

## Silver Jubilee Membership Drive

To mark its silver jubilee year, the Society has initiated a membership drive, with a series of new services aiming to enhance its value to current members and to attract new members from Britain and overseas. We hope that members will find these new services useful and will play an active role in encouraging others to adopt membership so that the expanding role of the Society can continue. A number of the new initiatives are outlined below. Members of the Executive would welcome comments on these services and any suggestions for further developments.

**Membership Rates.** Although the Society has been forced to accept a rise in the price of its journal, it has been able to hold down the membership fee and the price of subscriptions for its members. We have arranged a special low rate for students, and we encourage current members to publicise this to any post-graduates in the field.

**Membership information list.** Thanks to all those who returned the questionnaire, the first booklet detailing members and their interests is now completed and will be distributed shortly. We hope that this will provide an invaluable tool to all those interested in the field, and that future volumes will attract a growing number of entries.

**Membership Secretary.** There is now an Executive Committee member with special responsibility for dealing with enquiries about membership. We encourage you to take advantage of this.

**Overseas Membership Secretary.** The Society is working hard to serve the interests of its overseas members. A list of overseas contact members is enclosed, and a member of the Executive is coordinating a series of further developments.

**Special Interest Groups.** Plans for an SSHM special interest group in 'science, medicine, and empire' are outlined inside, and we encourage members to utilise the Society and the Gazette to coordinate other such developments.

**Conferences.** The Society continues to break new ground in its regular conferences. Not only are these conferences of a high academic standard, but they also aim to be friendly and enjoyable. We encourage the non-waged to apply through the conference organiser for a bursary from the Society to assist with costs. The Society is also encouraging inter-disciplinary exchange through contributing sessions to outside conferences. Any suggestions for such collaborative ventures or for future SSHM conferences are welcomed.

## INFORMATION

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## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society for the Social History of Medicine, held at the Wellcome Institute, London, 14th July 1995

1. Apologies were received from Anne Borsay.

2. The Minutes of the last AGM were read and approved.

3. The Annual Report of the Executive Committee was presented by David Smith. Changes in EC were noted including the retirement of John Woodward and Mick Worboys after long periods of valued service, Lara Marks (Secretary), Dorothy Porter (programmes), Naomi Williams (overseas members), Norris Mante and Meg Arnot, and the standing down of Bernard Harris as Treasurer. They were all thanked for their contribution to the Society. The retirement in the near future of Mark Harrison (publicity) and the standing down of Jonathon Barry as the Society's Series Editor were also noted. Anne Borsay has taken over as Hon. Sec., Harriet Deacon has taken on the new role of membership secretary, Tim Boon has taken over as convener of the programmes and publicity sub-committee, David Wright has taken over as Treasurer, Mathew Thomson is editor of the Gazette and the Executive's representative on the Editorial Board, and Cornelia Osborne was coopted as overseas membership secretary. Shula Marks has accepted the invitation to serve as the Society's President in 1996. A report was given on the society's three conferences during the year and on its publications, noting that there are currently seven volumes at various stages of preparation. The Society's new initiatives were reported, including the creation of a membership secretary, an international membership officer, and a membership information list. The Society has been promoting its members' interests with outside bodies. It sent representatives to the American Association for the History of Medicine meeting in Pittsburgh, and to a meeting on preservation of contemporary medical records at the ESRC data archive. The Society has had a representative on the British Society for the History of Science ad hoc group which has brought together a wide range of organisations with an interest in promoting and coordinating the interests of those involved in the field. The Society has also taken an active role in encouraging representation of its members' interests on the HEFCE Research Assessment Panel. It was recognised that it would be desirable to set up procedures to obtain the views of as many Society members as possible in nominating to any such panel in the future.

4. The Report of the Journal Editors (Anne Crowther and Paul Weindling). The journal continues to expand in size and scope, with an increasingly international flavour. Overall individual subscriptions fell from 503 to 484, while institutional subscriptions rose from 273 to 290. Special efforts have been made to improve the profile of the journal in the US. The financial position of the journal has improved, suggesting that in two years time the deficit will have been erased. The Editors thanked Sandra Cavallo for her contribution to the Editorial Board and welcomed new members Bernard Harris and David Arnold. On the Overseas Board they noted the retirement of Faye Getz and the appointment of Esteban Rodriguez Ocana from Spain.

5. Treasurer's Report was presented by David Wright. The Society continues in to be in good financial health, with assets of approximately £18,600. In light of this, membership fees will not increase in line with the rise in journal prices this year. Despite the healthy situation, declining individual membership was highlighted as an area for concern.

6. Elections to the EC were conducted and Hera Cook, Steve Sturdy, Jacqueline Jenkinson, and Anne Borsay duly joined the EC. Roger King also joined as a coopted member.

7. The Essay Prize attracted a disappointing number of entries this year. The assessment panel felt that it would not be appropriate to award the prize this year. Members were encouraged to bring the 1995 competition to the attention of new researchers.

8. There was no other business and the meeting was closed.

## OVERSEAS MEMBERS

Dr Cornelia Osborne has been coopted onto the Executive Committee to serve as the new overseas membership development officer. She would like to strengthen links with the Society's overseas members further and hopes to attract new members. As a response to our questionnaire of last year, the following have kindly agreed to act as contact persons:

**Australia:** Prof. Roy Macleod, Dept. History, University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW 2006; Dr Ian Stewart, PO Box 976, Wagga Wagga, NSW 7650, fax: (6169) 218464, tel: (6169) 211655; Peter Short, Faculty of Nursing, University of Technology, Sydney, Broadway, NSW 2007, tel: 61 (02) 3304313, fax: (612) 330 4317.

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Please get in touch with your nearest contact person and tell him/her about your research interests, your work-in-progress, post-graduate research you are undertaking or supervising, future seminars, conferences, recent or future books, articles or chapters in edited volumes of interest, ideas you have about stimulating more contact and co-operation. Is there anybody who should be sent information about the Society or Journal? Would you like to report on a conference you have participated in which is of interest to other members of the Society? For further information or suggestions please get in touch with Dr Cornelia Osborne, Dept. History, Roehampton Institute, Digby Stuart College, London SW15 5PH, fax: 0181 392 3231, e-mail: C.Osborne@roehampton.ac.uk

## Special Interest Group: Science, Medicine and Empire

**Contacts:** Harriet Deacon, The Queen's College, Oxford OX1 4AW, e-mail: harriet.deacon@queens.oxford.ac.uk; or Molly Sutphen, The Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BE, (fax: +44-171-611 8562)

The Society for the Social History of Medicine was founded in the United Kingdom 25 years ago to provide a forum for the discussion of issues in the social history of medicine. Its activities have expanded considerably since then and while the field as a whole has developed rapidly, interest in the social history of science and medicine in the colonial-imperial context has been particularly strong. We now feel that it is both possible and desirable to start a special interest group for the history of science, medicine and empire as many working in the area have in the past found it difficult to communicate effectively across disciplinary and area-studies boundaries. We do not however wish to suggest that the colonial-imperial context can be divorced from the metropolitan one, so we feel that a close association with the SSHM and other societies in the field should be continued.

There are compelling reasons why SSHM can provide a good base for those interested in the history of science, medicine, and empire. The Society's summer conference for 1996 'Medicine and the Colonies', which has attracted a large number of speakers from Britain and elsewhere, is symbolic of its commitment to the history of medicine beyond Britain's borders. The Society is actively engaged in encouraging debate at an international level. And although the Society's tri-annual conferences have been held in Britain in the past, it would be happy to co-operate with members wishing to organize meetings and conferences in other countries.

The special interest group on science, medicine and empire plans to enclose a newsletter with the Gazette which would contain news of specialized conferences and a bibliographic review of current publications. It would also publish a list of members and their interests which would facilitate communication between members. To join the special interest group contact either Harriet Deacon or Molly Sutphen at the addresses given above. While we would hope that all those interested would also wish to subscribe to the society's journal, we realize that those living in other countries may not be able to afford a journal which does not specialize in their geographical area of study. We have therefore negotiated a special arrangement with the Society whereby associate membership would be available for £5. To take advantage of this please contact Harriet Deacon or Molly Sutphen.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The information given below is accurate as far as we know. However, we accept no responsibility for errors. Please contact the organiser to confirm details. Notices of conferences and other events for inclusion in this section should be sent to the Editor. We reserve the right to edit and select items for inclusion. This section of the Gazette is now circulated on email through Mersenne, the history of science, technology and medicine Bulletin Board.

## SSHM CONFERENCES.

**Industrialisation and Medical Practice: the Politics of Health**  
15-16 September 1995, University of Wales, Swansea.

# MEDICINE AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY: THE POLITICS OF HEALTH

SOCIETY FOR THE SOCIAL HISTORY OF MEDICINE  
AUTUMN CONFERENCE

UNIVERSITY OF WALES, SWANSEA  
15-16 SEPTEMBER 1995

## Programme

The relationship between health and politics is a vibrant theme in the social history of industrial societies. Intervention by the state at central and local level is a critical element in this relationship, but the conference will also consider the identification of 'medical' problems, the political experience of producing and consuming health care, and the role of the voluntary sector in providing medical services.

The programme will start at 1.30pm on Friday 15 September with a plenary session in which John Pickstone will survey 'The Politics of Health and Medicine in Industrial England'. Papers will then be organized into six sessions: 1. Regulating the Work Place; 2. Redefining Public Health; 3. Medicine and the Civil Service; 4. Politics, Culture and Madness; 5. Practitioners in Conflict; and 6. The Mixed Economy of Health Care. Jose Harris will deliver the concluding plenary session on 'Doctors and States', and the conference will close at 3.45 pm on Saturday 16 September.

Other speakers will include: Peter Bartrip on anthrax and occupational health in Victorian and Edwardian Britain; Joanna Bedford on the division of labour in nineteenth-century midwifery; Virginia Berridge on doctors, drugs and AIDS; Barry Doyle on mapping the slums of Edwardian Norwich; Bill Forsythe on the New Poor Law and the pauper lunatic asylum; Clare Holdsworth on factory legislation in the cotton industry; Ian Levitt on sanitary knowledge and professional conduct; Pamela

The conference will explore the politics of physical and mental health from the Industrial Revolution to the collapse of the post-war consensus in the 1970s. The provisional programme includes Peter Bartrip on anthrax and occupational health in Victorian Britain, Joanna Bedford on the division of labour in 19th-century maternal health care, Jose Harris on medicine as a partner of the modern bureaucratic state, Clare Holdsworth on factory legislation in the pottery industry, Ian Levitt on sanitary knowledge and professional conduct, John Pickstone on health and medicine in industrial England, Susan Pitt on professional power and post-war childbirth, Leonard Smith on class and rank in the asylum, and the Wellcome Exminster Asylum Project on the politics of asylum provision in 19th-century Devon.

Further details: Anne Borsay, Department of History, University of Wales, Lampeter, Dyfed, SA48 7ED. Tel: 0570-422351, fax: 0570-423782

## Medicine and the Colonies

19-21 July 1996, Oxford

Call for papers on the themes: military medicine and colonial conquest; race and colonial medicine; missionary medicine; indigenous practitioners and colonial rule; colonial medical profession; alternative and irregular western practitioners in the colonies; nursing in the colonies; colonial hospitals and extra-institutional care; history of psychiatry in the colonies; "tropical" and "temperate" medicine; the role of international health care in the colonies and ex-colonies.

Abstracts to & details from: Dr Harriet Deacon, Queen's College, Oxford OX1 4AW. Tel: 0865 279186. EMAIL: hdeacon@vax.ox.ac.uk. Fax: 0865 790819.

## Medical Films and History

19 April 1996, Wellcome Institute, London

The conference is being organised in collaboration with the Forum for Medical Film and History. This is an umbrella group of representatives of organisations concerned with the archival preservation and historical use of medical films (National Film and Television Archive, BMA Library, Wellcome Trust, Wellcome Institute Iconographic Collections, Contemporary Medical Archives Centre, British Universities Film and Video Council, and the Science Museum).

The meeting will include a session giving an overview of the subject, discussing film archive sources and different genres of medical film. There will follow several case studies which will show the various ways in which archival medical films have been integrated into historical studies of, for example, the history of hospitals and of public health. Methodological problems in the interpretation of films as source materials will be examined. Practical issues arising from the use of archival films in teaching medical history will be discussed. There will be opportunities to see a number of rarely seen archival films of historical interest.

For further details contact either: Michael Clark, Historical Medical Films Conference Organiser, The Wellcome Building, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2 BE. Tel: 171 611-8596 (FAX 8765); or Tim Boon, The Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 2DD. Tel: 171 938 8069 (FAX 8050). Email: t.boon@ic.ac.uk.

## OTHER MEETINGS

**European Association for the History of Medicine: 'Coping with Health'**

2-7 September, 1995, San Feliu de Guixols, Spain

The four themes of the conference will be concepts, agents, costs, and controversies. Speakers include: Arthur Kleinman, Jane Lewis, Antonie Luyendijk-Eishout, Roy Porter, and J. Stjernswärd.

Further details: Dr Josip Hendekovic, European Science Foundation, 1 Quai Lezay-Marnésia, F-67080 Strasbourg.

## SSHIM AUTUMN CONFERENCE 1995

**MEDICINE AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY: THE POLITICS OF HEALTH****BOOKING FORM**

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**REGISTRATION FEE**

- SSHIM non-members in full employment £15 ( )  
 SSHIM members in full employment £10 ( )  
 SSHIM non-members who are students or unwaged £5 ( )  
 SSHIM members who are students or unwaged no fee ( )

**ACCOMMODATION AND CATERING**

- Friday 15 September: afternoon tea and biscuits £0.65 ( )  
 Friday 15 September: dinner £9.30 ( )  
 Friday 15 September: bed and breakfast £17.40 ( )  
 Saturday 16 September: morning coffee and biscuits £0.65 ( )  
 Saturday 16 September: lunch £7.30 ( )

TOTAL £ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate if you require vegetarian meals.** ( )

Completed booking forms should be returned, with full payment, to: Anne Borsay (SSHIM Conference), Department of History, University of Wales, LAMPETER, Dyfed, SA48 7ED, UK. Cheques should be made payable to **University of Wales Swansea (HSD 308)**.

**Women, 'Race', and Ethnicity: Women's history Network, Fourth Annual Conference**

16-17 September 1995, Manchester University

On the themes: Gender and empire; immigrant communities; doing archival work on race and ethnicity; Scotland, Wales, Ireland and the Caribbean; Middle East, India, S. Africa; Representations of Gender and 'Race'.

Offers of papers to: Penny Tinkler, Dept. Sociology, University of Manchester, M13 9PL. Deadline for abstracts, 21 April 1995.

**'Ailments and Archives': Health and Disease in Dorset and Beyond**

28 October 1995, Dorset County Museum, Dorchester, Dorset

Speakers include: Irvine Loudon on 'The provincial GP, 1750-1850'; James Skeggs on 'Plague in Somerset, 1538-1666'; Juanita Burnby on 'The changing role of the English apothecary, 16C-19C'; Roger Rolls on 'A distant cure - provincial patients at Bath in the 17C and 18C'; and Jennifer Hawker on 'Parish nursing in Dorset, 1700-1914'.

Enquiries: Mrs J. Hawker 01305 812820.

**Better Health? Health Education in Twentieth Century Britain**

University of Leicester, 11 November 1995

Speakers include: Tim Boon on health propaganda films; Mark Harrison on health education in the British Army during WWII; John Welshman on health education and public health, 1926-74; and Virginia Berridge on health education from smoking to AIDS.

Further details and booking forms: Dr John Welshman, Centre for Urban History, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester LE1 7RH.

**Social Science History Association Annual Conference**

Chicago, 16-19 November, 1995

The conference will include two sessions on the Epidemiological Transition, with speakers including: Massimo Livi-Bacci & Marck Breschi on Italy; David Reher on Spain; Peter Skoeld & Soren Edvinsson on Sweden; Judit van den Bosch on the Netherlands; John Rogers and Marie Nelson on regional variations and childhood mortality in Sweden; Nicola Shelton on childhood mortality decline in England and Wales; Jenny Wood on the construction of cause of death statistics; and J. David Hacker on American adult mortality in the 18th century.

**Comparative Perspective on the History of Sexually Transmitted Diseases**

University of London, 26-28 April 1996

The conference will examine the spread of sexually transmitted disease and their economic, social, medical and cultural impact across different historical periods and geographical regions. Inquiries, abstracts, and requests for booking forms should be addressed to: Dr Karen Jochelson, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London, 28 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DS. Tel: +44-71-580 5876. Fax: +44-71-255 2160

**'Memory'**

University of Sheffield, Centre for Nineteenth Century Studies

16-18 March, 1996

Papers are invited on the theme of 'Memory' in the area of nineteenth century studies, conceived in the broadest sense to include the fields of literary studies, history, philosophy, art, architecture and music. The conference will focus on the ways in which memory was both constructed and invoked in this period. Possible subject areas include: commemorative representations and the processes of memorialization; the

Michael on community, culture and madness in industrializing North Wales; Elizabeth Peretz on maternity and child welfare in inter-war Merthyr Tydfil; Susan Pitt on professional power and post-war childbirth; Leonard Smith on rank and class in the asylum; Steve Sturdy on public health and the Royal Commission on the Poor Laws; Henk van der Velden on voluntary medical institutions in the Netherlands, 1890-1941.

**Arrangements for Booking**

1. No bookings will be accepted without full payment.
2. Please try to book by **Friday 25 August** at the latest. No refunds can be offered on cancellations made after this date.
3. Cheques should be crossed and made payable to **University of Wales Swansea (HSD 308)**.
4. Overseas delegates are requested to pay by sterling draft or Eurocheque.
5. The SSHM has a limited number of bursaries available to help students, the unaged and others in special financial circumstances to attend the conference. Please contact the conference organizer if you think you may require such assistance.
6. Delegates with special needs (eg. ground-level accommodation, creche facilities) are advised to get in touch with the conference organizer as soon as possible.
7. Acknowledgement, in the form of a final programme, will be sent out approximately two weeks before the conference date.

**Conference Organizer**

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social and religious politics of memory; artistic and architectural invocations of memory; nostalgia; psychological theories of memory; bodily memory - including hereditary and racial memory; autobiographical and biographical writings. Please send proposals of papers (of no more than one page) by 1st September to either of the following addresses: Professor Sally Shuttleworth, Dept. English Literature, University of Sheffield, Sheffield S10 2 TN; or Dr Clyde Binfield, Dept. History, University of Sheffield, Sheffield S10 2TN.

**Oral History Society Spring 1996 Conference**  
**'From Cradle to Grave: Health and Welfare in the Twentieth Century'**

**American Association for the History of Medicine 1996 Annual Meeting**  
9-12 May 1996, Buffalo, New York.

Call for papers on any subject in the history of medicine. Abstracts (one original and six copies) should be sent by 13 October 1995 to Dr James T.H. Connor, Hannah Institute for the History of Medicine, 14 Prince Arthur Avenue, Suite 101, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5R 1 A9.

**First European Social History Conference**  
Amsterdam, May 1996

Further to the notice in issue no 13, Dr Willem de Blecourt and Dr Cornelia Osborne have reluctantly decided to pull out of organising a session at this conference. Anyone interested in attending should contact the Dutch Committee directly: Lex Heerma van Voss, International Institute of Social History, Cruquiusweg, 1019 AT Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

**European Association for the History of Psychiatry (EAHP)**

The 3rd Triennial Conference will be held 11-14 September 1996 in Wurzburg, Germany. Suggestions for appropriate section topics and speakers are welcome and should be directed to: Dr Paul Hoff, Psychiatric Hospital, University of Munich, Nußbaumstr. 7, D-80336 Munich.

**Coping with Sickness: Medicine, Law and Human Rights**

3rd Congress of the European Association for the History of Medicine and Health  
September 1996

Themes will include: health and human rights; regulations concerning life and death; regulation of medicine; and law and medical expertise.

Offers of papers and posters at the earliest opportunity to: Dr John Woodward (Chair, Scientific Board, EAHM), Department of History, University of Sheffield, Sheffield S10 2TN.

**Nursing, Women's history and the Politics of Welfare**

University of Nottingham, 18-20 September 1996

After the success of the first meeting papers are invited on: education and training; gender and caring; internationalism, colonialism and care; nursing and space; occupational regulation; religion, philanthropy and social policy; the globalisation of welfare; women, health, illness, and healing; feminism and nursing, historiography; midwifery, maternal and child welfare; nursing the body; race, ethnicity, migration and welfare; representing nursing and midwifery; and waged and unwaged caring.

Abstract forms available from: Conference Secretary, Dept. Nursing and Midwifery Studies, University of Nottingham, Medical School, Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, NG7 2UH. Tel: 0115 970 9724; fax: 0115 970 9955; e-mail: MNZSS@mn1.nursing.nottingham.ac.uk

## RESEARCH AND NEWS

**Health Reform in Historical Perspective in Latin America and the Caribbean**

The Research and Technological Development in Health Program (HDR) of the Division of Health and Development of the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) announces a call for historians to present original research projects analyzing health reform in historical perspective in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Applicants must be researchers in social history, history of science, or another area of history and have work experience in Latin America or the Caribbean. Preference will be given to residents of Latin America and the Caribbean. The principal investigator must be sponsored by an institution (governmental, non-governmental, or academic) that certifies its support for performance of the research project. Research subsidies are not to exceed US\$25,000, with a duration of between 1 and 2 years. The deadline for applications is 15 September 1995.

Contact the PAHO/WHO Country Representative Offices or: Dr Anne-Emanuelle Birn, New School for Social Research, 66 Fifth Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10011. Tel: (212) 229-5339. FAX: (212) 229-5335. E-mail: aebirn@newschool.edu

**History in the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine**

History in the School has entered a new phase. Previously there was a sustained historical strand of work in the AIDS Social History Programme in the Health Policy Unit. The programme, funded by the Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust, came to an end last year. Virginia Berridge's book on the history of UK AIDS policy will be published by Oxford UP early next year. Jenny Stanton completed her thesis on hepatitis B research and policy, which is seeing the light of day in various publishing formats. A new programme of historical work is now being developed within the Health Promotion Sciences Unit. Based broadly round the themes of the historical relationship between science, policy and public health in the twentieth century, its funding has come from the history of medicine section of the Wellcome Trust. The Health History and Drug Policy Unit is headed by V. Berridge, Reader in History, working on the science/policy relationship in post war UK smoking policy. J. Stanton is researching renal dialysis and the historical determinants behind the adoption of a new technology. Stuart Anderson is beginning an oral history of 20th century community pharmacy. Ph.D. and M.D. students are variously working on UK alcohol treatment policy; the ethics of AIDS vaccine research; and the research/policy relationship in relation to coronary heart disease and general practice. The arrival of Anne-Marie Rafferty, a nursing historian, will further strengthen the historical presence in the School. A new history network meets regularly.

**Female Sanitary Products**

Ms Alia Al-khalidi would welcome any advice on sources for her PhD thesis on the development of female sanitary products from the 1870s to the post-WWII period. She is particularly interested in their advertisement in women's magazines, the production of information booklets concerning adolescence, menstruation and sex education, and would welcome the possibility of speaking to members of the public/medical profession concerning such initiatives and their knowledge of menstrual education.

Contact: Alia Al-khalidi, Consumer Research Centre, Media Arts Division, Southampton Institute of Higher Education, East Park Terrace, Southampton SO14 0YN. Tel: 01703 319360

**'Shell-Shock' hospital open day**

The former Moss Side Hospital in Maghull near Liverpool is to close this autumn. Since it remains much like it was as a shell shock hospital between 1914-1919, an open day is planned at a date to be arranged. SSHM members may be interested in visiting.

Contact: John Rowlands, Levisham, 31 Wicks lane, Formby, Liverpool, L37 3 JF.

**American Association for the History of Medicine - Research in Progress Volume**

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### Water and Sanitation: an Examination of the Role of the 19th Century Engineer

Researching the development of the role of the engineers and contractors responsible for the construction and design of nineteenth century water and sewage systems in the UK and in particular in the South West. The problems of creating the necessary infrastructure for the maintenance of reliable water supply and sewerage has not been well researched and is merely glossed over by many authorities. How, for example, was the necessary civil engineering knowledge obtained to construct a viable water works which provided clean and un-contaminated water and how well did contractors and local authorities understand and co-operate with medical opinion as knowledge of the causes of cholera and typhoid increased?

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### Expert Seminar on Medical Records held in Computer Readable Form: Past, Present and Future

The conservation of medical records for historical research has long been a concern for SSHM members. This problem was one of many issues discussed at the seminar held at Wivenhoe Park, Colchester in September 1994. Organized by Shiela Anderson and the ESRC Data Archive, the two-day seminar brought together a variety of archivists, historians and health care professionals to discuss issues surrounding the preservation and accessibility of computer-readable records - such as problems of confidentiality, archiving, and intellectual property rights.

Of interest and concern to Society members is the preservation of medical records held in computer-readable form. Not only can these records be destroyed easily, but they also can exist on media which are now obsolete or extremely expensive to recover. The changes underway in the NHS have exacerbated the situation. Though Edward Higgs reiterated that patient files are public records under the Public Records Act, too often hospital administrators have acted in a proprietorial manner over their release for academic purposes. The closure of long-stay hospitals and the extension of care in the community mean that records are more decentralized and generated often by private or semi-private organizations which may not desire to preserve records for historical research. Here, the ESRC Data Archive seems well positioned to archive large medical datasets and make the necessary arrangements for their preservation and for their upgrading to current software requirements.

A second area of discussion was the increasing popularity of databases used by historians. What should be done with these records at the end of a research project? While many funding agencies in the sciences make the deposit of completed datasets a requirement of approved funding, there exists no equivalent in the history of medicine. Historians have little incentive to make their databases open to public scrutiny and examiners of theses or referees of journal articles are not required to demand finished datasets to study in cases where research involved a computer-aided analysis. Two changes were discussed at the conference. First, funding agencies, like the Wellcome Trust, the British Academy or the ESRC, should require grant holders working on datasets to deposit them in the ESRC Data Archive. Secondly, participants suggested that academic regulatory bodies, like the HEFCE, recognize these submissions (with appropriate documentation) as equivalent to articles published in refereed journals. Both, it was agreed, would facilitate the preservation of historical datasets for posterity and their current use for comparative purposes.

For more information contact the DATA History Unit, ESRC Data Archive, University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, Essex, UK CO4 3SQ. E-mail: archive@essex.ac.uk

Report by David Wright

### PRIZE ESSAY IN THE SOCIAL HISTORY OF MEDICINE 1995

The Society for the Social History of Medicine announces the second annual prize essay competition. The aim of the competition is to stimulate new research in the social history of medicine.

1) Eligible candidates Members of the Society for the Social History of Medicine who are either:

(i) students (undergraduate, postgraduate, or part-time)

or:

(ii) new researchers who have not published in a refereed journal prior to the closing date.

Candidates who are uncertain as to whether they are eligible to enter the competition should contact the convenor of the assessment panel (see below) prior to preparing their entry.

2) Criteria for assessment: The best original essay in the social history of medicine, written in English, submitted to the assessment panel (see below). The essay must conform to the bibliographic conventions of *Social History of Medicine*. It must be of publishable standard, and also from 5,000 to 8,000 words in length.

3) Assessment Panel: The panel will consist of the Chair of the Society for the Social History of Medicine (Convenor of the Panel), the Society's representative on the Editorial Board, and the Editors of *Social History of Medicine*.

4) Normally one prize of £100 will be awarded. The winning entry will be published in *Social History of Medicine* after the usual editorial procedures.

5) Deadline: The deadline for submission to the Convenor of the Panel is 31st December 1995, and the announcement of the prize-winner will be made at the subsequent Annual General Meeting.

6) The same essay must not be submitted on more than one occasion.

#### NOTES:

- If no essay is received which meets the criteria, the Assessment Panel reserves the right not to award the prize. The Editors of *Social History of Medicine* reserve the right to consider any of the entries for publication, after normal refereeing procedures.
- Members of the Executive Committee of the Society for the Social History of Medicine are precluded from submitting an essay for consideration, even though they otherwise be eligible.
- The following slip should be completed and sent with the essay to the Convenor of the Assessment Panel: Dr David Smith, Department of Economic and Social History, Taylor Building, King's College, Old Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Scotland. For the bibliographic conventions of *Social History of Medicine*, see the inside back cover of any issue.

I have read the SSHM prize essay rules 1994. I agree to abide by the rules.  
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