

HISTORY OF NAVIGATION CONFERENCE

Navigation, heroism, history

24-25 May 2018

National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London

Thursday 24 May

11:40, 12:00 and 12:20: Ceiling tours of the Painted Hall, Old Royal Naval College

Painted between 1707 and 1726, the Painted Hall hides many surprises. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to examine this vast masterpiece up close while it is undergoing conservation. Tours will last 50 minutes. E-mail research@rmg.co.uk or call 020-8312 6716 to reserve a slot.

13.30: Registration and refreshments (Propeller Area)

14.00: Welcome and introduction (Lecture Theatre)

14.15-15.45 Session 1

How to become a Hero

David Pike, RIN

A Heroic Pirate? William Dampier's contemporary reputation and historical legacy as a navigator

Katherine Parker, Barry Lawrence Ruderman Antique Maps

Lady Franklin in the Victorian Canon of Naval Heroism

Alexa Price, George Washington University

15.45-16.15 **Coffee and tea** (Propeller Area)

16.15-17.45 Session 2

The weather, failure and success on Cook's third voyage

Reetta Sippola, University of Turku, Finland

"It's all Fake News!": James Cook and the making of an 18th century media hero

Vanessa Collingridge

The Validity of Replica Voyages

Dag Pike, RIN

17.45-19.30 **Reception**

Friday 25 May

09.30–10.00 **Arrival and refreshments**

10.00–11.30 Session 3

Charisma and Routine in Nineteenth-century Hydrography

Megan Barford, Royal Museums Greenwich

A century of pain and gain: chartering and opening the Torres Strait in the nineteenth century

Nicholas Guoth, Australian National University, Canberra

'Plane-tabling Mitcham Common is hardly sufficient': Instruments in the Identity of Exploration

Jane Wess

11.30–12.00 **Coffee and tea** (Propeller Area)

12.00–13.30 Session 4

A History of Navigation in the Western Desert prior to the GPS age

Geoffrey Kolbe, RIN

Augmented reality navigation around 1900: Heroic studies on the face of the earth by bicyclists and motorists

Tristan Thielmann, University of Siegen

Hero or Villain? The conundrum for the military in using GNSS as an aid to navigation

Neil Dicken, Royal School of Military Survey

13.30–14.30 **Lunch** (Propeller area)

14.30–16.00 Session 5

The First Flight across the Atlantic East to West

Terry Hayward, RIN

Conquering the North Pole

David Broughton, RIN

Heroes? A comparison of four WW2 operations in the air, on the sea and underwater

Keith Hope-Lang, RIN

16.00–16.30 Closing remarks and departure

FEE: £70. Concessions: £50 (RIN members, NMM members, students and people over 60)

For more information and to book:

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