

News, Notes, and Queries

Call for Papers

Conference on Comparative Perspectives on
the History of Sexually Transmitted Diseases
University of London, 26-28 April 1996

This conference will examine the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and their economic, social, medical and cultural impact across different historical periods and geographical regions. Enquiries about the conference, abstracts, and requests for booking

forms should be addressed to Dr Karen Jochelson, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London, 28 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DS, UK; Tel: 44 171 580 5876; Fax: 44 171 255 2160.

Workshop in Ancient Medicine
Medizinhistorische Institut
Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz
23 June 1996

Enquiries, and applications to present papers should be sent together with abstracts to:
Medizinhistorische Institut,
Universitätsklinikum, D-55101 Mainz

(Fax: (+49) 6131/17 66 82). The final programme will be available at the end of April and will be sent on request.

History in the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

History in the School has entered a new phase. A programme of historical work is being developed within the Health Promotion Sciences Unit (HPSU). Based on the historical relationship between science, policy and public health in the twentieth century, its funding has come from the history of medicine section of the Wellcome Trust. The Health History and Drug Policy Programme is headed by Virginia Berridge, who is working on the science/policy relationship in post war UK smoking policy, Jenny Stanton is researching renal dialysis and the historical determinants behind the adoption of a new technology. Stuart Anderson is beginning an oral history of

twentieth-century community pharmacy. PhD and MD students are variously working on UK alcohol treatment policy; the ethics of AIDS vaccine research; and the research/policy relationship with regards to coronary heart disease and general practice. A new history network, meeting regularly, is bringing together other historians in the School. The HPSU historical work aims to integrate into contemporary research with a similar focus here, and is already doing this with work on new technology. Historical teaching has also been integrated into many courses in the Department of Public Health and Policy.