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THE WELLCOME INSTITUTE FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE EXHIBITIONS

16 January—28 April: *'The solid nucleus and its gaseous wrappings': Historical aspects of teaching physiology*

5 June—29 September: *A Mirror for Medicine: some resources of the Wellcome Institute Library*

Both exhibitions will be in the exhibition area on the first floor of The Wellcome Building, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BP. Open 9:45–5:15 weekdays.

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

The 1989 Summer meeting of the British Society for the History of Science is scheduled for Edinburgh, 25–28 July 1989. One of the three sessions will be devoted to 'The Historiography of French Medicine, 1789–1815'. Anyone wishing further information should write to Dr R. G. W. Anderson, Royal Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JF.

HISTORY OF ANAESTHESIA SOCIETY

The History of Anaesthesia Society will hold its conference in Edinburgh, 7–8 July 1989. Further information can be obtained from Dr David Wright, Dept. of Anaesthesia, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh EH4 2XU.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

After guiding the Institute for two years as Acting Director, pharmacist-historian Gregory J. Higby of Madison, Wisconsin, has been named Director of the AIHP. The AIHP Council unanimously elected Dr Higby to a term to begin 1 November 1988 through the 1991 Annual Meeting. Dr Higby will continue as editor of *Pharmacy in History*.

GRANTS-IN-AID TO GRADUATE STUDENTS

The AIHP is accepting applications now through 1 February 1989, for grants-in-aid to foster graduate research (master's or Ph.D. level) in its field.

The Institute offers grants-in-aid totalling \$5,000 annually to graduate students to encourage historical investigation of some aspect of pharmacy, and to pay research expenses not normally met by the university granting the degree. Thesis projects devoted to the history of pharmacy, history of medicines, or other humanistic study strongly related to pharmacy or using pharmaco-historical approach will be considered for part or all of the funds available.

Guidelines for making an application should be requested from the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy, Pharmacy Bldg., 425 N. Charter St., Madison, WI 53706; tel. (608) 262-5378.

TEACHING IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (HISTORY OF PHARMACY)

The AIHP is now accepting applications for its Teaching Improvement Award. In this program a recipient can receive up to \$15,000 from the AIHP to be used for up to one year of full-time study aimed at improving skills and resources necessary for instruction in some area of the history of pharmacy. It is expected that an applicant's home university would participate in some form of cost sharing (e.g., matching grant).

Any person who holds an instructorship or higher rank in a university within the USA is eligible to apply. While an applicant need not have taught a course in the history of pharmacy

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previously, it could be expected that some preference will be given to applicants who have taught such a course, or who have been authorized by a university to do so.

Those wishing guidelines for making application can contact the AIHP at the address above. The application deadline for this grant is 1 February 1989.

REVISTA LATINOAMERICANA DE HISTORIA DE LAS CIENCIAS Y LA TECNOLOGÍA

Quipu (Latin American Journal of the History of Science and Technology), is devoted to the history of science and technology in Latin America. Founded in 1984, it is published three times a year. Contributions are welcome and articles are accepted in Spanish, English, Portuguese, and French. Subscription rates for 1989 are: (Latin America), individual US \$25, institutional \$40; (all other regions), individual US \$25, institutional \$60; by cheque or money order to *Quipu*, Apartado Postal 21-873, 04000 México, D.F. México, Mexico.

LIVERPOOL MEDICAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Liverpool Medical Society, founded in October 1984, exists to foster interest and research in the history of medicine and to provide a forum for an interdisciplinary exchange of ideas at Liverpool. Meetings of the Society are held half a dozen times a year.

The first issue of *Medical Historian*, the bulletin of the Society, has now been published. The aim of the new bulletin is to contribute to this interchange by providing shortened versions of lectures presented to the Society over the previous academic year; *Medical Historian* also welcomes brief descriptions of members' research in progress for inclusion in future issues. Inquiries to the Secretary, Dr Christine Hilliam, Dept. of Dental Sciences, Pembroke Place, Liverpool L3 5PS.

SIR ALAN PARKES, FRS

Professor Sir Alan Parkes, FRS (b.1900) has had a long and distinguished career as an experimental physiologist. He was on the staff of the Medical Research Council for many years, before going to Cambridge University as Mary Marshall Professor of the Physiology of Reproduction in 1961. He has recently donated his papers to the Contemporary Medical Archives Centre of the Wellcome Institute, where they will be catalogued and made available to scholars. Sir Alan has also written two volumes of autobiography, *Off-beat Biologist* and *Biologist at Large*. He has a number of spare copies of these books and has kindly offered them to libraries where they would be appreciated and used. Readers interested in securing either or both of these volumes should write to Dr W. F. Bynum, The Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BP.