



Ghent University – Law Faculty

Sarton Medal 2012-13 – Sartonmedaille 2012-13

on Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 4 PM

in Auditorium A of the Law Faculty (Universiteitstraat 4, Ghent)

Professor Robert Rubens, Chairman of the Ghent University Sarton Committee,
Professor Piet Taelman, Dean of the Faculty of Law,
Professor Eduard Somers, Head of the Department of International Public Law

Have the honour to invite you to the Sarton lecture and the presentation of the Sarton medal to:

Prof. Randall Lesaffer

Program:

- Welcome by the dean, Prof. Piet Taelman
- Laudatio of Prof. Randall Lesaffer by Prof. Eduard Somers
- Sarton lecture by Prof. Randall Lesaffer:

‘War as sanction’

- Handing over of the Sarton Medal by Prof. Robert Rubens
- Drink offered by the Faculty at the Faculty Board room, Voldersstraat 3, Ghent



George Sarton (1884-1956), one of the founding fathers of the history of science as an academic discipline, was an alumnus of Ghent University. In 1912, one year after his graduation in physics and mathematics, he wrote to a friend: “J’ai décidé de vouer ma vie à l’étude désintéressée de l’histoire des sciences”. He established two leading journals in the field (*Isis* in 1912 and *Osiris* in 1934) and the History of Science Society. In 1984, at the centenary of Sarton's birthday, Ghent University decided to establish a Sarton Chair of History of Science. Each year the Sarton committee, consisting of representatives of the faculties of Ghent University, selects the Sarton chair holder and the Sarton medallists. The Sarton chair holder and the medallists are invited to lecture on the history of science in the faculties of the university. The lectures are published in the annual journal *Sartoniana*. (www.sartonchair.ugent.be)

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