

# News, Notes, and Queries

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Oxford University Department for External Studies  
**HEALTH AND HABITAT: ASPECTS OF MEDICAL HISTORY**  
A weekend conference, 2–4 November 1990

Application forms for this conference, whose speakers include Peter Bartrip, Margaret Cox, Anne Digby, Mary J. Dobson, Margaret Pelling, Ralph Houlbrooke, Irvine Loudon, Richard Smith, and Anne Summers, may be obtained from The Archaeology/Local History Course Secretary, Oxford University Department for External Studies, Rewley House, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JA.

## FORUM FOR HISTORY OF HUMAN SCIENCE

The Forum for History of Human Science (FHHS) is a new organization that has been formed to promote scholarship in the history of the social and behavioral sciences. "Human science" is broadly defined and encompasses anthropology, economics, geography, history, linguistics, political science, psychiatry, psychology, sociology, and statistics, as well as aspects of the biological and physical sciences, medicine, education, law and philosophy. The primary aim of the organization is to foster research and education in the history of human science and to encourage communication among scholars, scientists, and other working in the area.

FHHS co-sponsored two sessions at the 1989 History of Science Society annual meeting in Gainesville, Florida, and held an organizational meeting there at which attendees discussed the possibility of a special issue of *Osiris* devoted to the history of human science and proposals for sessions for the 1990 HSS meeting in Seattle. Those assembled also voted to adopt a charter drafted by James H. Capshaw, FHHS chair, as part of a plan for FHHS to become a Special Interest Group within HSS. FHHS is seeking this status in the belief that historians of human science and historians of science, who have traditionally emphasized the natural sciences, share many scholarly concerns and that such affiliation will be mutually beneficial.

Membership in FHHS is open to interested individuals; dues are \$10 a year. Please make checks payable to FHHS and direct them and any inquiries to Laurel Furumoto, FHHS Corresponding Secretary, Department of Psychology, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA 02181; (617) 235-0320, ext. 3020.

## HISTORY OF TWENTIETH CENTURY MEDICINE NEWSLETTER

A Newsletter has been started in connection with the Wellcome Trust History of Twentieth Century Medicine Group. Its Editors hope that it will provide a channel for communication between people interested in the history of modern medicine and medical science. Material for inclusion, or suggestions about the content, format or distribution of the Newsletter are welcomed by the Editors:

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*Conferences: Calls for papers*

THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

2nd National Conference

Perth, Western Australia, 1–5 July 1991

The areas in which the organizing committee seeks papers are: Western Australian medical history; Aboriginal medicine; Women and medicine; Childhood medical history; Military and maritime medical history; Dental history; Medicine of the Indo-Pacific region; Social medical history. Abstracts and/or questions should be sent to the organizing Chairman, Dr Peter Winterton, P.O. Box 130, Northbridge, Western Australia 6000. Fax (09) 242-1201.

Groupe de Contact interuniversitaire sur l'Histoire des Connaissances zoologiques et des Relations entre l'Homme et l'Animal

THE HISTORY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR FROM  
EARLIEST TIMES TO THE PRESENT DAY

International Colloquium, University of Liège, Belgium,  
11-14 March 1992

The goals of the colloquium are to bring to light (1) the signs that indicate that, from the most remote periods up to the present day, man has paid attention to the behaviour of animals either empirically or systematically; (2) the aspects of that behaviour that were first studied in depth; (3) the motives for observation and research; (4) the methods of observation and research; (5) the consequences of these approaches, whether they concern the genesis, development, and directions taken by ethology and animal psychology, or the general conceptions of the relationship between man and animal and their evolution.

Abstracts, of oral presentations or visual displays, should be submitted by *1 February 1991*. Instructions for abstracts, and further information, may be obtained from The Secretary, Colloque 'L'Histoire de la connaissance du comportement animal', c/o Service Colloques et Congrès, Université de Liège, place du 20 Août-6<sup>e</sup> étage, 4000 Liège, Belgium. Tel. +32 41 42 00 80, ext. 534 or 547; fax +32 41 22 41 08.

*AVISTA* 27th International Congress on Medieval Studies

THE MEDIEVAL HEALING ARTS: THEIR SETTING AND PRACTICE

The Medieval Institute, Western Michigan University  
Kalamazoo, Michigan, 8–11 May 1992

Possible topics include, (1) The credibility of artistic depictions; (2) The interpretation of medical diagrams; (3) Architecture and furnishings of medieval hospitals; (4) Social roles of physicians, surgeons, barbers, pharmacists, empirics, and healing saints; (5) The healer's role in military campaigns.

Talks are limited to 20 minutes. One-page abstracts, including a note of audio-visual requirements, should be sent by *1 June 1991* to Dr Mark H. Infusino, Medical History Division, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, UCLA School of Medicine, 10833 Le Conte Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90024-1763. Tel. (213) 825-4933.