Introduction

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You are about to read Sartoniana 37, 2024, containing the lectures of the Sarton Chair of the academic year 2023-24. They are again devoted to the broad field of the history of science in various disciplines.

Baker, the chair holder, develops a social vision upon the evolution of science in the twentieth and twenty-first century. It stresses the relationship between the research university as the basis of international based research. Mainly based upon the original German model universities changed from education centred institutions to pure research institutes.

The beautiful overview of Sunde details the birth and evolution of written law in Norway. The different stages as well writing, printing and recently digitalising are quoted. The evolution is conservatory and misses the central regrouping of laws, similar to the Napoleonic synthesis in the French empire.

The paper by Braet gives insight in the origin and formation of "developmental psychopathology", a new aspect of psychological research the last 50 years. The help and support of this new field in children with psychological problems has been paramount.

The epistolary discussion between two founding fathers of modern archeology, Caylus and Winkelmann, is the content of the communication of Moorman. It highlights the variable way wherein both authors started the approach to scientific archeology.

Adriaan Linterns gives a nice of the history of industrial heritage, an odyssea with ups and downs, including an intellectual battle with the different

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governments of our country. The plea for a better preservation of the remnants and witnesses of the industrial history is loud and clear.

The report by Allais of the historical evolution of protecting buildings and works of arts is very important and necessary in a period in which unfortunately again war is present.

Finally as editor I wish to thank the secretary, Mrs R.Malfliet, who during all those years stimulated the different authors to submit their text. We can only hope that the edition and printing of those lectures during the past two decades not only pertains to a source to researchers concerned with the history of science but also to the maintaining of the Sarton legacy in Gent.

Thanking all the contributors of the past twenty years and the members of the Sarton Committee I wish all the best to Maarten Van Dyck who will succeed in the task of chairing the Sarton Committee the coming years.