

Saturday 18th May 2013

4th International Symposium on Poetry and Medicine



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2013 Hippocrates Prize for Poetry and Medicine: Young Poets, NHS and Open Awards

Presented by the Judges

Jo Shapcott

Clare Pollard

Theodore Dalrymple

Roger Highfield

Welcome

In November 2009, we launched the first annual Hippocrates Prize for Poetry and Medicine, with the 2010 and subsequent awards presented at international symposia on poetry and medicine.

For the 2013 symposium and 2013 Hippocrates Prize awards, we wished again to draw together national and international perspectives on three major historical and contemporary themes uniting the disciplines of poetry and medicine: medicine as inspiration for the writings of poets; effects of poetic creativity on the experience of illness by patients, their families, friends, and carers; and poetry as therapy.

The Symposium includes discussion of early epidemics as an inspiration, the influence of poets, consideration of poetry as an aid to understanding illness, and poetry as passion for creative health professionals. Highlights of the day include poetry readings by TS Eliot Prize winning poet Philip Gross, and 2013 Hippocrates judge Jo Shapcott, awarded the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry. We also have keynote lectures on poetry and medical trade by Swiss researcher Hugues Marchal and on poetry in medical education by US Professor in Humanities in Medicine Anne Hudson Jones.

The Hippocrates Prize has an international open category eligible for unpublished poems in English by any poet; and separate awards for UK health students and NHS-related staff, including clinical teachers, researchers, and biomedical scientists and their supporting staff. For the first time we also have a new category for Young Poets aged 14 to 18 years.

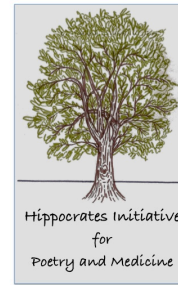
We have again been delighted by the remarkable national and international interest in the Hippocrates awards, with over 1000 entries from 32 countries. The 2013 awards were judged by poet Jo Shapcott, science writer and Science Museums Director Roger Highfield and psychiatrist and medical writer Dr Theodore Dalrymple.

Donald Singer

Michael Hulse

4th International Symposium on Poetry & Medicine and Hippocrates Awards

Henry Wellcome Lecture Theatre
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09.00 REGISTRATION

- 09.30 **Introduction: the Hippocrates initiative on poetry and medicine**
Donald Singer and Michael Hulse, University of Warwick

MEDICAL THEMES IN POETRY (1)

- 09.40 **The plague of Thebes:
an historical epidemic in Sophocles' drama *Oedipus Rex***
Antonis A. Kousoulis, Imperial College, London
- 10.00 **"Saturn hath the Left Eare, Jupiter the Right":
poetry and the place of astrology in medicine**
John Riddington Young, Bideford

KEYNOTE ADDRESS - 1

- 10.20 **Pills for the Muses: poetry and medical trade in the 19th century**
Hugues Marchal, University of Basel, Switzerland
- 10.50 **Speaker panel - Question and answer session**

11.10 COFFEE & POSTERS

MEDICAL THEMES IN POETRY (2)

- 11.40 **"The rest of me here on the bed":
landscapes of pain in Dorothy Molloy's cancer poetry**
Luz Mar González-Arias, University of Oviedo, Spain

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- 12.00 **"Poetry and Resilience in Medical Education and Practice"**
Anne Hudson Jones, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, USA
- 12.30 **Speaker Panel - Question and answer session**

13.00 LUNCH AND POSTERS

GUEST POETRY READING

14.00 **Philip Gross, Glamorgan**

POETRY IN THERAPY

14.25 **Walking back to words: poetry from stroke survivors with aphasia**
Andrew McMillan, John Moores University, Liverpool

14.50 **Illuminating the present: poetry and dementia**
Cheryl Moskowitz, London

15.15 **Speaker panel - Question and answer session:**

15.35 TEA AND POSTERS

HIPPOCRATES PRIZE AWARDS SESSION

16.00 **Poetry Reading: Jo Shapcott**

16.20 **Remarks on behalf of the Judges: Jo Shapcott and Clare Pollard**

Young Poets Award: Paul Munden, NAWE

NHS awards: Dr Theodore Dalrymple

Open awards: Roger Highfield

Readings from the 7 winning poems

Hippocrates Press Book Launch

17.30 **Wendy French and Jane Kirwan, *Born in the NHS***

17.50 RECEPTION

19.00 CLOSE

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