

# News, Notes and Queries

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## CHANGES IN *MEDICAL HISTORY*

Attentive readers of the inside front cover of this journal will note some changes. Dr Christine Stevenson left the Wellcome Institute and *Medical History* in September 1991, upon her appointment to a lectureship in the History of Art and Architecture at the University of Reading. During almost four years with *Medical History*, she took an active role in the editorial process and established a rapport with everyone concerned with the production of this journal. Contributors appreciated her firm stylistic sense and constant helpfulness; the editors appreciated her commitment, judgement and witty inter-office memos; the printers appreciated her punctuality and clear handwriting. We wish her well, and hope to continue to use her skills as a referee and book reviewer, and look forward to seeing the book she is writing, a history of hospital architecture, reviewed in *Medical History*.

Her replacement as Assistant Editor, Caroline Tonson-Rye, is no stranger to the Wellcome Institute, having worked there for two years in the early 1970s. She then spent time in publishing, including 9 years as Chief Desk Editor at Hamish Hamilton. More recently, she acquired a BA in Spanish and Latin American Studies at King's College London. She has already settled in to the post and will continue the high standards set by her predecessor.

We also welcome two new members of the Editorial Board. Dr Johanna Geyer-Kordesch is Director of the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine at the University of Glasgow and a specialist in eighteenth-century Continental medicine. Dr Stephen Lock, formerly Editor of the *British Medical Journal*, is a long-time friend of this journal and the doyen of medical editors in Great Britain.

## THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH

The European Association for the History of Medicine and Health (EAHMH) held its inaugural meeting on 26 September 1991, in Strasbourg. The genesis of this new society has been long and complex. There have been meetings in London, Strasbourg, Copenhagen, and Stockholm at which medical historians from all over Europe and North America discussed the aims, objects, and organization of the Association. All were agreed on the need for a high-level academic forum in Europe at which scholars interested in the history of medicine and health, including demographers, social historians, social anthropologists, as well as more traditional historians of medicine and other medical specialities, could meet and exchange ideas. At a time when a new Europe is being created, there is a greater need than ever before for historians of medicine to combine for mutual assistance and co-operation, and to promote a wider public understanding of the problems of medicine, health and disease.

The official seat of the Association will be at the Université Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg, and its first officers are as follows:

President: Prof. U. Tröhler (Göttingen)

Secretary/Treasurer: Prof. C. Debru (Strasbourg)

Members of the Council: Prof. H. Beukers (Leiden), Prof. B. Lindskog (Copenhagen); and the President of the Université Louis Pasteur (or his deputy).

The Association will hold a Congress every two years, and will also endeavour to set up various networks of interest groups to disseminate news and information. The first Congress will take place in Göttingen in September 1993; fuller details will be available shortly.

There will be a Scientific Board, responsible for organizing the Congresses and for promoting these scientific networks. Its members are: Profs Tröhler, Debru, Beukers; Dr. J. Woodward (Sheffield), Chairman; Prof. B. Fantini (Geneva and Naples); Dr. J. Geyer-Kordesch (Glasgow); Prof. R. Jütte (Stuttgart); Prof. U. Seidler (Freiburg i. Br.); and Prof. J Sundin (Linköping).

Membership in the Association is not confined to scholars living or working in Europe. Beginning in 1992, the annual subscription will be 150 French Francs, in exchange for which

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members will receive an annual newsletter as well as the right to purchase at reduced cost the proceedings of the Congresses and other Association publications. Enquiries about membership in the Association, which is primarily aimed at scholars active in the field of the history of medicine and health, should be addressed, in the first instance, to the Officers of the Association or to members of the Scientific Board.

Full details of the Statutes of the Association will be published as soon as they have been legally approved and deposited in Strasbourg.

### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The *Angie and Joseph M. Francis Fellowships* are available for graduate study in the Department of the History of Health Sciences leading to an advanced degree. The Fellowships are limited to medical students and physicians interested in obtaining an MA or Ph.D in history in addition to their MD degree. Awards will be made for one year on the basis of merit, but students may re-apply for up to three years of support. Stipends range from \$12,000–14,000 per academic year. The deadline for applications is 1 February 1992. Contact: Chair, Department of the History of Health Sciences, Box 0726, 533 Parnassus Ave, University of California, San Francisco, CA 94143, USA.

#### POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW

The Department of the History of Health Sciences, University of California, San Francisco, invites applications for a post-doctoral research fellowship. The initial appointment is for twelve months with a chance of renewal depending on resources. The position requires 50% time in supervising an on-going programme of oral history devoted to the rise of biomedicine at the institution since the 1950s. The remaining 50% time is for personal research and writing. Opportunities for limited teaching can be negotiated. Preference will be given to scholars with previous oral history experience who also wish to use the archival and library resources in the Bay Area.

A Ph.D in history is required, preferably with concentration in nineteenth to twentieth-century health related topics. Enquiries should include a curriculum vitae, a brief research proposal, and the names of three scholars familiar with the applicant's work.

Position available: 1 July 1992; deadline for application: 1 March 1992; stipend for the twelve-month appointment: £27,000 with some health benefits and a research allowance.

For further information contact: Chair, Department of History of Health Sciences, University of California, San Francisco, 533 Parnassus Ave, San Francisco, CA 94143-0726, USA (Tel: 415-476-2766 or Fax: 415-476-9453).

### INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

#### *Innovation in medicine: historical and sociological aspects*

Paris, 21–23 April 1992

The aim of the symposium, which is sponsored by INSERM (Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale), is to stimulate debate among historians and sociologists of medicine interested in the study of the transformation of European medicine in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Invited speakers will participate in sessions on the status and cultural aspects of innovation in medicine, the birth of new medical disciplines and specialties, the construction of new conceptual objects by physicians, and the transformation of medical practices. The scientific committee is composed of Olga Amsterdamska (University of Amsterdam), Stuart Blume (University of Amsterdam), Ilana Löwy (INSERM, Paris), and Claire Salomon-Bayet (University of Paris I). The inscription fee is 200 FF. For further information contact the coordinator of the organisation committee: Ilana Löwy, U-158, INSERM, Hôpital des Enfants Malades, 149 rue de Sèvres, 75743 Paris Cedex 15, France; Tel. 33-1-45 67 08 11, Fax: 33-1-40 56 98 95.