SSHM President 1996: Professor Shula Marks of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies has agreed to serve as the Society's President in 1996. Professor Marks has played an important role in bringing an Imperial and African dimension to the social history of medicine. It is particularly appropriate that she should serve as President in the year that the Society is launching a Special Interest Group on Science, Medicine and Empire, and is holding a major conference on medicine and the colonies. We would like to thank the retiring 'Silver Jubilee Year' President Sir Donald Acheson, not least for his contribution on medical relief in the former Yugoslavia at the medicine and modern warfare conference last summer.

New Chair for SSHM Exec.: Dr Anne Marie Rafferty of the Centre for Policy in Nursing Research at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine is taking over as Chair of the SSHM Executive Committee from January 1996. The retiring Chair, David Smith, is thanked for the splendid job he has performed in launching the Society into a series of new initiatives.

Journal Editor: We regret to announce that because of other commitments Anne Crowther will shortly be standing down as joint Editor of the Society’s Journal. We would like to thank Anne for her work over the last three years. The search for a replacement to join Paul Weindling is currently under way. Inquiries and suggestions can be directed to the Gazette Editor.

SSHM Series Editor: Dr Bernard Harris is joining Jonathan Barry as co-editor of the Society’s expanding series of collected volumes on the social history of medicine. Jonathan will be standing down in the near future. Any suggestions for a replacement to join Bernard should be directed to the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Election of New Members to SSHM Exec.: there are three positions vacant. Details and nomination forms are included inside.

Members’ Interests Guide: A Guide to Members’ Research and Interests goes out with the current issue of the Journal. We would like to thank David Wright for the enterprise and hard work behind this valuable new service.

SSHM Archives: The editor’s of the journal have begun to build an archive of all matters relating to the journal including all rejected papers; Editorial business including the foundation of the journal; publishing and marketing particulars; interactions with SSHSM; and general correspondence. They are particularly keen to locate papers predating their own editorship. If you have anything to contribute please contact Dr Paul Weindling.
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Elections to Executive Committee: Nominations are invited from members of the Society for three vacancies on the Executive Committee to serve from 14 July 1995 to 13 July 1998. Candidates must have been members of the Society for at least one year. Each nomination should include the names and signatures of the proposer, seconder, and the nominee. A form is provided below. All must be members of the Society. The candidate is requested to supply a concise biography of up to 100 words with their nomination.

Nominee (please print)
Signature of nominee

Proposer (please print)
Signature of proposer

Secondner (please print)
Signature of secondner

Nominations should be sent on the form above (or copy) to Dr Anne Borsay, Department of History, University of Wales, Lampeter, Dyfed, SA48 7ED, and must be received by 31 January 1996.

Special Interest Group: Science, Medicine and Empire

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.

Contacts: Harriet Deacon, The Queen's College, Oxford OX1 4AW, e-mail: hdeacon@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); Richard Drayton, Lincoln College, Oxford OX1 3DR, Tel: 01865 200476, Email: richard.drayton@lincoln.ox.ac.uk.

Prize Essay Competition: the deadline for this year's competition is 31st December. Entry forms can be found in past copies of the Gazette and in the journal, or can be obtained from Executive Committee members. A slightly amended form for the 1996 competition will be issued with the next Gazette.
As a response to our questionnaire of last year, the following have kindly agreed to act as contact persons:

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There are notable gaps in the countries covered (Australia, France, Germany, Hungary, Norway, Japan etc.) Is there anybody out there who would be persuaded to make him/herself available? If so contact Cornelie Osborne at the address below.

Please get in touch with your nearest contact person and tell him/her about your research interests, your work-in-progress, postgraduate 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 Cornelie Osborne, Dept. History, Roehampton Institute, Digby Stuart College, London SW15 5PH, fax: 0181 392 3231, e-mail: C.Osborne@roehampton.ac.uk

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### 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.)**

**SSHM CONFERENCES.**

**Medical Films and History**

19 April 1996, Wellcome Institute, London, 09.15-18.00

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, Modern National Film 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.

Speakers will include: Ulf Schmidt, on medical film in Wimar and Nazi Germany; Elizabeth LeBas, on public health education and film in interwar Bernmondsey; Michael Clark, on archival films of colonial medicine; Tilli Tansey, on film sources in the history of British physiology and pharmacology; James Patterson, on medical and health films in the National Film Archive; Steve Humphries, on archival medical films and historical documentary film-making; and Tim Boon on nutrition and food films.

For further details contact either: Michael Clark, Historical Medical Films Conference Organiser, The Wellcome Building, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BE. Tel: 171 611-8596 (FAX 8765), Email: m.clark@wellcome.ac.uk; or Tim Boon, The Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 2DD. Tel: 171 938 8089 (FAX 8050). Email: t.boon@rc.ac.uk.

**Medicine and the Colonies**

19-21 July 1996, Oxford

Topics and speakers will include: Professor Philip Curtin on Military Medicine and Colonial Conquest; Dr Anne Marie Rafferty on colonial nursing; Professor Susan Lederer and Professor John Warner on Imperial Medicine; Dr Ilana Lowy on Philanthropy and Colonial Medicine; Professor Randall Park on Tropical and Temperate Medicine; Dr Linda Bryder on Colonial Colonial and Child Welfare; Professor John Farley on The Colonial Medical Profession; Dr Elizabeth van Heyningen on Colonial Medicine and Asylums; Dr Waltraud Ernst on Psychiatry in the Colonies; Professor Stephen Feinerman, on Indigenous Medicine; and many others.

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**Race, Science and Medicine: Racial Categories and the Reproduction of Medical Knowledge**

University of Southampton, 18-19 September, 1995

The conference will examine the impact of racial theories on the production of medical and scientific knowledge in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The main themes will include:
the development of racial theories from the late-eighteenth century onwards; the impact of racial ideas on medical and scientific thought; the development of medical practice in different social and cultural settings; the extent to which European medical theories and practices had a bearing on the formulation of anthropological categories and concepts of 'race'.

For further information about speakers and accommodation details, contact Waltraud Ernst or Bernard Harris, Department of Sociology and Social policy, University of Southampton, Highfield, Southampton S017 1BJ. Email: wer@socsci.soton.ac.uk, or bhj@socsci.soton.ac.uk

OTHER MEETINGS

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 Joehlson, 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 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 involved in this period. Details: Professor Sally Shuttleworth, Dept. English Literature, University of Sheffield, Sheffield S10 2TN; or Dr Clyde Binfield, Dept. History, University of Sheffield, Sheffield S10 2TN.

Birkbeck College, 19-21 May
The conference will take a broad-based approach in identifying the contribution which oral history can make to an understanding of health and welfare in the twentieth century. Topics will include: community care, user perspectives and patient power, charity and philanthropy, professions, health education, disability, maternity, institutional life, hospitals, child welfare, death and dying, complementary treatments, addiction, tropical medicine, health education, hospices, disease, clinics, primary health care. Contributions which make use of film, video, and audio tapes are welcomed.

American Association for the History of Medicine 1996 Annual Meeting

3rd European Ethnopharmacological Colloquium and 1st International Conference of Anthropology of Health and Disease
Genoa, 29 May - 2 June.
Details: Comitato Organizzazione Etnofarmacologi Antropologia, Instituto de Antropologia Fisica, Universita de Genova, Via Balbi, 4-16126 (Genova Italty), Fax: 39 10 2095987.

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: Prof. Paul Hoff, Psychiatric Hospital, University of Munich, Nuddaumistr. 7, D-80338 Munich.

Medicine in Hellenized Jewish Lore and in Early Christian Literature
Israel Society of the History of Medicine and Science
Jerusalem, Israel, September 9-11, 1996
Details: Conference Unit, Division for Development and Public Relations, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mount Scopus, Jerusalem 91905, Israel. Fax: 972-2-322556.

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; email: MNZSS@m11.nursing.nottingham.ac.uk

Symposium on Alternative Medicine in Modern Europe
Wellcome Institute, London, 18 October 1996
Organisers: Willem de Blécourt (Erasmus University of Rotterdam), Anne Hardy (Wellcome Institute, London), Cornelia Usborne (Roehampton Institute, London).

The symposium aims to redress the neglect of the social history of alternative medicine in the modern period. It hopes to arrive at a number of theoretical and practical solutions for the definition and study of a topic which is usually defined only by difference and in opposition to the mainstream of academic medicine. For this purpose gender, geographical distribution, communication, religion and ritual will all be considered.

Speakers will include: Elisabeth Meyer-Renshausen (Free University Berlin) on alternative medicine and diet, Matthew Ramsey (Vanderbilt university) on alternative practitioners in post-revolutionary France, Robert Jütte (Robert Bosch Foundation Stuttgart) on alternative medicine in nineteenth- and twentieth-century Germany, Frank Huisman (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen) on medicines and the medical marketplace in the Netherlands, Cornelia Usborne and Willem de Blécourt on the gendering of alternative medicine, Stephanie Durham (University of the West of England) on naturopathic medicine today.

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Coping with Sickness: Medicine, Law and Human Rights
3rd Congress of the European Association for the History of Medicine and Health, March/April 1997
Themes will include: health and human rights; regulations concerning life and death; regulation of medicine; and law and medical expertise.

EAHM is seeking offers of posters from new researchers, before 30th January 1996. Potential contributors should submit a synopsis of one side A4 to: Dr John Woodward (Chair, Scientific Board, EAHM), Department of History, University of Sheffield, Sheffield S10 2TN.
Industrialisation, public health and medicine

The Spring and Autumn SSHM conferences in 1995 were designed to open up the historiography of the relations between industrialisation, health and medicine. On 8th April around 45 people gathered at the Science Museum for Industrialisation and public health: redrawing the picture. This conference focused on the notion of the negative impact of industrialisation on health; Toynbee's catastrophic view. Alan Mayne from Melbourne re-examined slum housing, a key element in the catastrophic account. His paper 'Fighting the slums' provided a sensitive reading of the language of slum clearance in one Australian city in this century. Pyrs Gruffudd's 'A crusade against consumption' examined the interplay between rural and the urban in discourses on tuberculosis and environmental reform in inter-war Wales. Kevin Jackson gave a magisterial account of Humphrey Jennings' Pandemonium, a key text of the impact of industrialisation. This was followed by a showing of the 1939 Ministry of Health film 'Health for the Nation' which vividly embodies the catastrophic account. Christopher Williams, in his paper on occupational health in Leningrad in the first five year plan, provided a useful comparison with the predominantly Anglophone concerns of the day. John Sheall's paper on the Federation of British Industries provided illuminating case studies of issues surrounding the threats posed by industry to public health, in the first half of the century. Bill Luckin rounded off the day splendidly with a meditation on its themes.

The Autumn Conference, held at the University of Wales Swansea on 15th and 16th September 1995, was attended by 50 delegates. The theme - Medicine and Industrial Society: The Politics of Health - picked up a number of issues raised at the Spring meeting. The Conference opened with a plenary paper by John Pickstone which traced the fragmentation of public health since the reorganization of the NHS in 1974 and related its historiography to the political economy of the 1990s. In the first session on regulating the work place, Peter Bartrip asked why anthrax became identified as a problem for occupational health in Victorian and Edwardian Britain and Clare Holdsworth looked at the application of factory legislation to the Staffordshire pottery industry. The focus of the second session was the redefinition of public health. Barry Doyle considered how municipal officers, social investigators and sensational journalists had 'mapped' the slums in Edwardian Norwich; while Steve Sturdy analysed the changing configuration of public and private health as articulated in the Minority Report of the Royal Commission on the Poor Laws. The relationship between medicine and the civil service was examined in Ian Levitt's appraisal of Dr. Henry Littlejohn's contribution to the political economy of Scotland's health and in Virginia Berridge's contemporary history of medical power, drugs and AIDS. In a session on the politics and culture of madness, Leonard Smith detailed the ways in which class and rank were preserved within the late eighteenth and early nineteenth-century asylum; Joseph Melling and Richard Adair teased out the local politics of responses to pauper lunacy in Devon between 1830 and 1870; and Pamela Michael explored the implications of industrialization for community and culture in North Wales from 1800 until the First World War. A session on practitioners in conflict comprised two papers on childbirth, Joanna Bedford addressing the division of labour in nineteenth-century maternal health care and Susan Pitt the negotiation of power between doctors and midwives after 1948. The Conference closed with a session on international perspectives in which Henk van der Velden compared the financing of medical services in Britain and the Netherlands during the inter-war period and Jose Harris delivered a plenary paper on the role of doctors in the forging of the modern state.

The Society thank all those who participated in the meetings. We gratefully acknowledge the support of The Science Museum, The British Academy and the Department of History at the University of Wales Swansea. A volume in the SSHM series with Routledge is planned, based on a selection of papers from the two conferences.

Timothy Boon & Anne Borsay