

CONFERENCE: "THE FIRST IMAGES OF AMERICA: THE IMPACT OF THE NEW WORLD"

The Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles, will sponsor an international conference of American and European scholars to consider the multiple ways in which the discovery of the New World affected the thought, modes of life, and institutions of the Old. The conference is planned for 6–9 February 1975, and is being held in honour of the Renaissance Society of America, which will for the first time convene in the Western United States. The proposed programme includes twenty-two panels, broadly divided into three areas: the impact on the European imagination (art and literature); the impact on political institutions, legal concepts, and historiography; and the impact on economics, agriculture, science, and technology.

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QUERY

Mr. P. J. Bishop (Librarian, The British Institute of Radiology, 32 Welbeck Street, London W1M 7PG) is anxious to discover holdings of the five editions of the reprint of Röntgen's first communication, 'Eine neue Art von Strahlen', Würzburg, 1895–96, as listed in E. Weil's 'Some bibliographical notes on the first publication on the Roentgen rays', *Isis*, 1938, 29: 362–365. Mr. Bishop is particularly interested in knowing what libraries possess editions of this rare item, and if their copies correspond with Dr. Weil's descriptions, with special reference to the presence or absence of a plate illustrating an X-ray photograph of a hand sometimes found in the so-called first edition (Item 1 in Weil).

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On 20 June 1973, the History Collection of the Library of the University of California, San Francisco, received a gift of Greco-Roman surgical instruments from the San Francisco Foundation of Otolaryngology. The collection of eighty-three otological and related instruments includes perforated and unperforated setons, chisels, knives, retractors, and forceps. A balance, fibulae and medical spoons are also part of the collection. This important gift will handsomely supplement the Egyptian surgical instruments of the Reitz collection, and make available on the West Coast materials for the study of another aspect of the early history of medicine.