

# News, Notes, and Queries

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## WELLCOME INSTITUTE FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

At the end of 1989 The Wellcome Foundation Ltd will vacate the Wellcome Building, 183 Euston Road. The building will then be extensively redeveloped to provide permanent accommodation for the Wellcome Trust and the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine (WIHM), in addition to meeting rooms and an exhibition area devoted to medical research and the history of medicine. It is hoped that the redeveloped building will open in the latter part of 1991.

During the interim period of about eighteen months, the Institute itself will be severely disrupted, since the building works require the total evacuation of the premises: consequently the Library will be closed from 2 January 1990 until mid-April. After that the Library will operate from Bentley House, across the way at 200 Euston Road, London NW1 2BQ, which formerly housed the Wellcome Tropical Institute and which during 1989 is being renovated as the Library's permanent store. Although the WIHM Library collections will still be available for consultation, the Reading Room in Bentley House will be very much smaller than the present one, with correspondingly fewer desks for readers, and there will unfortunately be no carrels for Research Fellows and students.

The Academic Unit will be accommodated during this interim period in BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1, and undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and supervision will take place in University College London. The Unit's programme of seminars, symposia and public lectures will be maintained, though on a somewhat reduced scale. Details of these will continue to be published in the usual way. The staff of the Institute are determined that, insofar as is possible in these circumstances, their library services, teaching and research functions will be maintained.

## RECENT AWARDS IN MEDICAL HISTORY BY THE WELLCOME TRUST

Readers of this journal will be aware that the Wellcome Trustees have long been awarding grants for the support of research projects by individual historians of medicine. Awards take a variety of forms, reflecting the diversity of the Trust's concerns as well as the diversity of the field itself. Some of the main grants awarded during the 1988/89 academic session are listed below.

*Project Grants.* Professor **W. R. Lee** (University of Liverpool) has been awarded support for three years for a study of urbanization, the epidemiological transition, and public health strategies in nineteenth-century Bremen; Dr **C. M. Langford** (LSE) has been awarded support for one year to assess the impact of the 1918–19 influenza epidemic on Sri Lanka; Dr **D. J. Keene** (Institute of Historical Research, London) has been awarded a two-year grant for his work with Dr **J. S. Henderson** (Cambridge) on the geography of plague in seventeenth-century London; and Dr **M. A. Crowther** and Dr **M. W. Dupree** (Glasgow) have two years' support for a study of the role of the medical societies in the Scottish medical profession.

*Research Fellowships.* These continue to be a popular means of providing personal support for post-doctoral researchers. Awards in 1988/89 have been made to: Dr **I. R. Morus** (Cambridge) for a study of medical uses of electricity in early Victorian England; Dr **R. J. J. Martin** (Cambridge) for a study of Baconian medical reforms in seventeenth-century England; Dr **A. M. Hardy** and Lady **L. S. Wilkinson** (Wellcome Institute) for a historical study of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine 1899–1989; Dr **V. G. Hatfield** (University of East Anglia) for a study of domestic herbal remedies in East Anglia from the eighteenth century to present day; Dr **I. Fellman** (Wellcome Institute) for a study of Arabic medical terminology; and Dr **D. Beer** (Guy's Hospital) for a historical analysis of the concept of unitary psychosis.

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**Research Leave Fellowships.** This scheme is designed to release tenured members of the staff of educational institutions from their teaching and administrative duties to enable them to undertake an uninterrupted period of full-time research. One such award was made in the 1988/89 session to Dr **J. A. Secord** (Imperial College, London) for a study of medical contexts and the sciences of man in the Victorian evolutionary debates, 1844–1868.

**Research Training Scholarships.** Applications from scholars wishing to undertake a doctoral degree in the history of medicine are now the subject of an annual competition. In June 1989 awards were made to: Mr **P. K. Wilson** (Wellcome Institute) for a study of Daniel Turner and his influence upon British surgery and dermatology; Miss **H. J. Power** (Wellcome Institute) for a study of the life and works of Major General Sir Leonard Rogers; Mr **S. J. Holmes** (Manchester) for a study of T. M. Legge and British occupational medicine; and to Miss **A. C. Darlington** (Institute of Education, London) to enable her to complete her thesis on the teaching of anatomy at the Royal Academy of Arts, 1750–1810.

**Twentieth-century Medical Science.** The Trustees are specially keen to promote research in this field and have made available extra provision for the purpose. Three awards came into this category in 1988/89: Dr **I. Lasnitzki** (Cambridge) for the preparation of a monograph on the history of European tissue culture, 1885–1988; Dr **M. Teich** (Cambridge) for a study of the history of human genetics, 1900–1950; and Dr **E. G. Winchester** (Wellcome Institute) for a study of the relationship between genetics and embryology.

**Other Awards.** The Trustees' support for the history of medicine also extends to the provision of funds for symposia and conferences, contributions towards the cost of short-term research trips to the British Isles from other countries or vice versa, and the meeting of minor research costs of various kinds. A considerable number of scholars were also assisted under one or other of these heads in 1988/89.

The Trustees' central aim continues to be the nurturing and strengthening of the History of Medicine as an academic discipline. To this end it feels bound to give priority to applications for the support of research, and because the flow of these that are considered worthy of award now tends to exceed the resources available, it is regrettably no longer possible to provide subsidies for publications in other than very exceptional cases.

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### International Society for the History of Medicine XXXII<sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE Antwerp, Belgium, 3–7 September 1990

The main themes of the Congress are, Medicine, magic and religion; Nineteenth-century medicine; and the Medical book until 1650. Special sessions will also be devoted to the History of Otorhinolaryngology; Obstetrics in the Low Countries from the 17th to the 19th centuries; the History of sleepy sickness; and an open session. The deadline for submitting abstracts to the Scientific Committee is *15 March 1990*. For additional information contact the President of the Scientific Committee: Professor T. Appelboom, MD, Erasmus University Hospital, 808 route de Lennik, B-1070 Brussels, Belgium.

### FIRST EUROPEAN CONGRESS ON THE HISTORY OF PSYCHIATRY AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE

's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands, 24–26 October 1990  
*First Announcement and Call for Papers*

The Committee for the History of Psychiatry and Mental Health Care, established by The Netherlands Institute of Mental Health (NcGv) in 1979, aims to create a platform for the international exchange of information by organizing this congress. It is also its objective to set up a European Society for the History of Psychiatry and Mental Health Care.

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The official language of the Congress will be English. Those researching the history of psychiatry and mental health care will find the first two days of the Congress, October 24 and 25, of particular interest: a broader audience of persons working in the field of psychiatry and mental health care is welcomed on the third day, 26 October.

#### *Preliminary programme*

- 24 October 1990  
Wednesday      Plenary historiographical surveys of developments in the history of psychiatry in European countries, 1890–1990, by invited speakers.
- 25 October 1990  
Thursday        Research in Progress. Contributed papers in parallel sessions on the following topics: (1) Historiography of the history of psychiatry; (2) Mesmerism and hypnosis; (3) Psychoanalysis/psychotherapy; (4) Therapies; (5) Religion; (6) Psychiatry and gender; (7) Patients; (8) Forensic psychiatry; (9) Psychiatry and sexology; (10) Social psychiatry.
- 26 October 1990  
Friday            History of Psychiatry. Five internationally-known specialists in this field will present their views.

#### *Call for Papers*

The organizers invite participants to submit abstracts no longer than 300 words (1 typed A4 page, double spacing, 1" margins) before 1 February 1990. Please indicate the number of the topic or session in which the paper should preferably be included. Papers on topics not mentioned should include a suggested topic area. Authors of selected papers will be notified by 1 April 1990. Proceedings will be published after the Congress.

Please send abstracts to: 1st European Congress on the History of Psychiatry and Mental Health Care, c/o Leiden Congress Bureau, P.O. Box 16065, 2301 GB Leiden, The Netherlands. Tel. (0) 71–275299. Telex 39427 burul nl. Fax: (0) 71–275264.

Information on the social programme, excursion, and hotel accommodation will be given in the final announcement, to be mailed in early May 1990. For further information please contact the Congress at the address above.

#### Stazione Zoologica 'Anton Dohrn', Naples, Italy VII COURSE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE HISTORY OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

*History of Virology: Biology of viruses and epidemiology and clinics of viral diseases*  
Ischia, Naples, 19–28 June 1990

*Director of the School:* M. D. Grmek, Sorbonne, Paris

*Director of the Course:* Baruch S. Blumberg, Institute for Cancer Research, Philadelphia

*Scientific Secretariat:* Bernardino Fantini, Naples Zoological Station and University of Rome

*Sessions:* The viruses as biological objects (the rise of microbiology and virology, molecular biology, natural history of viruses), History of viral diseases; Vaccines and health policy; Special session on AIDS.

The course consists of major lectures and round-table discussion sessions. The working languages are English, French, and Italian. Opportunity will be given for some students attending the course to present short communications; and students wishing to do so should submit the material to be presented with their application.

Applications, including a detailed curriculum vitae, should be sent to: Jean Ann Gilder, History of Science Unit, Stazione Zoologica, Villa Comunale, I–80121 Naples, Italy. Tel: +39 (081) 583 3111. Telex: 72056 SZN/I. Fax: +39 (081) 764 1355.