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### THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE HISTORY OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES VIII Course: From Immunity to Cellular and Molecular Immunology History of Immunological Thought and of Discoveries in Immunology Ischia (Naples), Italy, 16–22 June 1992

Director of the VIII Course: G. J. V. Nossal (Melbourne, Australia); Director of the School: M. D. Grmek (Paris, France); Organizing Committee: L. Cariello, B. A. Fantini, J. A. Gilder, G. Rossi, G. Salvatore.

The course, which is limited to 50 participants, is addressed to scholars interested in the various aspects of the history and philosophy of immunology. Applications should be sent by **30th April 1992** to: History of Science Unit, Stazione Zoologica de Napoli, Villa Comunale, I-80121 Napoli, Italy (Tel.: +39 (0)81 583 3215. Fax: +39 (0)81 764 1355). **Late applications will be considered.** Please include a brief C.V. and a statement specifying your scientific and academic experience and interest in the topic of the course. A registration fee of Italian Lira 1,250,000 (approx. US\$1,000) will be required to cover registration and board and lodging in Ischia.

### 1992 EUROPEAN YEAR OF SAFETY, HYGIENE AND HEALTH PROTECTION AT WORK One day conference: 2 July 1992

Venue: SCI, 14–15 Belgrave Square, London, SW1X 8PS  
Fee: £75.00 (£48.00 to members of the Royal Society of Health)  
All enquiries to: Conference Department  
The Royal Society of Health  
38A St George's Drive  
London SW1V 4BH, UK  
(Tel: 071 630 0121; Fax: 071 976 6847)

### SAMUEL J. ZAKON AWARD IN THE HISTORY OF DERMATOLOGY

Papers are now being called for the fourteenth annual Samuel J. Zakon Award in the History of Dermatology, open to historians and dermatologists in practice or training. Manuscripts should be submitted by 1 October 1992 to John Thorne Crissey, MD, Chairman, Samuel J. Zakon Award Committee, LAC-USC Medical Center, Room 8440, 1200 N. State Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033, USA. Essays may relate to any aspect of the history of dermatology not heretofore published.

### “CINQUACENTENNIAL” OF A PARADOX

The 500th anniversary of the birth of Paracelsus (Aureolus Theophrastus Bombastus von Hohenheim, 1493–1541) will be in 1993. We would like to hear from scholars or societies that are interested in discussing a celebration/symposium/rare book exhibit to commemorate this date. Our Schlueter Paracelsus Collection is a formidable assemblage of works by Paracelsus,

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later Paracelsians and the iatro-chemists, covering the sixteenth to eighteenth centuries. All suggestions and interest are welcomed. Please contact Susan Alon, Head, Historical Collections, Washington University School of Medicine Library, St Louis, Missouri, 63110, USA (Tel: 314-362-4234).

#### PLEASE SEND US YOUR FAVOURITE QUOTATIONS!

Collections of quotations command a wide interest, but a common feature unites them all: science and scientists are badly served despite the importance of science in the formation of the modern world view. *The Oxford Dictionary of Scientific Quotations* hopes to redress the balance. It is important that the *ODSQ* should be as comprehensive and representative as possible and the Editors are necessarily dependent upon the help of well-wishers amongst the scientific and scholarly communities at large, as they could not hope to collect and select *all* the most valuable quotations that deserve to be printed. We would be deeply indebted to anyone who would send us those quotations they consider should find a place, be they instructive, amusing, characteristic of a certain individual, crucial in formulating scientific principles, or whatever. *What is required?*: Quotations may be from scientists both living and dead; and from other writers upon science. They may also be 'attrib.', or part of the 'folklore' of science. We hope we will ourselves find all the more obviously prominent quotations and would be specially grateful for slightly more out-of-the-way instances (perhaps quotations not yet famous but which deserve to become so).

W. F. Bynum and Roy Porter

Further information can be obtained from and quotations should be sent to: The Editors, *ODSQ*, Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BN, UK.

#### ROBERT WILLAN MANUSCRIPT Information required

I am searching for the original manuscript that the dermatologist, Robert Willan (1757–1812) presented to the Medical Society of London as a potential candidate for the John Fothergillian medal, which he was eventually awarded in 1787. Any information regarding this will be very much appreciated. Please contact: Professor Karl Holubar, Institute for the History of Medicine, IX., Währinger Strasse 25, A-1090 Vienna, Austria. Tel: (43-1) 408-79-00 or (43-1) 43-43-77.

#### REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM DR VALERIE FILDES

Dr Valerie Fildes who suffers from ME is now severely disabled and housebound. However, she is determined to continue with her research on the feeding and care of infants in all countries and all periods, but particularly in Britain, the British Empire, Europe and USA in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Her illness makes this difficult and she would much appreciate being sent relevant bibliographical information, reprints, illustrations, information about relevant theses and reports etc. Such information should be sent to: Dr Valerie Fildes, Holt View, Lye Hill, Breachwood Green, Hitchin, Herts. SG4 8PP, UK.