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Call for Papers

International Medieval Studies Congress Kalamazoo, May 2001

Organized by the Association Villard de Honnecourt for the Interdisciplinary Study of Medieval Technology, Science and Art (AVISTA), the theme of this International Congress is 'The medieval hospital and medical practice: bridging the evidence, interdisciplinary approaches to the medieval hospital and medical practice'. Proposals are sought for 20–25 minute papers

touching on all aspects of research concerning the medieval hospital and medical practice. The deadline for abstracts is 15 September 2000, and these should be sent to: Barbara S Bowers, The Ohio State University, Jones twr. 455, 101 Curl Dr, Columbus, Ohio, 43210; Tel.: 614-688-9556; e-mail: bbowers@osu.edu.

Writing on Hands:

Memory and Knowledge in Early Modern Europe

An exhibition entitled 'Writing on hands: memory and knowledge in early modern Europe' will be open from 8 September until 25 November 2000 at the Trout Gallery, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and from 11 December 2000 until 4 March 2001 at the Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC. The exhibition explores the use and importance of images of the hand in codifying and extending knowledge from the mathematical and musical to the spiritual and astrological in Renaissance Europe. Approximately 83 manuscripts, prints and books borrowed from Library of Congress, The Philadelphia College of Physicians, The Pierpont Morgan Library, The Metropolitan Museum,

National Library of Medicine, National Gallery of Art and other major institutions will illustrate how, in conjunction with developing print technology, major currents of thought, such as humanism, the Reformation, and the scientific revolution, affected representations of the inscribed hand. While referring to relevant medieval traditions, the time frame of the exhibition is restricted to 1480 to 1700. The exhibition is made possible through the generosity of Ruth Trout and with help from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the participation of the Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington DC.

The Jerry Stannard Memorial Award

The Department of History at the University of Kansas announces the 2001 competition for the annual award in honour of the late Professor Jerry Stannard. The purpose of the award is to encourage research by young scholars in the fields of the history of materia medica, medicinal

botany, pharmacy, and folklore of drug therapy before the 1700s. In 2001 the award will be \$600 for an outstanding published or unpublished scholarly study in those fields. The competition is open to graduate students and to recent recipients of a doctoral degree (the PhD degree or an

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equivalent), conferred not more than three years before the competition deadline. 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 no longer than 50 pages, including notes, bibliography, and appendices. Entrants should keep copies of their manuscripts, since manuscripts submitted will not be returned. Each manuscript 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 include their home address and social security number. Entries must be received no later than 15 February 2001. The award will be announced on or about 15 May 2001. All manuscripts and correspondence should be addressed to: The Stannard Award Committee, Attn: Professor Thomas J Lewin, Department of History, Wescoe Hall 3001, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045-2130, USA.

Rockefeller Archive Center Programmes of Grants for 2001

The Rockefeller Archive Center, a division of The Rockefeller University, announces a special programme of grants-in-aid for the year 2001 in the History of the Cold War Era. In addition to its other grants, the Center will award up to \$2500 for residents of the United States and Canada, and up to \$3000 for residents of other nations, for travel to the Center to conduct research in its collections in this field. Scholarly researchers may apply and students preparing doctoral dissertations. Applications can be made at any time.

The Center also invites applications for its regular programme of Grants for Travel and Research at the Rockefeller Archive Center for 2001. The competitive programme makes grants of up to \$2500 to U.S. and Canadian researchers and up to \$3000 to researchers from other countries in any discipline, usually graduate students or post-doctoral scholars, who need to use the collections at the Center for their research.

In addition, there are special funds available for short-term grants for researchers wishing to use the Paul Ehrlich Collection. Also for 2001, the Center will again award grants to support research on the history of The Rockefeller University, and it will continue a five-year programme of residencies (of one month, one semester or an academic year) at the Center for topics related to the history of basic medical research. Stipends of \$5000 per month will be awarded to cover all expenses.

The deadline for all applications is 30 November 2000. For further information, applicants should contact: Darwin H Stapleton, Director, Rockefeller Archive Center, 15 Dayton Avenue, Pocantico Hills, Sleepy Hollow, New York 10591-1598, USA. Tel.: 914-631-4505; Fax: 914-631-6017; e-mail: archive@rockvax.rockefeller.edu. Web site: <http://www.rockefeller.edu/archive.ctr>