## Working with Dust:
Health, Dust & Diseases in the History of Occupational Health

### CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**DAY 1: Monday 10th April 2006**

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<td>Tim Carter, Centre for the History of Medicine, University of Birmingham</td>
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<td><em>Anthrax is no accident: testimony on dust &amp; working conditions in the wool mills of Kidderminster</em></td>
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<td>Rosemary Wall, Centre for the History of Science, Technology &amp; Medicine, Imperial College London</td>
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<td><em>The role of technology in health reform campaigns: case studies from the cotton textile industries, c. 1880-1939</em></td>
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<td><em>Dangerous kissing or treacherous oil? Understanding community responses to occupational disease in Lancashire and the West Riding of Yorkshire 1900 – 1956</em></td>
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### EVENING

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DAY 2: Tuesday 11th April 2006

Session 3
9.30 – 11.00 am
Chair: Ronnie Johnston
Silicosis and tuberculosis
Jo Melling
Beyond a shadow of a doubt? Knowledge, expertise and politics in debates over the use of x-ray technology in debates on workers’ silicosis in the UK, c. 1919-1945

John Davies, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
Silicosis & tuberculosis among miners in South Africa during the 20th Century

11.00 – 11.30 am
Tea & coffee

Session 3/continued
11.30 – 12.15
Criena Fitzgerald, University of Western Australia
Treating tuberculosis in miners as Miners’ Phthisis: an occupational health solution to a public health problem, Western Australia, 1900-1926

12.15 – 1.30 pm
Lunch in Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies

Session 4
1.30 – 3.45 pm
Chair: Fred Mintz
Silicosis in Europe & North America
Alfredo Menéndez Navarro, University of Granada
Autarky, health insurance and political repression: The Silicosis Scheme in Early Francoist Spain, 1941-1960

Gerald Markowitz, City University of New York
Silicosis and the law in 20th century America: reflections on US legal history

3.45 – 4.15 pm
Tea & coffee

Session 5
4.15 – 5.45 pm
Chair: Catherine Mills
Understanding coal miners’ health issues in the 20th century
Andrew Perchard, University of the Highlands & Islands Millennium Institute
A limited knowledge of deadly dust: employers, scientists & mining education in Scotland, c. 1911-1946

Ronnie Johnston, Glasgow Caledonian Univesith
Arthur McIvor, University of Strathclyde
The NCB & the coal dust problem in British coal mining, 1930s-1990s
EVENING
7.00 for 7.30 pm
Conference Dinner at Old Timers Restaurant, Castle Street, Exeter

DAY 3: Wednesday 12th April 2006

Session 6
9.00 – 10.30 am
Chair: Jonathan Barry
From global labour markets to domestic labour
Amarjit Kaur, University of New England, Australia
Work, the Environment and illness in Malaya, 1880 – 1940: Rubber plantations, tin mines and migrant labour
Mark Jackson, Centre for Medical History, University of Exeter
House, dust, and work: new perspectives on health and the indoor environment

10.30 – 11.00 am
Tea & coffee

Session 7
11.30 am – 1.00 pm
Chair: Jo Melling
New frontiers in researching the working environment
Chris Sellers, State University, New York
New frontiers in the history of work & the environment
Round table discussion

1.00 pm
Lunch in the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies & departure