

2. John Steele (Brown University): Shadows in Babylonian Astronomy
3. Agathe Keller (REHSEIS, CNRS): Reflecting on the Different Social Groups that Produced Mathematical Knowledge and Texts in Ancient India: Different Research Perspectives, with a special emphasis on the History of Versified Problems and the perspectives
4. Toke Knudsen (State University of New York, College at Oneonta): The Direction of Down and Adhesive Antipodeans — Tradition and Innovation in Medieval Indian Astronomy
5. Michio Yano (Kyoto Sangyo University): Buddhist Astronomy and Astrology
6. Karine Chemla (REHSEIS, CNRS): Writing Down Texts for Algorithms: Views from Ancient China
7. Markus Asper (NYU): Narratives in Greek Mathematics?
8. Joseph Dauben (City University of New York): Archimedes and Liu Hui on Circles and Spheres
9. Alexander Jones (ISAW, NYU): Parapegma Puzzles: Reconstructing Greek Documents on Stellar Risings and Settings

In addition, many prominent historians of mathematics attended the workshop, and as a result, the discussions after each talk were long and fruitful. In fact, given the excellent organization of the workshop, the quality of the talks, and the enthusiasm of the following discussions, the collaboration between CNRS and NYU promises to be highly productive and valuable.

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**THE 69TH SESSION OF THE INDIAN HISTORY CONGRESS
— KANNUR 28-30 DECEMBER 2008: A REPORT***

The 69th annual session of Indian History Congress (IHC) was held at the Kannur University, Kannur (Kerala) during 28-30 December 2008. About 600 research papers were presented on various facets of history of science and technology. A special panel session organized by Aligarh Historian Society on

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History on Writing in India. The books on *Technology in Medieval India (c650-1750 AD)* (by Professor Irfan Habib), *The Cholas, Chalukya and the Rajputs* (ed. by Professors R.S.Sharma and K.M. Shrimali) released on the occasion, were of interest.

A few articles relating to history of science and technology were also presented as listed below:

Manju Sinha: “Knowledge of Science and Technology in Ancient India”.

Ram Kumar Mishra: ‘Astronomy in Ancient Mithila’.

Deepak Kumar Gupta: “The Science of Horticulture in Ancient India”

Arun Kumar Jha: “Surgery in Ancient India”

Raj Tripathi: The Advances in Science of Temple Architecture in Narmada Valley

Dinesh Kumar Gupta: Cosmological Perceptions in Ancient India

Md. Salim Zaweed: Wall Paintings in Orchha

Farzana Ashfaque: Agriculture History of Kashmir under the Mughals

Abhang, C.O.T.: Animal Breeding in Early British Rule (1822-1842)

N. Benjamin: Steam boilers and industrialization of Bombay (1850-1900): A Techno-Economic History

V. M. Ravi Kumar: Political Economy of Deforestation in colonial Madras Presidency (Andhra; 1800-1882)

S.P. Vyas: An Architectural Survey of Water Resources of Jodhpur city (19th Century): A Case Study of some Baories and Jhalaras

Md. Nausad Ali: Peasant and Innovations: The Case Study of U.P.

Mansour Tajeri: The Prime Industry in India and Iran as a Common History

Adhya Bharti Saxena: Craftmanship, Social formation and Cultural Legacy Through the Doors Voyage between Kachchh, Zanzibar and East Africa

Rekha Gore: Response of the Leather Industry in Brazil, China and India: Effect on Environment

M. Waseem Raja: The Architectural Heritage and Principles of conservation: A Study in Conservation of some Mughal Monuments in Agra Region

P.C. Venkata Subbaiah: Iron Age Culture in Kuppam Region of Andhra Pradesh: A Perspective

D. Anand Naidu: Nuclear Policy of India: A critical study

G.S. Negi: Contemporary History of Meeting Glaciers of Uttarakhand

B.D. Malange: Science Education in Rural Area and the contribution of Karnataka Health Institute in Health Awareness

A. Kumar Jha: Science Technology and Social Change: Karim Nagar to Hari Nagar

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14TH WORLD SANSKRIT CONFERENCE: SECTION ON SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE – A REPORT*

The Fourteenth World Sanskrit Conference was organized in Kyoto, Japan on 1-5 September 2009, jointly by the International Association of Sanskrit Studies and the Graduate School of Letters, Kyoto University. The Scholars from nine countries participated in the section on the Scientific Literature, convened by Dominik Wujastyk and Michio Yano. Nineteen Scholars contributed papers in this section in three areas. I. A thematic panel on “Physicians and Patients: Textual Representations in Pre-modern South Asia”, with the aim of exploring aspects to the complex and multi-faceted relationship between physicians and patients, their functions, specific roles, ideal image and position in society was also organised in the section Scientific Literature. II. Ayurvedic literature and III. Mathematics Astronomical works.

I. Werner Franz Knobl opened the panel and delivered lecture on “Divine agents of healing and their patients in Vedic times”. He explored the figures of the two Aśvins, namely the divine physicians par excellence, and their patients, who are human beings (often corresponding to mythological figures), animals and gods, as the story of Indra’s sickness that is said in connection with the Sautrāmani ritual. The discussion at the end of the panel was animated by Knobl’s explanation regarding the etymology and meaning of some contextually relevant words.

The contributions by Karin Preisendanz, Dagmar Wujastyk and Abhijit Ghosh focused on the physician. In “Debates, colloquies and (un)professional

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