Rolfinck, Werner  1599 - 1673

DEGREE: MD    DATE: 1625    PLACE: Padua
TEACHER/RESEARCH ADVISOR: Spieghel

first professor of chemistry in Jena; also taught anatomy, surgery, and botany; gave lectures that involved dissection of executed criminals - an innovation that aroused controversy; first to demonstrate the location of cataracts in the lens of the eye; wrote texts on pharmaceutical chemistry; opposed alchemical and superstitious thinking, and wrote book on chemical impossibilities such as the transmutation of metals to gold, the resuscitation of a plant from its ashes, obtaining oils from precious stones, etc.