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Science in the Asylum

A one-day conference exploring the history of scientific research in the
19th- and 20th-century asylum

19 October 2012, Wakefield, West Yorkshire

‘Science in the Asylum’ brings together researchers from different backgrounds interested in the scientific work conducted in asylums. The conference will address the importance of the asylum in the development of the modern specialties of science and medicine, and the relevance of asylum research to the treatment of patients and broader public health and medico-legal debates.

The event will take place in the theatre of the former West Riding Lunatic Asylum, one of the world’s most famous research-oriented institutions.

Ten postgraduate travel bursaries of up to £40 each are available, funded by the British Association for Victorian Studies.

For more information on the conference, including the full programme and details of how to register, please visit

asylumscience.com/conference