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Abstract

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Anyways, going to the [Predictive Toxicology](#) workshop, thanx to the bursary award I received from [echeminfo](#) (see [Oxford, August 2010: eCheminfo Predictive ADME & Toxicology 2010 Workshop](#)).

This afternoon I walked around a bit, watching all the old buildings. But I guess being here without anyone to share it with, and that it looks just like [Cambridge](#), makes me not-so-much impressed. Moreover, it's too busy with tourists and people randomly wearing Oxford University sweatshirts. Small and nice was the [Museum of the History of Science](#), with some nice chemical pieces, like this one:



Buildings like the [Radcliffe Camera](#) are nice on the outside, but closed. Seems I have to become a fellow first. This is what it looked like today:



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Quite interesting too was the Oxford University Press shop. I'm a sucker for books. Apparently, you can just write a book and publish it. For example, an extensive list of [dictionaries on about anything](#)... and since I have been writing several book chapters right now, perhaps this is actually an interesting route...

But the question is, of course, how long will we keep reading books... they're the [hamburgers](#) of educational material... Kindle and alikes will soon drop in price, and cost some €30 euro. But e-book prices will have to drop too, and I still do not get why an e-book is more expensive than a paperback... (see [Amazon, the Kindle edition is more expensive than the paperback??](#)). But then again... they are rich, and I am not.

There was some recent talk about the fact that no one can be Open to the full. You either do Open Data or Open Source, and make a living from the rest. That's where I nicely show I know bullocks of economics. I do [BODR](#), [CDK](#), ... all Open, all for free.

OK. That's a plus for Oxford... it makes you think about things. Perhaps there is something to [morphogenetic fields](#)...