

## *News, Notes, and Queries*

### Society for the Social History of Medicine Prize Essay Competition 1999

The Society for the Social History of Medicine (SSHM) invites submissions for its 1999 prize essay competition. This prize is awarded to the best original, unpublished essay in the social history of medicine as judged by the SSHM's assessment panel. The winner will be awarded £200, and his or her entry may also be published in the journal, *Social History of Medicine*. The competition is open to students and recently qualified postdoctoral scholars. The deadline for submissions is 31 December 1999.

Further details and an entry form can be obtained from the membership secretary, David Cantor, Department of History and Economic History, Manchester Metropolitan University, Geoffrey Manton Building, Rosamond Street West, Manchester M15 6LL, England. (d.cantor@mmu.ac.uk or dcantor@fs4.ma.man.ac.uk) SSHM website: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/~ahzwww/homesshm.htm>

### *Call for Papers*

#### 3rd International Congress on the Evolution and Palaeoepidemiology of Infectious Diseases: The Past and Present of Leprosy 26–31 July 1999, Bradford, England

An international congress on the evolution and palaeoepidemiology of leprosy is being held at the University of Bradford in July 1999. It aims to bring together clinicians, pathologists, epidemiologists, palaeopathologists, medical and social historians in an interdisciplinary congress focusing on leprosy.

Papers and posters are invited in microbiology and evolution of mycobacteria, clinicopathology, skeletal diagnostic criteria, pathogenesis and palaeopathology,

epidemiology and palaeoepidemiology of leprosy, interaction between leprosy and tuberculosis, sociological reaction to leprosy, past and present (including treatment and leprosy hospitals), medical historical and skeletal evidence of European and non-European leprosy. If you require further details please contact: Dr Charlotte Roberts, Department of Archaeological Sciences, University of Bradford, Bradford BD7 1DP. Tel.: 01274 233538; Fax: 01274 235190; email: C.A.Roberts@Bradford.ac.uk

### Conference Announcement

#### The Bookshop of the World: A Celebration of 500 Years of Printing and Publishing in the Low Countries

An international conference and exhibition will be held on Wednesday to Friday 15–17 September, 1999 organized by the Association for Low Countries Studies in the UK and Ireland and the British Library (Dutch/Flemish Section), in association with the Wellcome

Institute for the History of Medicine, and the Centre for Dutch and Flemish Culture at University College London. The first and third days will be held at the British Library Conference Centre, the second day at the Wellcome Building.

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Themes that will be covered include: Dutch and Flemish incunables; the history of publishing and bookselling; libraries; Anglo-Dutch literary relations; translation; linguistics; cartography; medicine and science; prints; clandestine printing.

Keynote speakers will include: Dr Lotte Hellinga (British Library), Prof. Paul Hoftijzer (Leiden University), Prof. Jonathan Israel (University College London), Prof. Vivian Nutton (Wellcome Institute), Prof. Ludo Simons (University of Antwerp).

The conference will end with an international Forum and public debate on the future of books, libraries and reading.

The conference fee will be £80 (waged) and £30 (unwaged). The deadline for registration is 31 May 1999. For further information, please contact: Association for Low Countries Studies, c/o Centre for Dutch and Flemish Culture, Department of Dutch, University College London, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT. Tel.: 0171 504 2116; Fax: 0171 916 6985; e-mail: [ucldkrb@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:ucldkrb@ucl.ac.uk)

### *Call for Papers*

#### American Association for the History of Medicine 18–21 May 2000, Bethesda, MD, USA

The American Association for the History of Medicine welcomes papers on topics related to the history of health and healing; of medical ideas, practices and institutions; the history of illness, disease, and public health—from all eras and regions of the world. The programme committee welcomes session proposals and proposals for luncheon workshops; the papers for such sessions will be judged on their individual merits.

All papers must represent original work not already published or in press. Please send six

copies of a one-page abstract (350 words maximum) to Harry M Marks, Dept of the History of Science, Medicine & Technology, The Johns Hopkins University, 1900 E Monument Street, Baltimore, MD 21205, USA. Abstracts should not merely state a research question, but describe findings and conclusions. Please also provide the following: name, preferred mailing address, work and home telephone numbers, present institutional affiliation and academic degrees. Abstracts must be received by 1 October 1999.