

ALGARVE HISTORY ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIAÇÃO DOS HISTORIADORES DO ALGARVE

MONDAY 1 at 18h00

Municipal Library Lagoa

The History of Ideas about Evolution

with Ludo Broothaers

TUESDAY 16 at 18h00

Municipal Library Lagoa

FRIDAY 19 at 11h00

Municipal Library Tavira

Peninsular War Series: The Toulouse Campaign

with Peter Kingdon Booker

and

SUNDAY 7 at 17h00

Quintinha da Música

Concert: Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Brahms and R Schumann

with pianist Lucjan Luc

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The History of Ideas About Evolution

In this talk, Ludo Broothaers describes how over four centuries scientists developed a new view on living nature. It had all begun with a static view, inspired by religious sources. Through the then brand-new scientific discipline of geology scholars learned what rocks could reveal to them about life on earth. It became clear that presently unknown animals and plants lived on Earth in the distant past. Several hypotheses were brought forward to explain the existence of present-day diversity of life on Earth. The search for a plausible answer culminated in the publication of Charles Darwin's *The Origin of Species*. His theory shows how species evolved and changed through natural selection and in a dynamic world. Darwin's view collided dramatically with views founded in religious beliefs. Even today the theory of evolution is subjected to much opposition, particularly from Muslim communities and from Creationists in the USA. Ludo Broothaers has a PhD in geology from the University of Leuven, Belgium, and his career as a geologist includes prospecting for base metals, setting up mineralogical laboratories and lecturing at a school for mining engineers. He spent much of his career in Morocco, Indonesia and Surinam and worked in Belgium for the Flemish Government.

The Toulouse Campaign

After the battle of Vitória in June 1813, the French field armies were hustled out of Spain. They crossed the Pyrenees and congregated at St Jean Pied de Port.

There were three French garrisons left in Spain, at Pamplona, San Sebastian and Santoña. The new French commander, the arrogant and avaricious Marshal Soult, attempted to relieve Pamplona, but was repulsed with heavy losses. Unusually in the Peninsular War, the campaign persisted into autumn and winter as the allies pursued the weakening French into their homeland. The final bloody battle took place at Toulouse in April 1814, some four days after Napoleon had abdicated. This talk is last bicentenary commemoration of the events of the Peninsular War, before the grand finale at Waterloo.

UPCOMING EVENTS: JANUARY 2015

MONDAY 12 18h00 **Municipal Library Tavira** and

TUESDAY 13 18h00 **Municipal Library Lagoa**

Portuguese Poetry: Sailing along with Sophia de Mello Breyner Andresen

with Sandra Boto

TUESDAY 27 18h00 **Municipal Library Lagoa** and

FRIDAY 30 11h00 **Municipal Library Tavira**

Why was Bad King John called Bad King John?

with Ron Thomson