

Conference Announcement

The Transfer of Science and Technology between Europe and Asia, 1498-1780

1991, June 5-7

In 1998 we shall celebrate the fifth centenary of the voyage of Vasco da Gama, which opened a new age in the relations between Europe and Asia. One important and multifarious aspect of the relations between the two parts of the Old World is the transfer of science and technology. On this subject, a joint research project is started by the universities of Cambridge, Delhi, Leiden, Yogyakarta, Kyoto and Peking. In the period 1991-1996, a series of four conferences will be organised, dealing with the subsequent phases in the relations between Europe and Asia.

From 5-7 June 1991, the first conference will be held in Amsterdam and Leiden, organised by the Royal Tropical Institute and the Institute for the History of European Expansion. The period covered at this first conference is 1498-1780, i.e. from the days of the earliest encounters up to the industrial revolution. The contributions to the conference not only comprise the various spheres or items of exchange, but also the channels along which the transfer took place, and the impact on the societies concerned.

The meetings on the first day of the conference, 5 June, will be open to persons interested. Place of gathering is the Royal Tropical Institute in Amsterdam. For information and applications, contact the Institute for the History of European Expansion, L. Blussé and R. Raben, tel. (0)71-272766/272768.