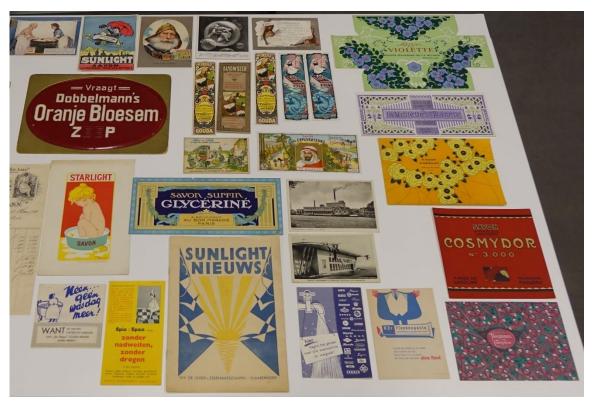
Symposium 'A History of Soap and Detergents' at 4 October 2017 in Utrecht





Exhibition of historical books and advertising material on soap by CHG organiser Jacob van Dijk

Paul Birker: Washing.....rituals, traditions, and a bit of chemistry

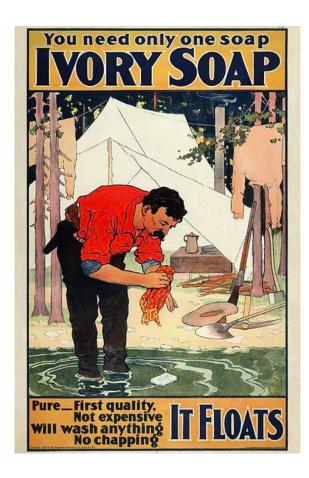






Paul Birker (left) during the discussion led by CHG Chairman Rob van Veen

Jan Meijer: Development of modern detergents at Procter & Gamble





Ton van Helvoort: Soaps & Detergents at Unilever

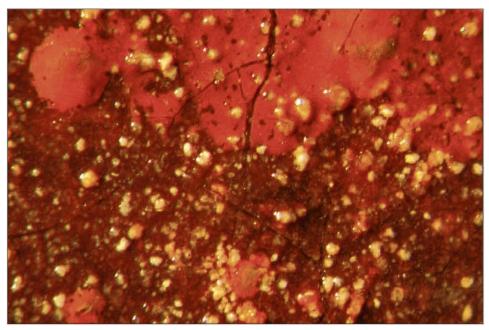


Ton van Helvoort (right) during the discussion led by CHG Chairman Rob van Veen

Joen Hermans: The role of metal soaps in the ageing of oil paintings



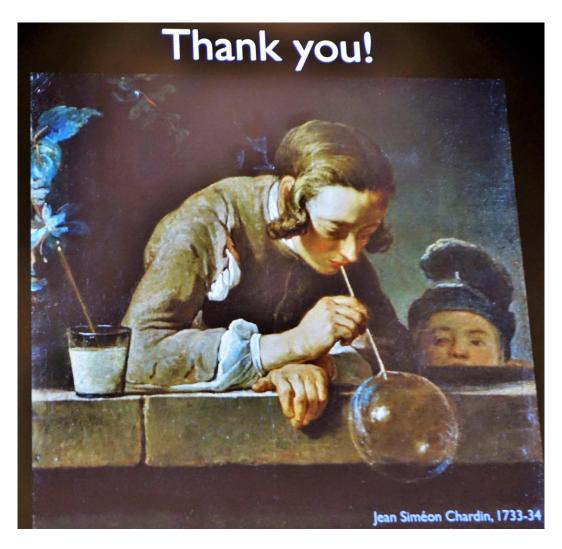
Joen Hermans pointing to the yellow spots of metal soaps on the famous painting 'View of Delft' by Vermeer (Mauritshuis, The Hague)







Participants listening to the lectures in the Booth Hall of the Utrecht University Library, looking at the exhibition and discussing with each other



Last sheet of the symposium with a picture of the painting Soap Bubbles by Chardin (National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC)