JOHN MORGAN
IN THE LAND OF DOGES
1764
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On the 24th July, 1764 John Morgan, a young doctor from Philadelphia, just graduated in Edinburgh, met Giovanni Battista Morgagni in Padua. The visit to the old Morgagni (“still alert”) inspired the young Morgan. It was quite touching for me to find in the College of Physicians’ library in Philadelphia the original De Sedibus, which Morgagni donated to Morgan. He spent the following ten days in Venice, “a city rising out of the waves of the sea”, fascinated by the palaces “seeming to rise from the water” of the Grand Canal. He visited St. Mark’s Square, the glasses in Murano and the Arsenal. Finally, on the 7th August 1764, he moved to Vicenza seeing the Theatrum Olympicorum and the Palladio Palaces.

Back to Philadelphia in 1765, he founded the first School of Medicine and the first College of Physicians in the English colonies. He established the need to attend a regular school before practising Medicine, delineating three distinct professional profiles: physic, surgeon and apothecary.

The same year he published “A Discourse upon the Institution of Medical Schools in America”, where he set the principles of Medicine as “The Guardian of life and health, against death and disease”, with a rigorous curriculum studiorum.

Since then a terrific development of Medicine occurred in terms of discoveries and inventions, according to the triad “Patient care, teaching and research”. Nowadays the US rank worldwide first in Medicine.

This meeting has been promoted by the Olympic Academy of Vicenza, the University of Padua, the Perelman Medical School of Philadelphia and the Veneto Region Council to celebrate Morgan’s visit in 1764 and to strengthen the relationship between the Land of Doges and the State of Pennsylvania.

The origin of Modern Medicine in the US has its roots in Padua. This awareness is our pride, but it is also a great responsibility for us to keep the pace of Contemporary Medicine and to cope with such a legacy.

Gaetano Thiene
President, Olympic Academy
PADUA

Wednesday 9th October 2019
9.30 am - 12.15 pm
Ancient Archive, Bo Palace

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MEDICINE, FROM ART TO SCIENCE

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The University of Padua at the time of G.B. Morgagni and John Morgan
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The foundation of the first Medical School in Philadelphia by John Morgan and his visit to G.B. Morgagni in Padua
Victor FERRARI (Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia)

Is the Morgagni method of clinico-pathologic correlation still alive?
Cristina BASSO (School of Medicine, University of Padua)

Time of translational Medicine
Garret FITZGERALD (Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia)

Innovations in medical care and the role of molecular Medicine
Jonathan EPSTEIN (Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia)
VICENZA

Thursday 10th October 2019
9.30 am – 11.30 am
Olympic Odeo

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THE LINK BETWEEN VICENZA AND PHILADELPHIA
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John Morgan’s journey in Italy and his visit to “Theatrum Olympicorum” on the 7th August 1764
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Benjamin Franklin and the visionary plan of a Medical School in America
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Thomas Jefferson and the lure of Palladio architecture
Guido BELTRAMINI (Olympic Academy, Vicenza)
Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue (1869-1924) *Villa Capra Vicenza*
VENICE
Friday 11th October 2019
10.00 am – 11.00 am
Ferro-Fini Palace

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The health system in the Serenissima Republic of Venice
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Giacomo Guardi (attrib.), The Piazza San Marco towards San Giacomo, 1764–1835, brush and gouache