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**TEHERAN UNIVERSITY, INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH**

A DIVISION of research in the history of medicine and public health has been established at the Institute of Public Health Research. The new division has the following objectives: (1) research in the history of medicine and public health in general, with special reference to oriental medicine; (2) to reveal valuable contributions by early physicians to the world of medicine; (3) to compare and inter-relate ancient and modern medicine, and to study the major works of early physicians; (4) to prepare and publish books and pamphlets in these fields; (5) to edit and publish old texts of medicine and demonstrate their significance. Dr. M. Najm-Abadi, lecturer in the history and ethics of medicine, Teheran University, and General Secretary to the Iranian Association of the History of Sciences and Medicine, is in charge of the new division. He and his staff are most anxious to establish scientific and cultural exchange with other institutions throughout the world. Reprints and books relevant to the work of the new department would be most gratefully received, and should be addressed to: Institute of Public Health Research (Historical Division), University of Teheran, P.O. Box 1310, Teheran, Iran.

**THE WELLCOME TRUST**

THE Wellcome Trustees have invited the following international group to form a Panel to advise them upon their support for the history of medicine, under the chairmanship of Lord Cohen of Birkenhead, Professor W. C. Gibson (Vancouver), Mr. F. Greenaway (Science Museum), Professor A. R. Hall (Imperial College), Dr. Charles Newman (Royal College of Physicians) and Professor J. Steudel (Bonn University). Dr. F. N. L. Poynter has accepted an invitation to act as an Assessor for the Panel; Lord Murray of Newhaven will represent the Trustees, and Dr. P. O. Williams will act as Secretary.

THE Trustees have also decided that it would be more in keeping with the status and functions of their Historical Medical Museum and Library if it were renamed the Wellcome Institute of the History of Medicine. The Institute, which is based on the personal collection of Sir Henry S. Wellcome, holds the most comprehensive Museum and Library of the History of Medicine in the world, and is an international research centre for this subject. The Trustees are at present expanding the accommodation for the Museum.

**MACCABAEOAN PRIZE ESSAY, 1968**

THE Maccabaeoan Prize and Medal of the Faculty of the History of Medicine and Pharmacy at the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London has been awarded to Dr. Charles Warren (Cambridge and Guy's) for his essay on 'Aspects of Medicine in the Greek Bronze Age.' In view of the high standard of entries this year, the Faculty has also awarded a second prize of ten guineas to Dr. R. Gillon (Oxford and

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University College Hospital) for his essay on 'Historical Aspects of Euthanasia'. The prizes were presented to the successful candidates at Apothecaries' Hall on Wednesday, 8 May, immediately before Professor Douglas Hubble gave his Osler Lecture on 'Lord Moran and James Boswell'.

Entries are now invited for the 1969 Maccabean Prize of 25 guineas and a bronze medal for an essay of 5,000 to 7,000 words on some aspect of the history of medicine or pharmacy. Intending candidates, who must be under thirty years of age on 15 March 1969, may apply for further particulars to the Hon. Secretary of the Faculty (Dr. F. N. L. Poynter, Wellcome Institute of the History of Medicine, 183 Euston Road, London, N.W.1.)

### **FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ANAESTHETISTS, LONDON SESSION OF HISTORY OF ANAESTHESIA, 9 SEPTEMBER 1968**

IN association with the above session the Wellcome Trust has very kindly offered hospitality to a limited number (200) of delegates at a Reception to be held at the Wellcome Institute of the History of Medicine, 183 Euston Road, London, N.W.1. on Monday 9 September 1968, at 6.00 p.m. Tickets will be available to delegates and Associate Members on registration at the Royal Festival Hall.

An Exhibition of Historical Anaesthetic Apparatus and Literature will also be arranged in the Museum and Library of the Wellcome Institute by courtesy of the Director. This will be opened during the week preceding the Congress and will remain on view for about two months subsequently.

The Museum and Library are open from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Saturday and will also be open for the above Reception.

### **OBITUARY**

#### **PROFESSOR ROBERT HERRLINGER, M.D., D.Phil. 24 April 1914 (Antwerp)—8 February 1968 (Kiel)**

PROFESSOR Robert Herrlinger, Director of the Institute of the History of Medicine at the University of Kiel, died suddenly and unexpectedly after a myocardial infarct on 8 February 1968 in the fifty-fourth year of a busy and creative life. Only three months before his death he was elected Assistant Secretary-General of the International Academy of the History of Medicine, of which he became a member in 1962, and more recently still he was honoured by his election to the presidency of the German Society for the History of Science. Since 1964 he had been President of the German Society for the History of Hospitals. He was well known in London, which he visited frequently in the course of his historical researches and where, in 1939, he was appointed to the staff of the German Hospital. His published work was considerable and won for him an international reputation as a medical historian with a profound knowledge of the history of anatomy and of medical illustration.

Robert Herrlinger was born in Antwerp on 24 April 1914, the son of Carl Herrlinger and his wife Elise (née Hattich). He studied Medicine at Heidelberg University,