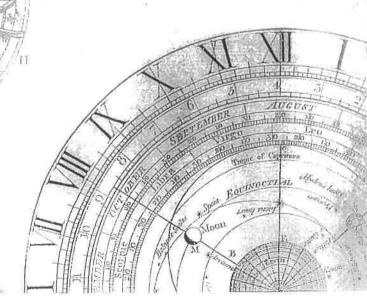
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The Second International Summer School at the Istanbul Museum of the History of Science and Technology

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The Second International Summer School at the Prof. Dr. Fuat Sezgin Foundation for the History of Science in Islam was held in Istanbul Museum of the History of Science and Technology this year, between 22th and 25th August.

The lectures and the workshops were both included in that exclusive event. The lectures were instructed by Professor Dr. Remke Kruk from Leiden University, on Medieval Islamic views on Biological Issues, Professor Dr. Ingrid Hehmeyer from Reyerson University. on Islamic Medicine, Prof. Dr. Elaheh Kheirandish and her academicals team (Maera Siddiqi, Esam Goodarzy) from Harvard University on Optics and Multimedia Sources on Early Science, Prof. Dr. Jan P. Hogendijk and PhD Student Wilfred de Graaf from Utrecht University on Astronomical Calculations in Islam, Dr. Rob van Gent from Utrecht University on Models of Planets in the Islamic World and Babylonian and Greek Astronomy. PhD Student Viktor Blåssjö also from Utrecht University on Copernicus and Possible Links to the Islamic World, PhD Student Irem Aslan from Ankara University and Henk Hietbrink from Utrecht University, on Mathematical Instruments and Ibn al-Raggam's Sundial. Last but not the least Dr. Detlev Quintern from Professor Dr. Fuat Sezgin Foundation for the History of Science in Islam introduced the Contribution of Prof. Dr. Fuat Sezgin to a Universal Understanding of the History of Geography. These lectures were rewarding and didactic. Since, not only the lecturers but also participants were all experts in their own fields, the spare hours between the lectures

were also intellectually productive and delightful.

Participants were from variable Universities, especially from Iran, Holland, Germany and Turkey. There were mostly master degree and PhD degree students from different departments but similar ages. So the comradeship between the participants was indulging which is sufficient for the interchange of the knowledge between continents and the cultures.

As I mentioned before, the spare times between lectures and after lectures was fulfilling and pleasing. Prof. Dr. Fuat Sezgin Foundation for the History of Science in Islam hosted the participants really wonderfully in one of the most beautiful cities in the world, Istanbul. There had been nice dinners and small trips in the city especially around Gülhane Park. For instance, one day the group went to a dinner to Emirgan copse. We ate pide which was black sea style. During the dinner we found a chance to discuss with our Iranian friends about gastronomy, and we actually found out that how similar our gastronomy cultures are. Since all trips were made under the guidance of Dr. Detlev Quintern who is living in the Istanbul, participants had a chance to discover hidden local treasures of Istanbul. In my opinion this summer school is one of the best events in the world, about History of Science, and completed its mission successfully this year, like the previous one. I hope that will become a tradition and lasts many more years with the many more partici-

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Substitute drugs in pharmaceutical/pharmacological tradition with a critical edition, commentary and comparative study of the oldest extant Arabic treatises on Abdal

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Abstract

"Abdāl al-Adwiyah" (substitute drugs) is a general title for the works on substitute drugs and the rules which should be considered in substituting one drug for another. This topic was very important in medical, pharmaceutical and pharmacological tradition of the Classical Antiquity and the Islamic period.

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