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NEW EXHIBITION 'ROGER BOSCOVICH AND THE ROYAL SOCIETY' LAUNCHES 23 NOVEMBER

**The Royal Society
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A brand new exhibition at the Royal Society's Centre for History of Science explores the life and times of celebrated Croatian polymath Roger Joseph Boscovich on the 300th anniversary of his birth and 250th anniversary of his election to the Royal Society. Visitors will have the opportunity to become acquainted with this astounding eighteenth-century polymath, who – amongst other achievements – constructed his own theory of forces, proposed static solutions for the reparation of the dome of St Peter's in Rome when cracks threatened its stability, and founded the famous Brera Observatory in Milan.

Discover more about Boscovich's relations with the Royal Society and his time in England in this fascinating exhibition, which contains documents, manuscripts and rare books, many never before seen in public. The exhibition is curated by Dr Ivica Martinovic.

The exhibition opens on 23 November 2011 and visits are by appointment only (call 020 7451 2597 or visit royalsociety.org/Events-and-Exhibitions/ for more details). Entrance is free. The exhibition runs until 15 February 2012.

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