Medical Commentaries and Comment(aries) on Medicine

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BabMed – Babylonian Medicine, FU Berlin & Max Planck Institute for the History of Science

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Tuesday, September 26, 2017

13.00  Registration
13.30  GREETING ADDRESS
Lorraine Daston/MPIWG & Markham J. Geller/BabMed: Brief Introduction

SESSION I – Chair: Marten Stol (Leiden)
14.00-14.45  Heinrich v. Staden (Princeton)
Interpretations of Hippocratic texts in the first century BCE: ‘Empiricist’ exegesis and its adversaries?
14.45-15.30  Paul U. Unschuld (Charité Berlin)
Li Shizhen’s (1518-1593) role as a commentator in his encyclopedia Bencao gangmu.
15.30-16.00  Tea + snacks
16.00-16.45  Nils P. Heeßel (Marburg)
Short neo-Babylonian prescriptions with advertising comments: Remnants of folk medicine?
17.00  Transfer to BBAW/Mitte, Gendarmenmarkt
18.00-19.30  Glenn W. Most (Pisa), KEY NOTE LECTURE
Text and paratext on roll and codex (part of BBAW Summer School: “Griechische Paläographie, Handschriftenkunde und Editionswissenschaft”)
Akademiegebäude am Gendarmenmarkt, Einstein-Saal
Jägerstraße 22/23, 10117 Berlin-Mitte

ca 20.00  Conference Dinner at Gendarmenmarkt, Berlin-Mitte (invitation)
Lutter und Wegner am Gendarmenmarkt
Charlottenstraße 56, 10117 Berlin-Mitte, phone: +49 (0)30 20295415

Wednesday, September 27, 2017
09.45  Morning coffee for early arrivals

SESSION II
10.00 -10.45  Enrique Jiménez Sánchez (Madrid)
Abstruse perfection: Connecting sign and prognosis in Babylonian medical commentaries.

10.45-13.00  Reading Session / E. Jiménez Sánchez

13.00-14.00  Lunch

SESSION III – Chair: tba
14.00-14.45  Klaus Wagensonner (Yale University, New Haven)
Unchain divine wrath – new lists of stones and their use in ritual.

14.45-15.30  Henry Stadhouders (Utrecht)
‘Take a sip and live forever’: Musings on Pliny's bios brand of wine.

15.30-16.00  Short break

SESSION IV – Chair: tba
16.00-16.45  Vivian Nutton (UCL London)
Medical commentary from the Renaissance to Galen.

16.45-17.30  Giulia Ecca (Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Berlin)
Commenting on and commenting through the first Hippocratic aphorism: practices and patterns.

17.30  High Tea, informal gathering at MPIWG courtyard