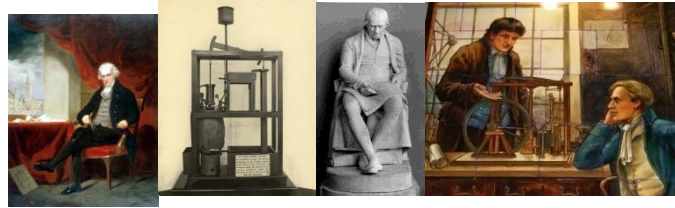


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The Invention That Changed the World: The Separate Condenser 1765 Is Watt's 'big idea' relevant and inspirational today?

Seminar at Talk Lab, Level 3, Glasgow University Library ([map](#)), Glasgow, 5th June 2015, 10am - 4.30pm

Programme

- 10.00 - 10.30 Registration/ coffee and tea
- 10.30 - 10.45 Welcome by **Prof. Frank Cotton** (Vice- Principal Learning & Teaching, University of Glasgow)

Morning Session Chair: **Lesley Richmond** (Glasgow University Archives)

- 10.45 - 11.15 The Big Idea: the Separate Condenser and its importance
Prof. Colin McInnes (GU James Watt Chair, Engineering Science)
- 11.15 - 11.45 The Physical Legacy: the Watt Workshop
Ben Russell (Science Museum, London)
- 11.45 - 12.15 The Documentary Legacy: the Archives
Fiona Tait (Archivist, Birmingham Library)
- 12.15 - 12.45 Questions and Discussion
- 12.45 - 14.00 LUNCH (a light lunch will be provided)

There will be guides on hand to show conference attendees both the statue of James Watt in the main Gallery and the model Newcomen steam engine in the upper Gallery of The Hunterian Museum during the lunch break.

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Afternoon Session

Chair: **Gordon Masterton** (Scottish Engineering Hall of Fame)

- 14.15 - 14.40 The Douglasfield Boulton and Watt Engine Project
Gill Poulter (Director, Heritage and Exhibitions,
Dundee Heritage Trust)
- 14.40 - 14.50 Aspirations for the James Watt Cottage at Kinneil
House, Bo'ness **Ian Shearer** (Trustee, The Friends of Kinneil)
- 14.50 - 15.05 Aspirations for a Master Catalogue of Watt collections
Daniela Wellnitz (Scottish Maritime Museum/STICK
Collections Officer)
- 15.05 - 15.25 Foundation and Development of Naval Architecture and
Marine Engineering Education in the City of Glasgow and the links with James
Watt **Atilla Incecik** (Executive Dean of Engineering and Professor of
Offshore Engineering University of Strathclyde)
- 15.25 - 16.15 **Watt's The Story? : Celebrating 2015 and 2019 Discussion Panel**

A panel of guests will consider ideas and discussion threads from today's talks. The discussion will concentrate on how we might further celebrate the importance of Watt's contribution to Scotland's engineering legacy, past, present and future as we move through 2015 and towards 2019.

As we approach 2019 - the 200th anniversary of Watt's death and the 250th anniversary of the granting of the patent for the separate condenser - and the head start it gave to the United Kingdom in industrialising - think big!

We hope today will build interest, publicise and spur further partnerships to celebrate Watt, his life, times, colleagues and rivals.

- 16.15 -16.30 Next Steps