 1

Chair: Helen Wallis

Mauricio Obregon, "Columbus Landfall Hypotheses:  
A Summary after Sailing the Courses"

Martin Torodash, "The Biblioteca Colombina at Seville"

Arne Molander, "The Chaves 'rutter' of ca. 1537"

12:45-1:45 pm Lunch, London University Union.

2:00-4:30 pm Paper Session II (concurrent with III)  
Lecture Theatre

Chair: Marvin W. Falk

Harry Kelsey, "The 1551 Gutierrez Planisphere and the  
1544 Cabot Planisphere"

Donald McGuirk, "The Island of Cuba on the Ruysch  
World Map"

Jonathan T. Lanman, "Magnetic Declination and the Skew-  
ing of Portolan Charts"

Norman J.W. Thrower, "The Cartography of the *Mary Rose*  
Period"

2:00-4:30 pm Paper Session III (concurrent with II)  
British Library Seminar Room

Chair: Loren E. Pennington

David R. Ransome, "Purchas His Pastorate"

John Parker, "Samuel Purchas: Spokesman for Empire"

Samuel H. Baron, "Purchas on Muscovy"

6:00-8:00 pm Reception at the King's Library of the British  
Library and viewing the exhibition, "The City in Maps"  
in the Map Gallery, by kind invitation of the Chairman  
of the British Library Board, the President of the Society  
for the History of Discoveries, and the President of the  
Hakluyt Society.

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Friday, 4 September, at the Royal Geographical Society,  
1 Kensington Gore, by kind permission of the President.

9:30-9:40 am Welcome by Brigadier Geoffrey Cathercole,  
Deputy Director.

9:40-11:00 am **Paper Session IV**

Chair: Barbara McCorkle

Dennis Reinhartz, "Shared Vision: Herman Moll and his  
Circle and the South Seas"

Jeanne Hein, "Early Portuguese Efforts to Communicate  
while Opening the Sea Route to India"

Barry Gough, "India-based Expeditions of Trade and Discovery  
to the North Pacific, 1785-1800"

11:00-11:45 am Coffee and view of the Royal Geographical  
Society.

11:45-12:30 pm **Paper Session V**

Chair: Geoffrey Gathercole

Herman J. Viola, "The Wilkes Expedition"

12:30-1:30 pm Lunch at the Royal Geographical Society.

1:30-2:15 pm Coach to Greenwich. Our host for the afternoon is the National Maritime Museum, by kind permission of the Director.

2:15-5:00 pm Tour of National Maritime Museum and galleries and Old Royal Observatory. New exhibitions include "Australia 200" and the "P & O Centenary".

5:00-5:45 pm Coach to Russell Hotel, Bloomsbury.

7:30-11:00 pm Banquet in The Robens Suite, Guy's Tower, Guy's Hospital, London Bridge E.C.  
N.B: Bring cameras to shoot the magnificent views of London.

Saturday, 5 September, at the Heritage Area of HM Naval Base, Portsmouth.

8:15-11:10 am Coaches from Russell Hotel to Portsmouth. Tour of *HMS Victory* (boarding on starboard side)

11:15 am-12:20 pm Visit to *Mary Rose* Exhibition and Ship Hall with tour guide Lt. Cdr. Peter Whitlock.

12:30-1:00 pm Sherry on board *HMS Victory* by kind permission of the Commander-in-Chief, Naval House Command.

1:00-2:00 pm Buffet lunch and Business Meeting in the McCarthy Gallery, Royal Naval Museum, by kind permission of the Trustees and Director.

2:00-3:00 pm Talks on the *Mary Rose* and *HMS Victory* by Lt. Cdr. Peter Whitlock, and on the Royal Naval Museum by Captain R.H. Parsons.

3:00-4:30 pm Free time for visit to the Royal Naval Museum, *HMS Warrior* (1860), and to the Maritime Heritage Area Specialist Shops.

4:30-7:00 pm Return to London by coach.

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The Society for the History of Discoveries is an organization formed for the purpose of stimulating interest in teaching, research, and publishing the history of geographical exploration. Founded in 1960, the Society includes members from several academic disciplines, librarians, archivists, non-affiliated scholars, and laypersons with an interest in history. Fields of specialization include such related subjects as the history of European expansion, cartography, navigation, and colonial settlement.

The Society's publications program includes *Terrae Incognitae*, an annual journal of research papers and book reviews, which first appeared in 1969. Between 1971 and 1976, the Society also published, jointly with the Newberry Library, five volumes in the series *Studies in the History of Discovery*.

An occasional newsletter reports activities of members and general news of activities within the discipline. Papers are read and discussed at annual meetings, which are usually held in libraries and museums.

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