

News, Notes, and Queries

Bakken Visiting Research Fellowships

The Bakken Library and Museum offers visiting research fellowships for the purpose of facilitating research in its collection of books, journals, manuscripts, prints, and instruments. The focus of The Bakken's collections is on the history of electricity and magnetism and their applications in the life sciences and medicine. Related materials include mesmerism and animal magnetism, nineteenth-century ephemera concerning alternative electromedical therapies, miscellaneous scientists' letters, and trade catalogues. The instruments include electrostatic generators, magneto-electric generators, induction coils, physiological instruments, recording devices, and accessories.

The fellowship is a maximum of \$1,300 and is to be used for travel, subsistence, and other direct costs of conducting research at The Bakken. The minimum period of residence is one week. The grants are open to all researchers. The deadline for applications for 1998 is **2 March 1998**. Please keep in mind while making your plans that because of construction and remodelling currently taking place, The Bakken will not be open to researchers until fall 1998. For application guidelines and further information, please contact: David J Rhees, Executive Director, The Bakken Library and Museum, 3537 Zenith Avenue So., Minneapolis, MN 55416, USA (tel: 612-927-6508; fax: 612-927-7265).

The Jerry Stannard Memorial Award

The 1998 competition for the annual award in honour of the late Professor Jerry Stannard is open to graduate students and to recent recipients of a doctoral degree (the PhD degree or an equivalent), conferred not more than three years before the competition deadline. Published or unpublished scholarly studies in the fields of the history of *materia medica*, medicinal botany, pharmacy, and folklore of drug therapy before the 1700s will be considered. In 1997 the award will be \$500. Manuscripts must be in English, French, or German. Only one paper by any author may be submitted in any given year. Each entry should be typewritten, double-spaced, and not longer than 50 pages, including notes, bibliography, and appendices. Entrants

should keep copies of their manuscripts, since those submitted will not be returned. Each submission must be accompanied by the following: (a) a one-page abstract of the paper *in English*; (b) a current *curriculum vitae* of the author; and (c) a letter of recommendation from an established scholar in the field. Entrants who are US residents should indicate their home address and social security number. Entries must be received no later than **15 February 1998**. The award will be announced on or about 15 May 1998. All manuscripts and correspondence should be addressed to: The Stannard Award Committee, Department of History, Wescoe Hall 3001, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045-2130, USA.

Congress of the Russian Medico-Historical Confederation Moscow, 11–15 March 1998

The main topic of this congress will be twentieth-century medicine, though other subjects will be covered too. For more information please contact: Professor T

Zhuravleva, Secretary-General, Russian Medico-Historical Confederation, Vorotnikovskiy per. 7–39, Moscow 103006, Russia.

The New York Academy of Medicine Section on Historical Medicine

The schedule of public lectures for 1997–98 has been announced. They will be held at the Academy (1216 Fifth Avenue (at 103rd St), New York, NY 10029) at 6.00 p.m. All are invited, but we ask that you notify us in advance if you plan to attend. CME credits are available for physicians.

For further information please contact the Office of the Associate Librarian for Historical Collections and Programs: 212-822-7311 or 7314. E-mail: emorman@nyam.org or history@nyam.org

15 October 1997: 'Hairy Women and Naked Truths: Picturing Reproduction in Early Modern Midwifery Guides', Prof. Mary Fissell. **20 November 1997:** The Lattimer Lecture: 'Bedside Manners in the Middle

Ages', Prof. Michael McVaugh. **4 December 1997:** 'Medical History and the Internet', Russell Maulitz, MD. **22 January 1998:** Medicine and Movies, I: 'Men in White: Censoring Screen Surgery in 1930s Hollywood', Prof. Susan Lederer. **18 February 1998:** Medicine and Movies, II: 'Syphilis at the Cinema: The U.S. Public Health Service's VD Films of the 1930s and 1940s', John Parascandola, PhD. **16 March 1998:** Medicine and Movies, III: 'The Black Stork: Motion Pictures and Eugenic Euthanasia in Early 20th Century America', Prof. Martin Pernick. **20 May 1998:** The Galston Lecture: 'On the Boundary of Transgression: F.C. Hollick and His Best-Selling Counsel on Marriage', Prof. Charles Rosenberg.

The New York Academy of Medicine Paul Klemperer Research Fellowship in the History of Medicine

The Paul Klemperer Fellowship is offered each year to support historical research in residence in the collections of the Academy Library, which is one of the largest medical libraries in the United States. The Fellowship provides a stipend of up to \$5,000 to support travel, lodging and incidental expenses for a flexible period of time between 1 June 1998 and 31 December 1998. In addition to completing the research in the Library, the Fellow will be expected to present a seminar at the Academy and submit a final report of the project. Applications are welcome from anyone—regardless of citizenship, academic discipline, or academic status—who wishes to use the Academy's collections for scholarly

historical research but preference will be given to (1) those who demonstrate the need to use the resources that are uniquely available at the Academy, and (2) scholars in the early stages of their careers.

Applications must be received by the Academy no later than **1 February 1998**; candidates will be informed of the results by 1 May 1998. Requests for applications or further information should be addressed to: Office of the Associate Librarian for Historical Collections and Programs, New York Academy of Medicine, 1216 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10029. E-mail: history@nyam.org or emorman@nyam.org. Tel: 212-822-7314.