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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

As this year's annual meeting draws near, I find it instructive to reflect on how far our field has progressed since the Association last met in Madison in 1977. The entire meeting that year was held in single-session format, except for parallel sessions of two presentations at a time on one of the days. Now, the meeting is bursting at the seams with three or four parallel sessions throughout, and the Program Committee still has excellent abstracts that it cannot fit into the schedule. The 2004 program contains a much greater diversity of topics and intellectual approaches, and the number of institutions and work settings that speakers are calling their home is also larger. A generation ago, it was not always easy to find a book worthy of the Welch Medal. (On seven occasions from 1951 to 1970, the Welch Medal was not even awarded.) Today, the Welch Committee is inundated with magnificent books, and there has been talk in the Association about the possibility of creating a second book award. AAHM members have been discussing their work not just with fellow scholars but with the public as well, as manifested by the frequency with which our members are quoted in newspapers, appear on radio and television, and serve on government commissions and task forces. Such intellectual vigor makes me proud to be a historian of medicine, and I am honored for having had the opportunity to serve as president of the Association the past two years.

One thing that has not changed with time in the AAHM is its congeniality and friendliness, as well as the commitment of its members to the discipline, organization, and each other. As president, I see this in the alacrity with which our members agree to serve on committees or on Council, and in the dedication, skill, and thoughtfulness that they bring to these tasks. Year after year, hard work and good will are also found in abundance among members of the Local Arrangements Committee, the editorial board of the *Bulletin*, and the staff of the *NewsLetter*. The Association is full of wonderful people, not just wonderful scholars.

The past few months, the support of our members has again been apparent in the enthusiastic response to the launching of the AAHM's "Endow Our Prizes" Campaign. I am pleased to report that at this time, we have already raised over \$100,000, or one-third of our goal of \$300,000. One hundred twelve members have contributed to the campaign thus far. I am extremely grateful to all these individuals for their generosity and support and offer to each of them my most heartfelt thanks and appreciation. The honor roll of 2003 donors appears in this issue of the *NewsLetter*.

As the "Endow Our Prizes" Campaign continues, I thought it might be useful to mention the questions I am most frequently asked about the campaign. Q: Is the goal achievable? A: Yes. Q: How will this be done? A: I am anticipating that in 2004, those on the honor roll will be able to continue their previous level of generosity, or even stretch a bit more. I also hope that the number of donors will increase by at least three-fold. A few more "angels" wouldn't hurt, either. A year from now, we should be much closer to the goal. A: Are donations tax deductible? A: Yes—fully. A: What expenses are being incurred for the fund-raising drive? A: None, other than the minor cost of printing and mailing solicitation letters and gift acknowledgements. Q: Who manages the money? A: Merrill Lynch, which manages all AAHM money. The Finance Committee and Council regularly review investment policy and performance. Q: Who will come to the AAHM's rescue in the event of a future financial crisis, if we fail now to provide for our society's financial security ourselves? A: No one.

I hope that 2004 finds all of you healthy, happy, and well. Best wishes for a productive spring, and I look forward to

seeing you at the Madison meeting. Until then, as always, I may be reached by telephone (314-362-8073), email "kludmere@im.wustl.edu", or standard mail (Washington University Department of Medicine, 660 South Euclid Avenue, Campus Box 8066, St. Louis, MO 63110). *Ken Ludmerer*

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News items of 250 words or less are invited and may be submitted by e-mail (preferred), Fax, or regular mail. Deadlines: February 10, June 10, September 10.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

Perspectives on 20th-century Pharmaceuticals— an interschool and multidisciplinary conference at Oxford, July 14-16, 2005. The development of pharmaceuticals and the growth of the pharmaceutical industry are a major aspect of the history of the twentieth century. The economic importance of the industry, the contributions it has made to health and welfare, and the stimulus it has provided for research in the biomedical sciences and

related technologies, have been considerable. However, because of the difficulty of access to pharmaceutical archives in many countries, the history of pharmaceuticals in general, and of the pharmaceutical industry in particular, is still relatively under-developed. For these reasons, this conference has the two following broadly-defined aims: 1) to bring together scientists, industrialists, clinicians, and historians, who share a common interest in the development of pharmaceuticals in the 20th century; 2) to contribute to a greater understanding of the history of the pharmaceutical industry in the 20th century through a multi-disciplinary approach, taking into account the different perspectives provided by health economists, sociologists, anthropologists, and historians of business, science, technology, and medicine. This will be done by a series of seven consecutive sessions, spread over two and a half days in July 2005.

Contributions from different disciplines, and from different countries are most welcome. However, all contributors are encouraged to centre their papers around pharmaceuticals and/or the pharmaceutical industry. They are also urged to reflect on the different interfaces which have shaped or have been shaped by the industry in the twentieth century. The deadline for submissions is 30 September 2004.

Please send abstracts of up to one page to either of the co-organisers. Electronic submissions are preferred. Co-organisers: V. Quirke & J. Slinn, Centre for Health, Medicine and Society and Business School, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, England; e-mail addresses: "vquirke@brookes.ac.uk" & "jaslinn@brookes.ac.uk".

Medicine Across Cultures: 600-1600 –The Nineteenth Barnard Medieval and Renaissance Conference, Saturday, December 4, 2004. Call for papers centered on medieval and renaissance medical theory and practice from around the world. Possible topics include: theories of the body and its workings; signs and cures of sickness; definitions of health; ideas on the circulation of fluids; notions of equilibrium; pharmacological theory; connections between medicine and empirical science; the relationship of medicine to theology and psychology; medical education and practitioners; medicine and literature; medicine and the plastic arts; medicine and music. Papers centered on a comparative analysis of two or more cultures/traditions are particularly welcome.

Send abstracts to "jkaye@barnard.edu" or Joel Kaye, Dept. of History, Barnard College, 3009 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10027. Deadline for abstracts: April 15, 2004.

The **Illinois State Historical Society's 2004 symposium** takes a turn toward the technical with the theme "**Engineering Illinois.**" History buffs, teachers and professional historians can all submit proposals for papers on Illinois science, medicine or technology since 1818. Papers on other aspects of the state's history are also welcome. The Symposium will take place December 3 and 4 in Springfield. For the first time in its 25-year history, the Symposium will also feature an exhibit hall for documentaries about Illinois history. Producers of such work should also submit samples for consideration. The deadline for submissions is March 21, 2004. Address them to the Illinois State Historical Society, 210 S. 6th St., Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701. Each proposal should include a summary of the topic and a one-page resume of the participant. The summary should specify the major sources used in the research. The Society will notify individuals of their selection in June. Contact: Tom Teague, 217-525-2781.

The **National Coalition of Independent Scholars** will hold a conference in New York City, October 15-17, 2004. Papers are invited on a specific research interest in relation to the overall theme of how and why independent scholars do their work. For more details, visit "www.ncis.org." Send abstracts of up to 250 words plus a one page vita to: "jwlafler@ix.netcom.com" (preferred) or mail to NCIS, P.O.Box 5743, Berkeley, CA 94705. Deadline: March 15, 2004.

PRIZES

The **Forum for History of Human Science** invites submissions for its **Dissertation Prize**, which is awarded every other year for best recent dissertation on some aspect of the history of the human sciences. The prize, to which a US \$100 monetary award is attached, alternates annually in rotation with the Forum's prize for the best published article. The winner of the 2004 Dissertation Prize will be announced at the 2004 History of Science Society meeting, which will be held 18-21 November 2004 in Austin, Texas. Entries are encouraged from authors in any discipline, as long as the work is related to the history of the human sciences, broadly construed. To be eligible, the dissertation must have been filed within

the three years previous to the year of the award (that is during the years 2001-2003, inclusive, for the prize awarded in autumn 2004). Three copies of entries must be received by June 1, 2004. Send them to: Nadine Weidman, Secretary, Forum for the History of Human Science, 138 Woburn St., Medford, MA 02155. For more information, including past winners, see the FHHS website: "www.fhhs.org".

The **Society for the Social History of Medicine (SSHM)** invites submissions to its **2004 Roy Porter Student Essay Prize** Competition. This prize will be awarded to the best original, unpublished essay in the social history of medicine submitted to the competition as judged by the SSHM's assessment panel. It is named in honour of the late Professor Roy Porter, a great teacher and a generous scholar. The competition is open to undergraduate and post-graduate students in full or part-time education. The winner will be awarded £500, and his or her entry may also be published in the journal, *Social History of Medicine*. Further details and entry forms can be downloaded from the SSHM's website "<http://www.sshm.org>".

Alternatively, please contact David Cantor, Division of Cancer Prevention, National Cancer Institute, Executive Plaza North, Suite 2025, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda MD 20892-7309, U.S.A. Email: "competition@sshm.org". The deadline for entries is: December 31, 2004.

The **Forum for History of Human Science (FHHS)** and the *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Science (JHBS)* encourage researchers early in their careers to submit unpublished manuscripts for the annual **John C. Burnham Early Career Award**, named in honor of this prominent historian of the human sciences and past-editor of JHBS. The journal will publish the winning paper with a notice of the award, and the publisher will provide the author of the paper an honorarium of \$500.

Unpublished manuscripts dealing with any aspect(s) of the history of the human sciences are welcome. Eligible scholars are those who do not hold tenured university positions (or equivalent); graduate students and independent scholars are encouraged to submit. "Early career" is interpreted to include the period up to seven (7) years beyond the Ph.D. Since competition may be high in any given year, people are encouraged to re-submit in subsequent years, as long as the manuscript has not been already submitted to some other journal and the

submitting scholar is still in early career. The deadline is April 30. For more information, see the FHHS website: "www.fhhs.org".

The Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences has created the Jackson Prize in honor of Dr. Stanley W. Jackson (1920-2000). Dr. Jackson was a former editor of the journal, president of the American Association for the History of Medicine, and a distinguished professor of psychiatry and medical history at Yale Medical School. He was the author of numerous works in the history of medicine, including most recently, *Care of the Psyche: A History of Psychological Healing* (1999). The Jackson Prize is given for a paper published in the *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*. The prize of \$500 is awarded yearly by a committee appointed by the editor for the best paper that appeared in the journal in the previous 3 years.

The 2003 winner for the best article published in the 2000, 2001, and 2002 volumes of the journal is David Geier and Mark Geier's, "The True Story of Pertussis Vaccination: A Sordid Legacy?" (57:3, July 2002). To view the prize-winning article, visit "www.jhmas.oupjournals.org" and click on the banner linking to the Jackson Prize site. Submission information and a free sample of the journal are also available at the journal's homepage.

The **International Society for the History of East Asian Science, Technology, and Medicine (ISHEASTM)** announces the creation of the **Zhu Kezhen Awards** and solicits nominations for the award. The Zhu Kezhen Award and the Zhu Kezhen Junior Award were both established in 2002 through the generosity of the Institute of the History of Natural Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences. The Zhu Kezhen Award consists of a medal and a cash prize of \$1000. It is the highest honor awarded by the ISHEASTM for an essay of original scholarship in the history of science, technology, and medicine in East Asia. The two Zhu Kezhen Junior Awards, consisting of a certificate and a cash prize of \$500, are awarded for an essay written by a junior scholar in the history of science, technology, and medicine in East Asia. All three prizes are awarded once every three years at the plenary conference of the ISHEASTM. The Zhu Kezhen Award Committee, appointed by the Board of the ISHEASTM, will determine the essays to be considered for the awards by

reviewing lists of recently published essays and soliciting nominations from members of the ISHEASTM. Members may nominate their own essays. Essays in English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, or Vietnamese published less than four years prior to the deadline for nomination will be considered. Essays in other Asian languages will be considered if they are accompanied by an English language translation. For the Zhu Kezhen Junior Award, the author should be a graduate student or a scholar who received his/her doctoral degree less than five years prior to the deadline for nomination. Nominations, accompanied by a copy of the nominated essay, should be submitted to the Zhu Kezhen Award Committee. To ensure fair evaluation, it is advised that all essays in East Asian languages should be accompanied by an English translation. The deadline for acceptance of submission is September 30, 2004. All nominations should be sent to the Zhu Kezhen Award Committee secretary. Dr. Sun Xiaochun, Institute for the History of Natural Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences, 137 Chao Nei Street, Beijing 100010, China. An electronic version is welcome and one hard copy of the offprint is required.

FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

Research Fellowships are available from the **National Endowment for the Humanities**. Guidelines for the 2005-2006 NEH Fellowships are now available on the NEH Web site "www.neh.gov". The submission deadline is May 1, 2004.

NEW THIS YEAR: NEH Fellowship applications will be made online. NEH strongly encourages all applicants to apply using the new web-based application form. This user-friendly form permits applicants to prepare, save, edit, and submit their proposals as well as check on the status of their letters of reference. The application site will be available on March 1, 2004 through May 1, 2004.

Fellowships are awarded for projects in all areas of the humanities, including the history of science, history of medicine, and history of technology. Applicants may be faculty or staff members of colleges or universities or independent scholars. Those enrolled in degree programs as of May 1, 2004, are not eligible to apply. U.S. citizens are eligible, as are foreign nationals who, as of May 1, 2004, have been residents of the U.S. for the three years immediately prior to that deadline. Recipients usually produce scholarly articles, books, or translations, editions, or other scholarly tools. Lists of recent Fellowship

winners are available at "www.neh.gov/news/recentawards.html". For more information, contact NEH Fellowships by telephone at 202-606-8200 or by email at "fellowships@neh.gov" or contact Daniel P. Jones, Senior Program Officer, Division of Research Programs, Room 318, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC 20506; Telephone: 202/606-8217; Fax: 202/606-8204.

The **American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical Corporation** jointly sponsor one \$5000 **fellowship in the History of American Obstetrics and Gynecology** each year. ACOG Junior Fellows and Fellows are encouraged to apply. The recipient of the fellowship spends one month in the Washington, DC, area working full-time to complete an historical research project. Applications and further information about the fellowship can be obtained by contacting: The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Ms. Debra Scarborough, History Librarian/Archivist, Washington, DC 20024-2588; (202) 863-2578, or (202) 863-2518; (202) 484-1595 (fax); "dscarborough@acog.org". Application must be received by October 1, 2004. Selection will be made and the recipient notified as soon as possible after the deadline so that the fellowship may begin as early as winter, 2004.

The **Francis C. Wood Institute for the History of Medicine at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia** is pleased to announce the availability of short-term resident research fellowships- for 2004-2005. Wood Fellowships carry a maximum grant of \$1000, and require at least one week's residence at the College of Physicians. Grants will be awarded to scholars engaged in projects requiring use of the Historical Medical Library or Mütter Museum between July 2004 and June 2005. The grants are intended for travel to Philadelphia or to offset income loss and research expenses. For further information on the collections of the College Library and the Mütter Museum, please consult our website: "http://www.collphyphil.org". The next deadline is April 1, 2004.

LIBRARIES/MUSEUMS

2002-2003 WOOD INSTITUTE SHORT-TERM RESIDENT RESEARCH FELLOWS:

Keith Beutler (Ph.D. candidate, History, Washington University in St. Louis) "Patriotic Mnemonics and Medicalization of Memory in the Early American Republic"

Eric Boyle (Ph.D. candidate, History of Science and Medicine, UC-Santa Barbara) "History of Orthodox and Unorthodox Medical Therapeutics"

Angela Britlinger, Ph.D. (Slavics, Ohio State University) "Madness in Russia"

Juanita De Barros, Ph.D (History, Western Michigan University) "Race, Identity and the Emergence of a Creole Medical Profession in the British Caribbean"

Greg Eghigian, Ph.D. (History, Pennsylvania State University) "Crime, Politics and Psychiatry in Germany, 1933-1989"

Lynda Stephenson Payne, Ph.D. (History, and Women's and Gender Studies; University of Missouri, Kansas City) "History of Gonorrhea in Britain, 1600-1800"

Amy Farrell, Ph.D. (American Studies and Women's Studies, Dickinson College) "Corpulence, Obesity, and Weight Control 1800-1970"

David Hancock, Ph.D. (History, University of Michigan) "Madeira Wine, 1640-1815"

Katie Hollister (MFA candidate, University of Arizona) [Research/Inspiration for Paintings]

Shawn Kimmell (Ph.D. candidate, History, University of Michigan) "Medical Police"

Angela Matysiak (Ph.D. candidate, History, George Washington University) "Albert Bruce Sabin: The Development of an Oral Vaccine against Poliomyelitis"

Matthew Newsom (Ph.D. candidate, University of Southern California) "Anglo-American Isolation of Infectious Fevers, 1860s-1930s"

Vera Blinn Reber, Ph.D. (History, Shippensburg University) "TB in Philadelphia, 1810-1940"

Robin Rohrer (History, Seton Hill University) "'Curing' Children with Cancer"

Nicole M. Scott (Ph.D. candidate, Epidemiology, University of Pittsburgh) "Dermatoglyphics and Dysmorphologies"

Tanya Sheehan (Ph.D. candidate, History of Art and Architecture, Brown University) "Art of Operating: Portrait Photography and Surgery in Late 19th Century American Culture"

Olopeju Simoyan, BDS, MPH (Medical student, Penn State University College of Medicine) "International Medical Assistance Programs: Establishing a Historical Perspective"

Sarah Tracy, Ph.D. (Honors College, University of Oklahoma) "Alcoholism in America, 1870-1920"

A new **exhibition at the National Library of Medicine: *Changing the Face of Medicine***, honoring the lives and achievements of outstanding American women physicians, opened on October 14 with music, guests, and a reception. The exhibition features stories from a rich diversity of women physicians and the broad range of medicine that they practice in communities across the United States. More than 300 physicians are featured. The exhibition runs until Spring 2005 and has a companion website at: "www.nlm.nih.gov/changingthefaceofmedicine".

Recent **historical lectures** sponsored by the **History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine:**

October 22, Bernard Unti, "Animal Protection Societies and the Passage of the 1966 Laboratory Animal Welfare Act."

November 5, Richard Sha, "19th Century Romantic Science and British Sexual Liberation."

December 10, James T. H. Connor, "Not a Dime Museum, Not an Anatomical Museum, but a National Medical Museum: The Army Medical Museum as a Federal Institution, 1860s-1920s."

On October 16 and 17, the **History of Medicine Division** hosted a **symposium, "Visual Culture and Public Health."** Barbara Stafford (University of Chicago) gave the keynote address, "Public Health as Public Art: The Role of Images in a Time of Epidemics." With more than 100 registrants, this was one of the largest history of medicine gatherings HMD has sponsored.

A new website: *Visual Culture and Public Health* is a new web exhibit (mounted on October 15, 2003) of public health posters, "<http://profiles.nlm.nih.gov/VC/>".

New mini-exhibitions at National Library of Medicine: "John Eisenberg: A Life of Service, 1946-2002," opened December 22 in the foyer to the History of Medicine Division reading room. It highlights the career of a leading figure in health services research who was head of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. **"The Art of African Women: Empowering Traditions"**, celebrates African-American History Month, 2004, through the photographs of journalist Margaret Courtney-Clarke. Taken over a period of more than twenty years, the photographs document the daily lives of rural African women as they encounter social, political and economic change.

New addition the National Library of Medicine website: The National Library of Medicine has just released the

full back-run of the *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association* on the PubMed Central Web site. The electronic version begins with volume 1 (1911).

The **Baker-Cederberg Museum and Archives**, of Rochester, NY, is proud to announce the addition of two new online exhibits to our website: "The Cadet Nurse Corps" by Kathleen Emerson Britton, Collections Manager, B-C.M.A., and the "Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918" by Guest Curator, Teresa K. Lehr. Visit the electronic museum at "<http://www.viahealth.org/archives/exhibits.html>".

Archives and Special Collections at the Columbia University Health Sciences Library is pleased to announce the opening of the papers of **Viola W. Bernard (1907-1998)**. Dr. Bernard was an eminent psychiatrist, psychoanalyst and child welfare advocate. She is perhaps best known as one of the founders of the field of "community" or "social" psychiatry, which attempted to apply psychiatric insights to the solution of social problems. Bernard was founder and Director (1956-1969) of Columbia University's Division of Community and Social Psychiatry, where she helped to train hundreds of psychiatrists and public health specialists in the field. She was active in dozens of professional, civic, educational and child welfare organizations both locally and nationally in which she - and such colleagues as Justine Wise Polier, Marion Kenworthy, Barbara Biber and others - wielded considerable influence in setting the agenda on children's issues. In addition, she became an expert in the psychological issues surrounding adoption, infertility and family formation.

Dr. Bernard's papers are over 128 cubic feet and span the dates 1918-2000. They include correspondence, oral history interviews, reports, patient records, photographs, audio and video recordings, phonograph records, printed material, newspaper clippings, and artifacts. Almost every aspect of Bernard's life, both personal and professional, is documented. The finding aid for the Viola W. Bernard Papers, including a box and folder list in PDF form, can be found at: "<http://library.cpmc.columbia.edu/hsl/archives/findingaid/s/bernard.html>". For general inquiries about the papers, please contact Archives and Special Collections at "hslarchives@columbia.edu".

Wellcome Library Summer Closure July 31, 2004, to August 15, 2004, the Wellcome Building, which houses

the Wellcome Library, is to undergo a major refurbishment. The Library's current accommodation at 183 Euston Road is to be upgraded and expanded. While the refurbishment is being carried out, the services and collections will relocate to 210 Euston Road from August 2004 until Spring 2006. To facilitate the transfer, the Library will be closed to the public for two weeks from 31 July to 15 August 2004, inclusive. Readers planning to visit during summer 2004 are strongly advised to contact the Enquiry Line on +44 (0)20 7611 8722 before traveling. For regular updates about the progress of the move and of the refurbishment, check the news page on the website: "<http://library.wellcome.ac.uk/news/>"; if you need further information, please contact the Project Manager, Tracey Wickham: telephone on +44 (0)20 7611 8731. or email: "t.wickham@wellcome.ac.uk".

The **2004 Wood Library-Museum Laureate Historian of Anesthesia** is Donald Caton, M.D. The Laureate of Anesthesia program, established in 1994, has as its purpose increased recognition of the richness and importance of the history of the specialty by recognizing the work of scholars who have made singular contributions to the field. The honor is awarded every four years by the WLM Laureate Committee to an individual who has a demonstrable record of contributing over the years outstanding, original materials related to the history of our specialty as reflected by articles published in peer-reviewed journals, and/or in monographs.

Dr. Donald Caton has published extensively in anesthesia history. He won the Anesthesia History Association's David M. Little Award and the British Medical Association Commended Award in 2000, for his book *What a Blessing She had Chloroform*, which was nominated for a number of other awards. Eleven of his 67 peer-reviewed articles focused on history, including his first article in *Anesthesiology* on the history of obstetrical anesthesia.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

The **American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists** announces that the recipient of the year 2004 ACOG/Ortho-McNeil Fellowship in the History of American Obstetrics and Gynecology is **Ronald E. Batt, MD, FACOG**, whose research project is, "The History of

Endometriosis in North America: Scientific, Social, and Cultural Perspectives.” The award carries a stipend of \$5000 to be used to defray expenses while spending a month in the ACOG historical collection--and other medical/historical collections in the Washington, DC area--performing research into some area of American obstetric-gynecologic history.

John Parascandola retired as Public Health Service Historian on January 31, 2004. Dr. Parascandola will remain active in the profession, he is teaching a course on the history of modern biology at the University of Maryland Shady Grove during the second semester of the 2003-2004 academic year, and will also be doing research, writing, lecturing and consulting. He may be reached by email; “jparascandola@comcast.net”; cell phone (301)-346-3760;. mailing address (at least temporarily) is 2617 Holman Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Kenneth M. Ludmerer received the 2003 **Abraham Flexner Award for Distinguished Service to Medical Education** from the Association of American Medical Colleges. This award was given in recognition of Ludmerer’s two books in the history of American medical education, *Time to Heal* and *Learning to Heal*. This is the first time that the Flexner Award has been given for scholarly, as opposed to administrative, contributions to medical education.

At its recent meeting, the History of Science Society awarded its History of Women in Science Prize to **Ellen More** (Institute for Medical Humanities, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston) for her book, *Restoring the Balance: Women Physicians and the Profession of Medicine, 1850-1995* (Harvard University Press). The award was given for the best book on the history of women in science published in the preceding four years.

MEETINGS

The **International Conference on Drugs and Alcohol in History**, Huron University College, London, Ontario, Canada, May 13-16, 2004. The conference will bring together new and established scholars to present recent research in the history of alcohol and drugs, broadly construed. Historical themes include social, cultural,

economic and political issues surrounding drug and alcohol production, consumption and control. "Drugs" include marijuana, opiates, tobacco and other substances such as khat and LSD. The geographic scope includes work on the Americas, Europe, Africa and other regions.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. David Courtwright. The conference will include a general meeting of the Alcohol and Temperance History Group. Paper sessions will run May 14-16, and the ATHG meeting will be a brunch meeting on May 16. On the evening of May 13 there will be a reception sponsored by the principal of Huron University College.

Registration fee for full conference: Prior to April 15, 2004: CAD\$50.00 After April 15, 2004 and on-site: CAD\$65.00. Graduate students: CAD\$10.00. Registration information, including a registration form, details on lodgings, directions to the conference, and further details on sessions, will be found on the website: “www.huronuc.on.ca/arts&socialscience/ICDAH.html”.

The **22nd International Congress of History of Science** will be held in Beijing from July 24 to 30, 2005. For further information see the Congress website at: "http://2005bj.ihns.ac.cn" or "http://2005bj.conference.ac.cn/", on-line Registration is also accepted.

NEWS

European Society for the History of Science was founded in October 2003 at a meeting in Paris attended by representatives from nine countries. At the founding General Assembly, held on 12 October 2003 in Sorbonne, in the premises of the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, IVe section, the following officers were elected: Robert Fox (Oxford) President, Eberhard Knobloch (Berlin) Vice-president and President-elect, Claude Debru (Paris) Vice-president, Erwin Neuenschwander (Zurich) Treasurer, Stéphanie Dupouy (Paris) Secretary.

For further information about the society, contact the secretary, Stéphanie Dupouy, Département de Philosophie, Ecole normale supérieure, 45 rue d'Ulm, 75005 Paris, France, email: “stephanie.dupouy@ens.fr”.

C. Barber Mueller, MD, has recently published *Evarts A. Graham. The Life, Lives and Times of the Surgical Spirit of St. Louis* which is favorably reviewed in the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* in the Fall of 2003. The book is available from Bryan Prince Booksellers, 1060 King Street West Hamilton, Ontario, L8S 1L7. Dr. Mueller has agreed to make a contribution to "The Endow Our Prizes" campaign for every book sold in response to this announcement.

POSITIONS

History of Biomedicine. Yale University seeks a **Visiting Assistant/Associate Professor** in the history of biomedicine, broadly interpreted, in its Section of the History of Medicine. Duties will include undergraduate and graduate teaching in Yale's Program in the History of Medicine and Science (anchored in the Department of History and in the Section of the History of Medicine) and in the Medical School. This is a one year appointment, 1 July 2004 – 30 June 2005. Applications should be sent as soon as possible; they will be considered as they are received, and a decision is anticipated no later than March 2004.

Yale University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and actively encourages applications from minority and women scholars. Ph.D. required at the time of appointment. Applicants should send a curriculum vitae, a statement about their work and teaching interests, and names and contact information of two scholars who may be consulted for references as email attachments in Microsoft Word to "ramona.moore@yale.edu" or by postal mail to John Harley Warner, Chair, Section of the History of Medicine, Yale University School of Medicine, L130 SHM, P.O. Box 208015, New Haven, CT 06520-8015.

Postgraduate Opportunities in the History of Medicine Enquiries are invited from prospective postgraduate students interested in undertaking advanced studies in the History of Medicine. The Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at University College London is the World's largest research and teaching institution in the subject area. It offers students the opportunity to undertake full or part time study for an MA in the History of Medicine and for research students to register of the degree of PhD. Details of these are found on our web page "www.ucl.ac.uk/histmed".

Some financial assistance is available for both these options. From September 2004 the Centre anticipates being able to offer one studentship (valued at c £11,000 plus payment of "home" fees, for the MA programme and two studentships (valued at c.£16,000 plus payment of "home" fees) for PhD students. Applicants from outside the EU should check whether they are liable for fee at the overseas rate, in which case they will be responsible for paying the difference between the "home" and "overseas" rate. Details of fees can be found on "www.ucl.ac.uk". The Wellcome Trust also offers financial support and details are found "www.wellcome.ac.uk". Applications for admission in September 2004 for either route should be submitted by no later than April 1, 2004.

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