Whoever heard of undergraduates attending a History of Science Society meeting? The Biology and Society program at Arizona State University sent a delegation of undergraduates to this year's annual meeting in Kansas City, and I am sure I speak for the entire group when I say that the experience was highly worthwhile. A total of eight undergraduates and one graduate student made the trip: Mart Shindell, Suzanne Poloner, Farshad Marvasti, Matt Shindell, Jane Maienschein, Jim Strick, Rick Creath

Back row (L to R): Joi Podgorny, Suzanne Poloner, Tami Jackson, Farshad Marvasti, Matt Shindell, Jane Maienschein, Jim Strick, Rick Creath

Front row (L to R): Ann Hibner-Koblitz, Melanie Hunter, Marie Glitz. Not pictured: Sarah Sytsema and Maura Mackowski. Our group represented a wide range of interests, from medicine to mathematics and all of us intend to continue our studies in the history of science.

We all agreed that it is a great idea for undergraduates to attend these meetings. For many of us this was our first opportunity to participate in such a conference. I was excited to meet and interact with professionals and graduate students in the field, and to learn about their research interests. Previously, my only exposure to history of science has been through the faculty members at ASU and through reading. It was beneficial to immerse myself in the community and to get a better idea of the range of subjects that are represented in the field. In addition, I was able to get some extremely valuable information about various graduate programs and to begin constructing a list of those that would most likely be a good fit with my interests. This is the kind of information that is difficult to obtain from the typical graduate program literature.

Others in our group voiced similar reactions to the meeting. Sarah Sytsema expressed enthusiasm about meeting the authors of many books she has read, and she was also excited to meet and talk with a scholar who presented a paper on the same subject as her undergraduate thesis. Matt Shindell and Marie Glitz, both of whom work in the editorial office of the Journal of History of Biology, enjoyed the opportunity to meet a number of people with whom they have communicated and to be able to put faces with the names that have crossed their desks. Farshad Marvasti was able to evaluate more fully his interest in studying history of science while also pursuing a medical degree, and he was able to think more clearly about how to proceed with his education as a result of his conversations. Some students found the paper sessions to be the most memorable part of the trip, and others felt that their most productive time was spent talking with people at meals, receptions, and between sessions. Even our lunch-time and late-night discussions proved to be provocative and educational. The majority of us agreed that our experiences at this meeting provided us with a sense of clarity about our futures—this was of course after several days of recovering from sensory overload.

Many people seemed surprised that undergraduates would want to attend an HSS meeting. Each of us found the experience
to be both informative and enjoyable. It gave us a chance to explore different research possibilities, to learn more about graduate programs at a time when most of us are deciding where we want to apply, and finally, to be able to see that the professionals in the field of history of science are a fabulous group of people. This was a very enriching experience, and it is likely that many of us will be returning next year, and for many years to follow.

On behalf of the ASU contingent, I would like to express our gratitude to the Biology and Society program at ASU, and specifically to Jane Maienschein, Ron Rutowski, Jim Strick, and Dean Krahenbuhl of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, for providing us with the opportunity to attend this meeting. We hope that other institutions will follow the example set by Arizona State University and offer opportunities for their serious undergraduates to attend HSS meetings in the future.

Olesko to be Next Editor of Osiris

After consulting with the HSS Committee on Publications and gaining the unanimous approval of the HSS Council, Margaret Rossiter, Editor of the Society, has appointed Kathryn Olesko to a five-volume term as editor of Osiris. Kathryn is well qualified, having guest edited volume 5 of Osiris on “Science in Germany: The Intersection of Institutional and Intellectual Issues,” in 1989 and having recently been appointed to serve on the journal’s Board of Advisory Editors.

Because Osiris volumes are commissioned years in advance of publication, it was deemed best to phase in the next editor. Thus she will take office on January 1, 1999 as associate editor in charge of commissioning new volumes 17 for 2002 through 21 for 2006. Meanwhile, Rossiter will continue seeing volumes 13 through 16, already accepted, through to publication. In July 2001 when the last of these is published, Rossiter will step down as editor of Osiris and be replaced by Olesko.

Otherwise, volume 13, guest-edited by Morris Low of the University of Brisbane, Australia, is entitled “Beyond Joseph Needham: Science, Technology and Medicine in East and Southeast Asia,” and will be available this spring. Volume 14, guest edited by Pniina Abir-Am and Clark Elliott, on historical commemorations, will be out in July 1999, bringing the journal back onto its annual schedule after an unfortunate delay.

Correction from October Newsletter

Due to an editorial oversight, Jane Maienschein’s institutional affiliation was listed as the University of Arizona in the October Newsletter. Maienschein’s correct institutional affiliation is Arizona State University. We regret the error.
Syllabus-of-the-Month on the Web
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At the October 1998 HSS Annual Meeting in Kansas City, the Committee on Education (CoE) sponsored a workshop on the use of the world wide web and other electronic resources for teaching the History of Science. Sally Gregory Kohlstedt and her two graduate assistants, Eric Boyles and Mark Largent, presented a web-based syllabus—complete with assignments requiring analysis of visual materials—for a course they created on twentieth-century American science and technology. CoE member, Joe Cain, who serves as "web master" for his department at University College London, offered some guidelines for making effective use of multimedia in the classroom, arguing that much of what passes for web-based instructional materials is trivial, ineffective, and visually flawed. Steve Livesey demonstrated Commbase, a prosopographical database he has developed for medieval commentaries on Aristotle, that serves both research and teaching purposes. Kathy Ketchum, a Kansas City high school biology teacher, described how she is comparing research projects on human evolution conducted by her students using either conventional print materials or web-based resources. Clearly, the computer screen is becoming as commonplace as the blackboard and the library in the technological repertoire of our teaching.

At the workshop, at least two-thirds of the eighty plus in attendance indicated that they regularly publish their course syllabi on the web. Some merely place a copy of the traditional paper version of their syllabus on a course web site. Others use the web as a means for students in a course to communicate with each other and the professor. Still others provide over the web a palette of multimedia research materials that would not otherwise be available. Many agreed, however, that the web, although offering considerable opportunities for innovative pedagogy, nonetheless may promise more than it delivers for many faculty members with little time or technical support for such rapidly changing technologies.

Over the past decade, the CoE has prepared at least two Syllabus Samplers that offered in a print format selected syllabi from the best courses taught by HSS members. Wanting to continue this tradition and to recognize pedagogical changes resulting from new technologies, the CoE has decided to create a new venue for sharing innovative syllabi—a "Syllabus of the Month" to be posted on the HSS web site. The CoE urges all faculty who have developed web-based syllabi and who are willing to share their results with a wider audience to e-mail the URL for such course web sites to CoE Chair, Rich Kremer, richard.kremer@dartmouth.edu. From these submissions, the CoE will select each month a course that displays especially innovative content in History of Science, as well as creative use of web-based technologies. A link to this "Syllabus-of-the-Month" will be made available from the HSS web site weber.u.washington.edu/~hssexec. Links to these selected syllabi will be kept active for a year, thereby creating a perpetually renewed Syllabus Sampler with at least twelve courses accessible at any given time.

By making available such a continually updated range of web-based syllabi, the CoE hopes to publicize some of the most innovative teaching by HSS members and to encourage the skeptics among us at least to think about revising those tried and true syllabi based in traditional technologies.

Women, Gender, & Science Syllabus Sampler Call for Syllabi

The Women's Caucus is putting together a syllabus sampler for courses on women, gender, and science. Our aim is to compile a wide range of syllabi, both in terms of level (first-year studies to senior seminars) and in terms of institution (small liberal arts colleges, state universities, engineering schools). We invite interested individuals to submit their syllabi by March 1 to: Andrea Rusnock, Dept. of Science and Technology Studies, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY 12180, e-mail: rusnoa@rpi.edu. We request both a paper copy and an electronic copy (either send a disk or send as an attachment to an e-mail message). Thank you for your contributions!

HSS Women's Caucus Listserv Online!

The Women's Caucus is happy to announce that a listserv has been established to facilitate discussion among members of the Caucus. If you have attended the annual Caucus meeting in either of the last two years, you have automatically subscribed to the listserv. If you would like to join the listserv, send a message to: listserv@clemson.edu. The message should have no subject and the text (in its entirety—please don't include a signature) should read: subscribe HSS_Women-L. Otherwise, contact Pamela Mack at pammack@clemson.edu.

One of the immediate purposes of the listserv is to encourage discussion, organization, and planning of a conference scheduled for the summer of 2001 on women and gender in the history of science, technology, and medicine. A conference entitled "Science, Medicine and Technology in the Twentieth Century: The Difference Feminism Has Made" held at Princeton University on October 2-3, 1998 was the initial workshop for the 2001 conference. This workshop brought together historians of science, technology, and medicine for a stimulating set of papers and discussions. The 2001 conference should encourage a similar exchange on a much larger scale and represents a unique opportunity to bring together scholars from the three societies.

The Women's Caucus is the primary liaison representing HSS in the planning of this conference, and the co-chairs strongly encourage interested individuals to join the Women's Caucus listserv. Much of the conceptual and practical work for the conference remains in-process, so the existing program and planning committees especially value your input.

If you would like any further information, please contact one of the co-chairs: Andrea Rusnock, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, rusnoa@rpi.edu; Abha Sur, MIT, asur@mit.edu.
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1999 Election Slate

The HSS Nominating Committee (Paula Findlen, Chair) is assembling a slate of excellent candidates for the 1999 elections. Sixteen of our members have agreed to stand for election for the year 2000 Nominating Committee (those elected to the Committee will nominate members for the April 2000 election). Nominees for Council and for Vice President will be posted on the HSS Web site (http://weber.u.washington.edu/~hssexec) by mid-January, to allow the membership time to submit their own nominations (see the following excerpts from the Statutes for the nomination process). Members who prefer a paper copy of the proposed slate may contact the chair of the Nominating Committee, the ballot shall be received by the HSS Executive Office after January 15 (see page 2 for phone number and address)—we will be happy to fill this request.

The following candidates have agreed to be nominated for the Nominating Committee. Those nominated to positions from HSS Council (three to serve) are: Hal Cook (Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison)

Lesley Cormack (University of Alberta)

Evelyn Hammond (MIT)

Paul Mack (Clemson University)

Philip Sloan (Notre Dame)

Norton Wise (Princeton)

Those nominated to serve the Society are: Ted Porter (UCLA)

Joan Richards (Brown University)

Robert Richards (University of Chicago)

Alice Stroup (Bard College)

HSS Statutes

III. Offices

9. Terms: The Vice-President shall be elected by ballot for two calendar years followed by two calendar years as President; in each year five members of the Council shall be elected for three calendar years; in each year a Nominating Committee for the following year shall be elected.

Ballots: The Nominating Committee, consisting of three members of the Council and two other members of the Society, shall prepare a ballot to be sent to each member of the Society at least two months before the annual meeting. For the Vice-President, the ballot shall contain the names of two candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee together with the names of any other candidates nominated by petitions signed by at least twenty-five members of the Society. For the Council, the ballot shall contain the names of ten candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee together with the names of other candidates nominated by petitions signed by at least fifteen members of the Society.

The President of the Society shall appoint the chair of the Nominating Committee from among those elected to that Committee. Nominating petitions, together with the agreement of the person nominated, must reach the chair of the Nominating Committee within two months after publication of the list of nominees. Each list of candidates on the ballot shall be arranged in alphabetical order without further distinctions, and there shall be blank spaces at the end of each list in which the voter may enter and vote for other names.

The ballots shall be received by the Executive Secretary and valid ballots shall be tallied by a committee consisting of the Executive Secretary and at least one other person, appointed by the Executive Secretary.

In the event of a tie vote, the members of the Society present at the annual business meeting shall choose by ballot between the nominees with the highest number of votes.
1998 HSS Prize Winners Honored

HSS members honored their colleagues at the HSS banquet during the annual meeting in Kansas City by awarding the following honors and prizes.

• Sarton Medal: The History of Science Society’s most prestigious award was given to Thomas L. Hankins (University of Washington) in recognition of his impressive contributions to the field of the history of science during his productive scholarly career. The medal is provided by the Dibner Fund and Institute.


• Derek Price Award: Awarded for the outstanding article published in Isis during the previous three years to Deborah E. Harkness (University of California, Davis) for her article “Managing an Experimental Househould: The Dees of Mortlake and the Practice of Natural Philosophy,” Isis 88 (1997): 247-262.

• Henry and Ida Schuman Prize: Awarded for an outstanding graduate student essay to Michael D. Gordin (Harvard University) for “The Importation of Being Earnest.”

• Watson Davis and Helen Miles Davis Prize: Awarded annually to the author of a book useful in undergraduate teaching or which promotes greater public understanding of the history of science to Ruth Lewin Sime (Sacramento City College) for her work, Lise Meitner: A Life in Physics (University of California Press, 1996).

• Pfizer Prize: Awarded for the outstanding book in the history of science published during the previous three years to Peter Galison for his work, Image and Logic: A Material Culture of Microphysics (University of Chicago Press, 1997).

• Joseph H. Hazen Education Prize: Awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions to the teaching of the history of science to Gerald Holton (Harvard University) and F. James Rutherford (AAAS).

HSS members are reminded that Society honors and prizes are our responsibility. Please take a few moments and consider your colleague’s work (or your own!) and send in a nomination form. For additional information, please contact the Society’s Executive Office (hssexec@u.washington.edu).

Keith Benson Honored

At the 1998 Annual Meeting, HSS President Al Van Helden honored Keith Benson for Keith’s service to the Society. President Van Helden presented Keith with wine and read the following to express his gratitude on behalf of the History of Science Society.

Keith Benson became Executive Secretary of the History of Science Society on 1 January 1993. He was due to retire from the office last December but graciously agreed to stay on for another year to help with the transition to the new administrative structure of the Society. Beginning during the term of his able predecessor, Mike Sokal, and accelerating during Keith’s tenure, there has been a remarkable expansion in the services offered to members of the Society. We have now finally reached the administrative structure that is commensurate with our size and international importance. Besides working tirelessly in the performance of the ever-expanding “routine” tasks of the office, Keith has nudgeed and guided us toward the new administrative structure that goes into effect at the beginning of 1999. Make no mistake, the new structure of a permanent office with a full-time Executive Director is Keith’s brainchild. We are pleased that Keith will stay on in the new function of HSS Secretary. We take this opportunity to acknowledge our great debt of gratitude to Keith for the dedicated and effective work that he has done on behalf of the Society. This bottle of wine represents a case that is waiting for him in Seattle. On behalf of the History of Science Society, I salute Keith and thank him.
HSS Council Meeting-1998

Keith R. Benson
Executive Secretary

Thirteen members of HSS Council joined with the Executive Committee and invited chairs of HSS standing committees to conduct the Society's business at the annual HSS Council meeting in Kansas City on 22 October. President Al Van Helden welcomed his colleagues to his first meeting as HSS President.

Among the year's highlights, the President drew the attention of the Council to the hiring of Jay Malone as the Society's first Executive Director, a position he will officially assume in the Seattle Executive Office on 1 January 1999. In addition, the Society also hired a successor to John Neu, Stephen Wagner, who will work for the Society from his academic position at Oklahoma.

Following the approval of last year's minutes, the Council members heard reports from three of the members of the Executive Committee, the Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor. Keith Benson led his colleagues through a survey of the accomplishments of the HSS Executive Office over the past six years, Marc Rothenberg carefully detailed the Society's budgets, and Margaret Rossiter emphasized the productivity of the Editorial Office through its stewardship over Isis and Osiris. Among the highlights of these reports was the impressive news of continued Society surpluses (the Society recorded surpluses before the federal government!), including the budgets projected through 2000. Rothenberg also underscored the need for Society members to think creatively for uses of Society funds from the Special Project fund, a fund that has been under-utilized since it was established by Pam Mack. Council approved the budgets for 1998-99 and 1999-2000, also approving the request for a special allocation of $15,000 to aid in the planning of the Society's 75th anniversary meeting in 1999.

More good news followed from the report of Julie Noblit, representing the University of Chicago Press. Not only are subscription numbers fairly stable, but income from Isis has been strong enough to provide adequate funding for the journal through next year, so no dues increase will be necessary. Noblit also brought information with her about the new directory being prepared by the Press from its new subscription fulfillment system. This directory will be available in both print and on-line versions, although the on-line version will be a somewhat restricted version for security reasons. Already, portions of the on-line directory are available for members to use and the entire directory should be ready by 1 March 1999. President Van Helden then asked about the potential for an electronic version of Isis, and Noblit suggested that a sample issue of Isis could be set in an electronic version. Members will want to watch for this event!

Reports from HSS standing committees followed. John Servos reported on the busy year of CoE, especially its efforts in hiring the new Society bibliographer, Stephen Wagner. Servos also noted the appointment of Kathy Olesko to be the new editor of Osiris, effective in 2000.

Executive Secretary Benson directed the attention of Council to the detailed report from CoE, written by Rich Kremer. CoE, funded by a generous grant from the Hazen family, is embarking on an impressive agenda of educational projects, ranging from support of National History Day to development of curricula in the history of science for the K-12 community. Council expressed great enthusiasm (with a hearty yelp!) for the many exciting ideas of CoE, and is eager to see developments from the committee during the coming year.

CoRP has been relatively quiet the past year, but Benson noted that the committee will be dealing with the Society's travel grant program, addressing some needed changes as the program expands. Benson also apologized to the Women's Caucus, for requiring their funding requests to be processed through CoRP when recent changes in the Society bylaws made the Caucus an independent committee within the Society.

Council then heard the recommendation from CoMP, suggested by Executive Secretary Benson, that the Society adopt an "everybody pays" provision for the registration rate at the annual meeting. Benson noted the growing number of requests for fee waivers while, at the same time, no one is eager to increase registration fees. Obviously, it is not possible to grant these waivers, so Council voted to adopt the recommendation.

The Committee on Honors and Prizes noted that this year, the Society will award its initial Education Prize, a prize made possible by the generous grant from the Hazen family. The committee is also considering two additional prizes and it will report back to Council next year.

Council approved a number of committee nominations, following the approval by spontaneous acclamation of Marc Rothenberg to another two-year term as Society Treasurer. Executive Secretary Benson then excused himself, as Council deliberated his nomination to the new position of Society Secretary, the position that replaces Executive Secretary. Fred Gregory led the motion to elect Benson to the position, pointing out Benson's six-year period of service as Society Executive Secretary. The issue of the necessary statute and bylaw changes was raised, but was deferred to "Old Business," and Council voted unanimously to appoint Benson to a two-year position as Society Secretary. Jay Malone was also approved by Council to become the Society's first Executive Director.

During the discussion of "Old Business," Benson led Council through the tortuous details of the Society's statutes and bylaws, with the recommended changes for both. He carefully noted that the statute changes would need to be approved next year, since they require a 30-day notification period, but that the bylaw changes could be enacted at the meeting. Council then unanimously approved the removal of "Executive" from "Executive Secretary" throughout the bylaws and it approved a new section of the bylaws (VII) to establish the position of Executive Director. These approved changes will be printed in the June issue of Isis.

During "New Business," President Van Helden noted the approval that JCAST records would be housed within the Society's archives, a request made by the American Institute of Physics (Joan Warnow-Blewett). Michael Sokal, departing from his role of HSS Council member, presented the news from the National Science Foundation, commenting that NSF will be moving to a
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The Council meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

HSS Business Meeting
Keith R. Benson
Executive Secretary

President Al Van Helden called the annual HSS Business Meeting to order on Sunday morning, 25 October at the Kansas City Crowne Center Hyatt Hotel. President Van Helden introduced Jay Malone, the new HSS Executive Director, and then provided an overview of the new permanent HSS Executive Office in Seattle. The President also noted that the Executive Secretary position, which was held by Michael Sokal from 1987-92 and by Keith Benson from 1993-98, will change to the position of Society Secretary, to be held by Keith Benson from 1999-2000. Finally, President Van Helden noted the appointment of Stephen Wagner as the new bibliographer for the Society.

The minutes of the previous HSS Business Meeting were then read and approved unanimously. This was followed by the presentation of reports by the Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor.

After the reports by HSS officers, the business meeting opened its annual tradition of a general and open discussion between Society members and its Executive Committee. The general discussion surrounded the formation of the new position of Executive Director, the new orientation of the Dibner postdoctoral program and questions concerning the international commitment of the Society. In terms of the latter, HSS-member Christiane Groeben, who lives in Italy, noted that about 30% of HSS members are located outside the United States and the Society should consider annual meetings at international venues (her suggestions will be sent to CoMP). She also noted that the ballots for the 1998 election did not arrive in time for members who lived outside the United States to enable them to vote in the election. To address this, she suggested that the Society develop an electronic voting system (her idea will be considered by the Executive Office). In the conversation that followed, President Van Helden stated his preference to pursue a second meeting with international groups in addition to the annual HSS meeting, which may always meet in North America, and he committed himself to find a remedy for the election problem. HSS-member Robert Frank wondered if the Society was international by purpose and Sally Gregory Kohlsredt replied that the Society has always attempted to pursue international memberships and to encourage the attendance of international colleagues at the annual meeting.

The annual business meeting concluded with a presentation by Michael Sokal concerning the NSF programs that support the Society. He encouraged members to apply for grants, noting that this process will be a paperless one by 2000. He also informed members that he would not be dealing directly with grants to the History of Science Society because of his position on HSS Council; in his stead, John Perhoni will handle HSS grants.

The annual HSS Business Meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

REMINDER—The Isis Bibliography from 1975 to the present is available online with the Research Libraries Group (RLG). Members of the Society may access the RLG website, and the History of Science and Technology Database (HOST) through the HSS homepage http://weber.u.washington.edu/\hssexec/. RLG has assigned us "Y6.G19" as a "User Name" and "HSSDEMO" as a Password.

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HSS Award and Prize Nominations Sought for 1999

Recognizing that awards and prizes should represent the consensus of the Society’s members, we now rely upon our membership for nominations. However, for this process to work successfully, our members must respond. Therefore, we encourage all HSS members, especially those of you who are recent authors, to complete the following NOMINATION FORM and send it to the HSS Executive Office (Box 351330, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-1330) no later than 1 April 1999. To be eligible for nomination in 1999, books and articles must have been published in 1996, 1997, and 1998. Books published in the previous four years are eligible for the 1999 History of Women in Science Prize.

The Pfizer Award is the highest honor awarded by the History of Science Society for a work of scholarship. Any original book, published in English, either as the original language or in translation, which deals in a substantial way with the history of science is eligible; those by more than two authors or unrevised reprints of previously published works are excluded.

The Watson Davis and Helen Miles Davis Prize is awarded annually to the author of a book useful in undergraduate teaching or which promotes public understanding of the history of science. Books should be distinguished by breadth, sufficiency of explanation, and comprehensibility. They should be introductory in assuming no previous knowledge of the subject and in being directed at audiences of beginning students and general readers. They should introduce an entire field, a chronological period, a national tradition, or the work of a noteworthy individual. Multi-authored or edited books are eligible, whereas unrevised reprints of previously published works are not.

The History of Women in Science Prize will be awarded in 1999 to the author of an outstanding book on the history of women in science. Included in the topic “women in science” are discussions of women’s activities in science, analyses of past scientific practices that deal explicitly with gender, and investigations regarding women as viewed by scientists. These may be related to medicine, technology, and the social sciences as well as the natural sciences.

The Henry and Ida Schuman Prize is awarded for the best original essay by a graduate student on the history of science and its cultural influences. Essays on medical topics are not eligible unless they deal with the relations between medicine and the natural sciences. Entries must not have been previously published and must be original, thoroughly documented, and submitted in English or accompanied by an English translation. They must not exceed 8,000 words in length exclusive of footnotes. Students must submit documentation of graduate student status and three copies of the essay to Robert J. Malone, HSS Executive Director, at the address below. The author’s name and institution must be indicated on a detachable cover sheet.

The Derek Price Award is presented annually for an outstanding article published in Isis during the preceding three years, i.e. 1996, 1997, and 1998. All articles published in the relevant years are automatically considered.

The Joseph H. Hazen Education Prize is awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions to the teaching of History of Science. Education activities recognized by the award are to be construed in the broadest sense and should include but not be limited to the following: classroom teaching (K-12, undergraduate, graduate, or extended education), mentoring of young scholars, museum work, journalism, organization and administration of educational programs, influential writing, educational research, innovation in the methodology of instruction, preparation of pedagogical materials, or public outreach through non-print media.

The Sarton Medal, originally designed by Bern Dibner and still supplied by the Dibner Institute at MIT, is awarded annually to an outstanding historian of science, selected from the international scholarly community. It recognizes those whose entire careers have been devoted to the field and whose scholarship is exceptional. Nominations may be sent to the Chair of the Committee on Honors and Prizes, Professor Margaret Osler, Department of History, University of Calgary, 2500 University Drive, NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4 CANADA; O: 403-220-6401/6414; Fax: 403-289-8566; mjosler@ucalgary.ca.

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HSS Semisequicentennial Celebration

Pittsburgh 1999: Call for Papers

The History of Science Society will celebrate its 75th anniversary at its 1999 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, 3-7 November 1999. Proposals for sessions, contributed papers, and works-in-progress must be submitted by 1 April 1999 to the History of Science Society’s Executive Office, Box 351330, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-1330; phone: (206) 543-9366; fax: (206) 685-9544; e-mail: hssexec@u.washington.edu.

All Proposals must be submitted on the HSS Web site (http://weber.u.washington.edu/~hssexec) or on the annual meeting proposal forms, which are located on pages 10-11. We strongly encourage electronic submissions from the link provided on the HSS Web site. HSS members are encouraged to circulate this announcement and copies of the HSS Paper Proposal to interested colleagues who are not members of HSS but who may be interested in submitting a paper proposal for the Annual Meeting. Only one proposal per person may be submitted for the Annual Meeting. For additional information concerning the 1999 meeting, contact the HSS Executive Office, or contact the program co-chairs, Fred Gregory and Edith Sylla.

Additionally, HSS members should note that the HSS Council accepted the Committee on Meetings and Programs’ “Guidelines for Selecting Papers and Sessions.” These guidelines, printed below, will be used in determining the acceptability of session and paper proposals for the Pittsburgh meeting.

As its membership expands in interests and in numbers, the History of Science Society seeks to maintain at its Annual Meeting broad coverage of research topics and wide participation. Unfortunately, there is no longer space nor time at the meetings to include all of the submitted papers and sessions. Therefore, the Committee on Meetings and Programs (CoMP) has created a set of guidelines—specific but non-binding—to help direct Program Chairs as they evaluate papers and sessions for possible inclusion in the meetings.

In listing the following guidelines, CoMP assumes that applicants will honor the stated deadline when submitting the HSS Annual Meeting “Session and Paper Proposal” forms, located on the Society’s Web page and reprinted on the following pages.

HSS Committee on Meetings & Programs Guidelines

1. In evaluating individual proposals for possible inclusion in general sessions created by the Program Chairs of “contributed papers”:
   (a) The principal criterion will be the quality of the proposal.
   (b) A second factor of substantial weight will be the need to bring balance to the program.
   (c) No person, but for the most exceptional circumstances (to be cleared with the chair of CoMP), may appear on the program twice (as presenter of a paper, commentator, discussant, or chair). A person may, however, serve more than one function in a single session—e.g., as chair and presenter or commentator or discussant or as a presenter in a panel. Also, a person is exempt from the stricture against duplication if he or she serves only as an organizer of another session or a presenter in a special gathering such as a workshop.
   (d) Priority will be given to people who did not appear on the previous year’s program.
   (Note) The Program Chairs will reserve a block of sessions for “contributed papers,” primarily, but not solely, by graduate students. Graduate students are also encouraged to apply as participants in regular sessions.

2. In evaluating sessions that organizers submit as wholes and whose proposals support unified themes:
   (a) The principal criterion will be the topic and the perceived quality of the proposals and their integration into a meaningful and useful session.
   (b) Another criterion will be the need for balance in the subjects covered on the program.
   (c) Another factor will be sponsorship by an official HSS interest group or committee (one session only).
   (d) Another factor will be involvement of participants representing diversity of institutional affiliations.
   (Note) Sessions may not, but for the most exceptional circumstances (to be cleared with the chair of CoMP), include people on the program in another session (as presenter, commentator, discussant, or chair). Where possible, Program Chairs are also encouraged to select sessions that include a mix of men and women. The chairs are further encouraged to choose sessions that include participants representing a balance of professional ranks (avoiding sessions composed exclusively of, for example, graduate students).
   (Note) For inclusion on the official program, the following activities require regular applications as sessions: public forums or speakers sponsored by HSS interest groups and committees; honorific sessions sponsored by members’ colleagues; commemorations of historic events; Thursday evening plenary sessions; and other special gatherings. Program Chairs will judge these submissions along with other sessions on their merits. (Of course, official HSS interest groups and committees remain welcome to mount special programs in the time-slots normally allocated for their business meetings. Similarly, HSS members remain welcome to organize private activities independent of the official program.)

3. In evaluating workshops, field trips, or site visits:
   (a) The principal criterion will be the activity’s relevance to the society’s collective goals.
   (b) A related issue will be the logistical feasibility.
   (c) Another factor of importance will be the need to bring balance to the program.
   (d) A final aspect will be sponsorship by an official HSS interest group or committee, including the local arrangements committee.
   (Note) The program chairs will reserve periods during Thursday afternoon and Friday evening for workshops, field trips, site visits, and related activities.

If you have questions about the CoMP guidelines, please contact the HSS Executive Office (hssexec@u.washington.edu).
SESSION PROPOSALS: For those organizing a session, please complete the "Session Proposal" form. Session organizers must select a session format: either 3-4 papers with a commentator; or 4-5 papers without a commentator. Session organizers are responsible for sending the entire session proposal, complete with paper proposals, to the HSS Executive Office no later than 1 April 1999.

PAPER PROPOSALS: Those who are proposing a paper as part of a session, or who wish to have a paper considered as a Contributed Paper, must complete the "Paper Proposal" form. Note: Paper Proposal forms that are part of a session should be sent to the session organizer. An abstract is required for all papers and must be completed in the space provided on the "Paper Proposal" form.

WORKSHOP PROPOSALS: Contact the HSS Executive Office for directions.

PLEASE NOTE: HSS will provide an overhead projector and/or a slide projector. Other a/v needs are the responsibility of the presenter.

SESSION PROPOSAL
(This form is to be filled out by session organizers only.)

Session Organizer: ____________________________
Institution: __________________________________
Address: _____________________________________
Phone: ______ Fax: ______ E-mail: ________________


Status (check one): ______ Faculty Member ______ Post-doctoral Fellow ______ Independent Scholar ______ Graduate Student

Session Title: _________________________________

Session Participants: (name and institution) and Paper Titles:
1. __________________________________________
2. __________________________________________
3. __________________________________________
4. __________________________________________
5. __________________________________________

Chair (name and institution): ______________________
Commentator (name and institution): ______________

Session Format (check one): ___ (3) ___ (4) Papers with commentator OR ___ (4) ___ (5) Papers without commentator

Session Organizers should mail this form with all paper proposal forms for participants of this session to:
History of Science Society Executive Office, University of Washington,
Box 351330, Seattle, WA 98195-1330. DUE IN HSS OFFICE BY 1 APRIL 1999.
PAPER PROPOSAL

This form is to be filled out by those proposing a paper as part of a session, a contributed paper, or a work-in-progress paper.

Note: If your paper proposal is part of a session, please send this form to the session organizer. The session organizer is responsible for sending the entire session proposal to the HSS Executive Office. This includes the "Session Proposal" form (on the opposite page), and all "Paper Proposal" forms for participants in the session (including a form for commentator and/or chair). HSS assumes that accepted paper proposals (proposals will be evaluated by 15 May 1999) will be presented at the annual meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: HSS will provide an overhead and a slide projector. Other a/v needs are the responsibility of the presenter. All a/v requests are due no later than 1 August.

We strongly encourage electronic submission of Paper Proposals on the HSS Web site
http://weber.u.washington.edu/~hssexec.

Name:__________________________________________

Institution:____________________________________

Address:_______________________________________

Phone:____________________Fax:___________________E-mail:____________________


Status (check one): Faculty Member Post-doctoral Fellow Independent Scholar Graduate Student

Type of Paper Proposal: Part of a Session Contributed Paper Work-in-Progress

Paper Title:____________________________________

Contributed paper and work-in-progress paper proposals should be sent to the History of Science Society Executive Office, Box 351330, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-1330. Paper proposals that are part of a session should be sent directly to the session organizer. ALL ARE DUE IN THE HSS OFFICE BY 1 APRIL 1999!

Please type in your abstract in the box below.
Awards, Honors & Appointments

Roger Cooter has been promoted to professor and was appointed Director of the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine at the University of East Anglia, Norwich, England, effective 1 August 1998.

The book El Regreso de las Epidemias: salud y sociedad en el Perú del siglo XX (Lima: Instituto de Estudios Peruanos, 1997, The Return of epidemics: Health and society in Peru during the 20th century) by Marcos Cueto has been declared co-winner of the prize Premio Iberoamericano 1998 given in the U.S. by the Latin American Studies Association, LASA. The prize is awarded to the outstanding book on Latin America in the social sciences and humanities published in Spanish or Portuguese in any country. Dr. Marcos Cueto received the prize at the LASA XXI International Congress that took place in Chicago, Illinois during September 24-26, 1998.

In October 1998 Bernard R. Goldstein was promoted from the rank of “Professor” to that of “University Professor,” a title held by only 14 current members of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh, “in recognition of eminence in several fields of study.” He was a Guggenheim Fellow in 1975, and a Neugebauer Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Study in Princeton in 1993. Of interest to members of this society are his contributions to ancient, medieval, and early modern science.

Rachel Laudan was awarded the Sophie Coe Prize for the History of Food at the 1998 Oxford Symposium on Food and Cookery for her essay, “A Kind of Chemistry: Seventeenth-Century Chemists and the Origins of the European Diet.”

David N. Livingstone has been awarded the Centenary Medal of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the study of the history of geography and the development of geography as a discipline. Earlier this year he was elected a Member of the Royal Irish Academy.

Kristie Macrakis has been awarded a Fulbright Senior Scholarship for the academic year 1998-1999 and a National Science Foundation Grant for 1998-2000 for her work on espionage and science in East Germany.

J. Chris Pires at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is the recipient of the 1998 Lawrence Memorial Award. As student of Professor Kenneth J. Sytina, Mr. Pires has undertaken a study on the biosystematics and phylogenetics of the Themidaceae. He will use the proceeds of the Award for travel in Mexico and for field research in the Pacific Northwest. Commemorating Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, founding Director of the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation at Carnegie Mellon University, the biennial Award of $1,000 is made to an outstanding doctoral candidate for travel in support of dissertation research in systematic botany or horticulture, or the history of the plant sciences, including literature and exploration.

Londa Schiebinger (Pennsylvania State University) has received an Alexander von Humboldt-Forschungspreis for her new project on gender in the voyages of scientific discovery. She will be at the Max-Planck-Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte, Berlin, 1999-2000.

Liba Taub has been awarded The Pilkington Award for teaching excellence at The University of Cambridge for 1998.
Historians in Kiev

Eight American historians of science and technology visited Kiev in March 1998 to participate in a workshop on the history of Ukrainian science. The U.S. participants were: Elisa Becker, University of Pennsylvania; Michael David-Fox, University of Maryland; Deborah Fitzgerald, MIT; Anne Fitzpatrick, George Washington University; Loren R. Graham, Harvard and MIT; Rebecca Herzig, Bates College; Paul Josephson, UNH, workshop organizer; and Andrea Woody, University of Washington. The National Science Foundation provided funding for the workshop. The purposes of the workshop were to support the development of the history of science and related disciplines in Ukraine, explore the achievements of Ukrainian scientists and engineers, and their economic, political, and social significance, and discuss the impact of the Soviet model on the organization and performance of scientific institutions in Ukraine. The Ukrainian side agreed to publish the papers resulting from the workshop, with some of the better ones translated into English. U.S. participants learned of the strengths, interests, and challenges facing the discipline of the history of science in Ukraine. The challenges include significant economic hardships, difficulties attracting young persons to the field, and international isolation. Ukrainian scholars were exposed to western concerns in the discipline of history of science. They were delighted to receive syllabi, publications, and reading lists from the Americans. Any one interested in a follow-up meeting to be held in Crimea, perhaps in 1999 or 2000, should contact Paul Josephson at paulj@cisunix.unh.edu.

Thanks to these HSS members who participated in the Sponsor-a-Scholar Program in 1998!

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research interests in the history of philanthropy. Subfields of particular interest include: medical history and the history of public health. Send curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, graduate transcripts, and a letter explaining teaching and research interests as they apply to this position by 5 February 1999, to Philanthropy Search, Department of History, IUPUI, 425 University Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202-5140.

The Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin, offers a three-year position, beginning 1 September 1999, as a research fellow (assistant/associate professor level, depending on qualifications) in connection with an interdisciplinary, international research group on “The Moral Authority of Nature” organized by Lorraine Daston. Please send vita, publication list, brief project description (maximum 1000 words), and three letters of recommendation by 1 March 1999 to: Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Abt. Personal, Wilhelmstraße 44, 10117 Berlin, Germany.

The University of New South Wales wishes to appoint a Lecturer or Senior Lecturer (REF. 599) to assist in the development of its teaching and research in the history and philosophy of science or technology. It is essential that the appointee holds a PhD in a relevant field, has university teaching experience and a record of research publication in a relevant area as well as the ability to implement equity and diversity policies and programs. Enquiries may be directed to Dr. David Miller, Head of School on telephone +61 2 9385 2356, e-mail: dp.miller@unsw.edu.au or fax +61 2 9313 7984. Applications close 12 February 1999.

The University of Rhode Island invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professorship beginning September 1999 in Early Modern European History (ca. 1500-1800). Candidates must specialize in the History of Medicine and/or Public Health and be prepared to work with other scholars in the University’s Health Focus Area. Please submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, and a sample of recent scholarly writing to: Michael Honhart, Search Committee Chair (Log # 021353), University of Rhode Island, P. O. Box G, Kingston, RI 02881. The deadline for applications is 1 March 1999.

The University of Winnipeg, the Department of History, invites applications from qualified women and men for a probationary tenure track position, at the rank of Assistant Professor in the History of Science, with subfields in areas such as the History of Medicine or the History of Technology. In accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, first preference must be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. Interested candidates should by 26 February 1999, send a letter of application, including a curriculum vitae, three letters of reference, examples of teaching materials, and a sample of research to: Professor David G. Burley, Acting Chair, Department of History, University of Winnipeg, 500 Portage Avenue, 2E9 Canada. FAX (204) 774-1434. E-mail: david.burley@uwinnipeg.ca.
DIRECTOR, ASSOCIATED MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. (AMS) PROGRAMS
-History of Medicine, (Hannah Institute), Medical Education, Bioethics-

Associated Medical Services, Inc. (AMS) invites applications for the position of Director, AMS Programs, effective no later than July 1, 1999. This position includes responsibility for the activities of the Hannah Institute for the History of Medicine and AMS Programs in the areas of medical education and bioethics.

Responsibilities for the Hannah Institute include acting as overall administrator, maintaining close liaison with the Canadian history of medicine community and exercising vision and initiative with regard to the history of medicine.

The successful applicant would also be the administrator of the AMS programs in medical education and bioethics. This involves initiating and maintaining links with the medical education and bioethics communities in Canada.

In view of these responsibilities, which include close collaboration with AMS staff, board and committee members, the successful applicant will require a considerable array of interpersonal skills including that of public relations.

Applicants should have a demonstrated scholarly expertise in the history of medicine as well as some administrative expertise. Experience in the application of educational principles and knowledge of the Canadian bioethics community would be desirable.

Application and curriculum vitae should be addressed to:
Professor Abbyann Lynch, President
Associated Medical Services, Inc.
14 Prince Arthur Avenue, Suite 101
Toronto, ON M5R 1A9

Applicants should ensure that three confidential letters are sent directly to the AMS office by the applicants’ referees. The deadline for receipt of applications is March 15, 1999.

In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. Associated Medical Services, Inc. is committed to the principle of employment equity.

Fellowships

The American Association for the Advancement of Science invites applications from advanced undergraduate or graduate students, particularly those interested in the history of science, to serve as interns in the Association’s archives. Our goal is to give the interns access to a valuable research resource in exchange for helping to improve accessibility of the archives for future researchers. Interns would be expected to assist in discovering treasures, catalogue and index records, as well as pursue a research topic that includes the use of archival materials. While these internships would be unpaid, we hope that arrangements might be made with the home institution for students to receive academic credit that counts toward their degree program. Students interested in applying for an internship should contact Amy Crumpton at 202-326-6791 or acrumpto@aaas.org.

The American Philosophical Society Library is accepting applications for short-term residential fellowships for conducting research in its collections. Eligibility: The fellowships, funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, are intended to encourage research by scholars who reside beyond a 75-mile radius of Philadelphia. The fellowships are open to both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals who are holders of the Ph.D. or the equivalent, Ph.D. candidates who have passed their preliminary exams, and independent scholars. Applicants in any relevant field of scholarship may apply. Award: The stipend is $1,900 per month, and the term of the fellowship is a minimum of one month and a maximum of three, taken between 1 June 1999 and 31 May 2000. Fellows are expected to be in residence for four consecutive weeks during the period of their award. Deadline: Applications must be received by 1 March 1999. Notice of awards will be mailed by 1 May 1999. Address applications or inquiries to: Mellon Fellowships, American Philosophical Society Library, 105 South Fifth St., Philadelphia, PA 19106-3386. Telephone: (215) 440-3400.

The Center for History of Recent Science, in the Department of History at The George Washington University, Washington, D.C., is offering 2 two-year postdoctoral fellowships to begin August 1999. “Recent science” comprises lines of research in physical or biological sciences that have been carried out for the most part by scientists who are still living. Inquiries and letters of application should be sent by 1 March 1999 to Horace Freeland Judson, Director of the Center for History of Recent Science and Research Professor of History, The George Washington University, Washington, DC 20052. Application instructions are also available at: http://www.gwu.edu/~recsci/.
The Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin announces four two-year postdoctoral fellowships for participants in an interdisciplinary, international research group organized by Lorraine Daston on "The Moral Authority of Nature." The colloquium language is English. Projects from all periods, from ancient through contemporary, are welcome, as are comparative studies. Fellowships run from 1 September 1999 through 31 August 2001, and are remunerated at 3400.- DM per month (fellows from abroad). Applicants must have completed their Ph.D. between 1 September 1994 and 31 August 1999. Women are encouraged to apply. Qualifications being equal, preference will be given to candidates with disabilities. Please send a curriculum vitae, publication list, brief project description (maximum 750 words), and two letters of recommendation by 1 March 1999 to: Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Abt. Personal Wilhelmstraße 44, 10117 Berlin, Germany.

Stanford University, the Program in History and Philosophy of Science and the Division of Mechanics and Computation of the Stanford School of Engineering announces the Timoshenko Fellowship, a fellowship for a student interested in pursuing a dissertation in the history of engineering in biomechanics, particularly areas related to engineering mechanics in medicine and biology, medical device design, physiologic modeling, disease research, modern developments in medical imaging, computers in biomechanics, and medical simulation and treatment planning. Candidates having a BS in mechanical engineering or computer science are especially encouraged to apply. The course of graduate study will be designed in consultation with faculty from Engineering, Medicine, and the History of Science and Technology, and will include a spectrum of courses in the history of technology, in science and technology studies, and further work in science and engineering fields appropriate to the dissertation topic and background of the student. The Timoshenko Fellow will work closely with faculty in both the History of Science and Engineering. Persons interested in applying should write to Gertrud Pacheco, Department of History, Lane History Building, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305-2024 by 5 February 1999.

University of California, San Francisco, the Department of the History of Health Sciences, invites applications for the J. Elliott Royer Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship. A Ph.D. in history, with concentration in 18th-20th-century health-related topics, is required. Preference will be given to historians wishing to use the archival and library resources in the Bay Area. In addition to personal research and writing, the position also offers possibilities for limited teaching.

Awards will be made for an initial nine month period with the opportunity of continuing the fellowship for an additional 12 months on the basis of merit. The stipend is $2,250.00/month, and also includes health benefits and a research allowance. Position available 15 September 1999. Inquiries should include a c.v., a brief research proposal, and three letters of recommendation from scholars familiar with the applicant's work. Apply by 1 February 1999. For further information, contact: Chair, Department of the History of Health Sciences, University of California, San Francisco, 533 Parnassus Avenue, Box 0726, San Francisco, CA 94143-0726.

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The University of Chicago's Sawyer Seminar on "Computer Science as a Human Science: The Cultural Impact of Computerization" invites applications for the 1999-2000 Postdoctoral Fellowship, which offers a stipend of $32,000. The application deadline is 15 February 1999. Submit: c.v.; a chapter-length piece of work; statement (1-3 double-spaced pages) about your research and one or more of the Seminar's themes; and 3 letters of recommendation. For more information, see our Web site at http://humanities.uchicago.edu/sawyer/CSatSHS or e-mail org_chk@midway.uchicago.edu.

Prizes

Shryock Medal Essay Contest 1999. Graduate students in the United States and Canada are invited to enter the Shryock Medal Essay Contest. The medal honors Richard Harrison Shryock (1893-1972), a pioneer among historians interested in the history of medicine. The award is given for an outstanding, unpublished essay on any topic in the history of medicine. The essay must be the result of original research or show an unusual appreciation and understanding of problems in the history of medicine. The winner will be invited to attend the 1999 meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine from 5-9 May 1999 in New Brunswick, New Jersey, where the medal will be conferred. Students eligible for the Association's Osler Medal competition for medical students are not eligible for the Shryock Medal. Interested students must obtain guidelines and an application form from the Shryock Medal Committee Chair: Thomas P. Gariepy, Ph.D., History and Philosophy of Science Program, Stonehill College, 320 Washington Street, Easton, MA 02357-1135. Essays must be postmarked no later than 1 February 1999.

Society for the Social History of Medicine Prize Essay Competition 1999. The Society for the Social History of Medicine (SSHM) invites submissions for its 1999 prize essay competition. This prize is awarded to the best original, unpublished essay in the social history of medicine as judged by the SSHM's assessment panel. The winner will be awarded £200, and his or her entry may also be published in the journal, Social History of Medicine. The competition is open to students and recently qualified postdoctoral scholars. The deadline for submissions is 31 December 1999. Further details and an entry form can be obtained from the membership secretary, David Cantor, Department of History and Economic History, Manchester Metropolitan University, Geoffrey Manton Building, Rosamond Street West, Manchester M15 6LJ, England. (d.cantor@mmu.ac.uk or dcantor@fsl4.mam.an.ac.uk) SSHM Web site: http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/-ahzwww/homesshm.htm.

Jerry Stannard Memorial Award. The Department of History, at the University of Kansas, announces the 1999 competition for the annual award in honor of the late Professor Jerry Stannard. The award will be made to the author of an outstanding published or unpublished scholarly study in those fields and encourages research by young scholars in the fields that Professor Stannard made his own: namely, the history of materia medica, medicinal botany, pharmacy, and folklore of drug
therapy before the 1700s. Each year a cash award In 1999 the award will be $500. The competition is open to graduate students and to recent recipients of a doctoral degree (the Ph.D. degree or an equivalent), conferred not more than three years before the competition deadline. Manuscripts must be in English, French, or German. Only one paper by any author may be submitted in any given year. Each entry should be typewritten, double-spaced, and under 51 pages, including notes, bibliography, and appendices. Each manuscript must be accompanied by the following: (a) a one-page abstract in English; (b) a current c.v. of the author; and (c) a letter of recommendation from an established scholar in the field. Enquiries who are resident in the United States are also requested to indicate their home address and social security number. Entries must be received no later than 15 February 1999. The award will be announced on or about 15 May 1999. All manuscripts and correspondence should be addressed to: The Stannard Award Committee, Department of History, Wescoe Hall 3001, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045-2130

**Future Meetings**

We invite you to peruse our electronic site for listings of history of science-related meeting announcements and call for papers. The following announcements have been edited for space. For a full description consult the HSS Website at http://weber.u.washington.edu/~hssexec. Electronic listings of meetings are updated every Friday morning and are brought to the History of Science Society's attention between quarterly publication of the HSS Newsletter. For those who wish to publish a future meeting announcement or call for papers, please send an electronic disk version of the posting or submit it via e-mail. Our mailing address is History of Science Society Executive Office, Box 351330, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-1330. Our e-mail address is hssexec@u.washington.edu. Our fax is 206/685-9544 and our telephone number is 206/543-9366.

The Society does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of any item, and interested persons should verify all details, especially deadlines, with the appropriate contact person.

**The Pacific Northwest: A Region in Transition**

11-13 February 1999, Oregon State University

"The Pacific Northwest: A Region in Transition," a conference of invited scholars to be held at Oregon State University, will address issues related to the cultural construction of regions; the meaning of culture, ecology, and science in the Northwest; conflicts and contests local storying; problems with endangered species and toxic environments; and the question of regional autonomy in the face of an increasingly globalizing economy. For program and information, contact William G. Robbins, Dept. of History, Oregon State Univ., Corvallis, OR 97331-5104. E-mail: brobbins@orst.edu.

**Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science**

26-27 February 1999, University of Southern Mississippi

The Inaugural Meeting of the Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science will be held 26-27 February 1999 at the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS. For further information, contact L. Margaret Barnett, History Dept., University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS 33406-5047. E-mail: lbarnett@ocean.st.usm.edu.

**Philosophical Issues in Evolutionary Theory**

6 March 1999, University of Reading

A one-day graduate conference on the Philosophy of Mind, World and Knowledge, hosted by the Department of Philosophy at the University of Reading, will take place on Saturday, 6 March 1999. Professor Henry Plotkin, of University College London, will be the guest speaker, and will give a paper entitled "The significance of evolutionary theory for understanding human intelligence and culture." Interested graduate students are invited to submit papers (maximum of 8 pages, double spaced), which will be assessed by members of Reading's Department of Philosophy. (Abstracts will not be sufficient.) They should be sent to: Postgraduate Conference, Department of Philosophy, University of Reading, Reading RG6 2AA, to arrive by Monday 8 February. Those who wish to attend, but not to submit papers, should notify Mrs. Jean Britland, Graduate Secretary, at the address by 4 March or phone 01189318325, fax 01189328295 or e-mail j.a.bridand@reading.ac.uk.

**John Ray and His Successors: The Clergyman as Biologist**

18-21 March 1999, Braintree, Essex

This conference will celebrate all aspects of John Ray's (1627-1705) life and work. We will consider the British clergy (or their families) who were biologists and their distinctive contributions to both church and science. The conference will also focus on the current experience of people who are both clerics and biologists. Keynote addresses will be given on each of these themes. The conference will be held in Braintree, Essex—Ray's home town—coinciding with the town's 800th anniversary celebrations. Register your interest to receive further details by sending your contact details to Rev. Nigel Cooper, The Rectory, 40 Church Road, Rivenhall, Witham, Essex CM8 3PQ, UK. Tel (+44) (0)1376 511161. E-mail: please leave messages for Nigel Cooper's attention on cgw23@cam.ac.uk.

**Eugenics Past and Present: Historic Perspectives and Current Discourse**

20 March 1999, Drew University

The Modern History and Literature graduate department of Drew University, Madison, New Jersey will host the conference—Eugenics Past and Present, Historic Perspectives and Current Discourse—on Saturday, 20 March 1999. For more information contact Lisa Nocks at lisacall@superlink.net.

**Goethe, Chaos, and Complexity: A Symposium**

9-10 April 1999, Purdue University

The recent trend in the natural sciences away from Newtonian reductionism to holistic and contextual approaches has given new currency to Goethe's scientific thought and work. Parallels have been recognized between Goethean science and the burgeoning disciplines often referred to as chaos theory and complexity. Germanists have
confirmed the presence of such parallels in
certain of Goethe’s literary texts and have
begun to consider their implications for his
poetic work in general. The present symposium
was conceived of as a means of providing
direction and focus for related endeavors. For
further information, please contact Herbert
Rowland, Department of Foreign Languages
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The Joint Atlantic Seminar in the
History of Biology
9-10 April 1999, University of Pennsylvania
A critical forum for historians of biology in
training, this meeting is informal and highly
focused. Graduate students and recent
graduates are especially encouraged to submit
abstracts for consideration; every effort will
be made to minimize the costs of attending
for all graduate students. A title and abstract
should be sent by 8 February 1999 to: Susan
Lindee, Department of the History and
Sociology of Science, University of
Pennsylvania, Suite 303 Logan Hall, 249 S.
36th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6304.
Telephone: (215) 898 2271, Fax: (215) 573
2231, e-mail: mlind@mail.sas.upenn.edu.
A list of participants and titles for earlier Joint
Atlantic Seminars is accessible on the Web at
http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/hss/jas.html.

Midwest Junto Annual Meeting
9-11 April 1999, Bartlesville, Oklahoma
The Midwest Junto invites proposals for
discussions and paper topics in the history of
science, technology, medicine, and
mathematics. Since Bartlesville has been a major
research center for the petroleum industry and
the Department of Energy, we hope to receive
some proposals related to petroleum,
chemistry and chemical industry, energy,
and earth sciences. For more information,
contact Marjorie Malley, phone (918) 336-
4537, e-mail: mcmjmh@galstar.com.

Environmental History across
Boundaries
14-18 April 1999, Tucson, Arizona
The American Society for Environmental
History announces its biennial meeting to be
held in Tucson, Arizona, 14-18 April 1999.
The theme will be “Environmental History
across Boundaries.” For details, contact
Edmund Russell (program chair), Technology,
Culture, and Communication, SEAS,
Thornton Hall A-237, University of Virginia,
Charlottesville, VA 22903 (804) 982-2623.

Where the Biological and Social
Converge: Identity, Place, and
Knowledge in the History of Science
16-17 April 1999, University of Oklahoma
As the culminating event in the
University of Oklahoma’s five-year Andrew
W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship program,
the Department of the History of Science
will host a conference to highlight the work
of a new cohort of scholars.
The workshop papers and collective
discussions will address two central themes:
identity and place. In examples that draw
from American, British, and French contexts,
and that span the early modern era to the
twentieth century, the papers will examine
such issues as: How have questions of identity
illuminated the shifting nature of disciplinary
boundaries and the intermingling and
transmutation of biological and social
categories over time? How has an attentiveness
to place altered our historical understanding
of the construction of knowledge in the
biological and social realms?
Throughout this conference, we hope to
further interest in scholarship that has the
potential to destabilize traditional disciplinary
boundaries within the history of science and
between the history of science profession and
congruent fields, thus making possible new
forms of collaboration and argument. To
receive program and accommodation
information or to register to attend (required
and free of charge), contact: Gregg Mitman
(gmitman@ou.edu; (405) 325-6476) or visit
our Web site at http://www.ou.edu/cas/hsci/
mellon.htm.

Technology & Identity
16-18 April 1999, Cornell University
As a theoretical term, identity is being
increasingly invoked by analysts in science
and technology studies (S&T) and other
fields to order and explain actors’ values,
interests, practices, and more generally, world-
views. The graduate students of the Science
& Technology Studies Department at Cornell
University announce a conference to explore
the boundaries of identity, to be held 16-18
April 1999. By focusing on the constructed
boundaries of identity, including those
between other identities, we hope to
investigate core questions in S&T such as
how some identities are maintained or how a
particular sociotechnical system can support
multiple identities. Ken Gergen, Professor of
Psychology at Swarthmore College, will
deliver the keynote address. Conference
information is available at http://www.sts.cornell.edu or contact: Dan Pfalzner,
Abstract Coordinator, Science & Technology
Studies, 726 University Ave., 2nd floor,
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14850. E-
mail: djp2@cornell.edu.

Erasures, Evasions, and Absences:
Contestations for Control of the Public
Record, Past and Present
15-16 May 1999, Suffolk University
The 1999 New England American Studies
Association Conference will focus on
contestations and contradictions in the
making of a public record. Some of the
specific issues we hope to address include:
the erasure of deindustrialization in the
recreation of New England’s industrial past;
the invisibility of underemployment in a
“boom” economy of full employment;
disemployment, “outsourcing” and the
degradation of work; military base closures,
hospital shutdowns, and prisons. For more
information, contact Nicholas Bromell,
English Department, Bartlett Hall, University
of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01002; e-
mail: nbromell@english.umass.edu. Phone:
(413) 545-2973.

Bartram 300: A Gathering
19-21 May 1999, Philadelphia
The Bartram 300 celebration, marking
the birth of John Bartram, will honor
America’s first botanist with a symposium
19-21 May 1999, organized by the Academy
of Natural Sciences, American Philosophical
Society, Historic Bartram’s Garden, Library
Company of Philadelphia, Philadelphia
Botanical Club, and Pennsylvania
Horticultural Society.
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The symposium will focus on Bartram’s eighteenth-century world of science, his trips of exploration throughout the colonies, and his contemporary legacy. Three panels will explore Bartram as a scientist, the context of his ideas, and his friendship and correspondence with other Quakers, scientists, and botanists; colonial expeditions and Bartram’s forays into a broader, natural world; and John Bartram’s continuing legacies in horticulture, botany, environmentalism, and preservation. For further information, contact Nancy E. Hoffman, Ph.D., Symposium Chair, Historic Bartram’s Garden, 54th St. and Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19143 Telephone: (215) 729-5281 Fax: (215) 729-1047. E-mail: bartram@liberty.net.org.

Mathematics Unbound: The Evolution of an International Mathematical Community, 1800-1945
27-29 May 1999, University of Virginia
As part of its “Emphasis Year in the History of Mathematics,” the University of Virginia will hold a three-day symposium, entitled “Mathematics Unbound: The Evolution of an International Mathematical Community, 1800-1945.” This symposium examines the historical processes and interactions involved in the development of what has become an international community of mathematicians. Among the topics to be analyzed are: 1) the international influence of national institutions and standards of mathematics education; 2) the internationalization of national research outlets such as research journals and societies; 3) the rise of international initiatives such as the International Congresses and the International Mathematical Union; and 4) the role of refugee mathematicians in the internationalization of mathematical standards and research initiatives. For more information, please contact Karen Hunger Parshall and Adrian Rice, Department of Mathematics, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22903-3199. E-mail: khp3k@virginia.edu, or ar6n@virginia.edu.

“Why Ernst Haeckel?”
1-8 June 1999, Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA
The Dibner Institute for the History of Science and Technology announces its seminar on the History of Biology, to be held at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. This year’s seminar will ask “Why Ernst Haeckel?” and will look at Haeckel, his scientific contributions, and their place in history in order to explore the way that science works and its impact in the larger world. We shall examine selections from Haeckel’s writings, and other contemporary primary writings, and explore why he evoked the reactions he did — both then and now. Historians, philosophers, sociologists, and biologists will take part in the discussion. In addition, hands-on study will take us into the field, the library, and the lab. Anyone is eligible to apply, though preference will be given to those professionals and students whose research interests (at any career stage) touch on the issues at hand. We seek a diverse interdisciplinary group to promote rich discussions and cross-fertilization of ideas and approaches. For further information and application materials (15 January deadline), write to: Dibner Institute for the History of Science and Technology, Dibner Building; MIT E56-100; Cambridge, MA 02139 (or email to carlac@mit.edu). Organizers: John Beatty (jbeatty@maroon.tc.umn.edu), James Collins (jcollins@asu.edu), and Jane Maienschein (maienschein@asu.edu).

The Cordilleran Section of the Geological Society of America Symposium
2-4 June 1999, University of California, Berkeley
The Cordilleran Section of the Geological Society of America will meet at the University of California at Berkeley on 2-4 June 1999. Prof. William Berry of the UCB Geology Department has assembled a half-day symposium on the history of geology, with a focus on the history of geology on the Pacific Rim, including the history of work and thinking on the Cordillera. 1999 is the centennial of the Cordilleran section, and many history events are scheduled in conjunction with it, including exhibits, lectures, and field trips. It’s also a good opportunity to use the Bancroft Library for your research. Contributed papers (oral or poster) are invited on any history of geology topic for the technical sessions of the meeting. Abstracts are due 19 Feb 1999. Additional details are available at http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~earthres/GSApage.html.

Laboratory History and Sociology
10-12 June 1999, SUNY, Stony Brook
The Science Studies Forum at SUNY, Stony Brook, will host a conference on Laboratory History and Sociology on 10-12 June 1999. Papers on all aspects of laboratory history and sociology are welcome. A 2-page abstract is due by 29 January 1999. Both campus residence halls and hotel accommodations are available. General inquiries should be directed to Bob Crease at rcrease@notes.cc.sunysb.edu or (516) 632-7570. Inquiries about housing, directions to campus, etc. should be directed to Arlene Skala at the Office of Conferences and Special Events at askala@notes.cc.sunysb.edu or at (516) 632-6320.

CHEIRON: The International Society for the History of Behavioral and Social Sciences
10-13 June 1999, Carleton University
CHEIRON will hold its thirty-first annual meeting 10-13 June 1999, at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Mari Jo Buhle, the Harrison S. Kravis Professor of American Civilization and History at Brown University, will be the keynote speaker. Program submissions (papers, posters, symposia) may deal with any aspect of the history of the behavioral and social sciences, or with related historiographical and methodological issues. All submissions must be postmarked by 1 February 1999. Travel awards are available to assist students who present papers or posters. For further information, contact Ellen Herman, Department of History, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1288. E-Mail: eherman@darkwing.uoregon.edu. Phone: (541) 346-3118. Fax: (541) 346-4895. Website: http://www.yorku.ca/dep/psych/orgs/cheiron/cheiron.htm.
The Material Culture of Calculation
19-26 June 1999, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin
The second meeting of the International Laboratory will examine ethnomathematics and abstract arithmetic from proto-arithmetic practices in rural communities to sophisticated arithmetical techniques used by ancient, medieval, and early modern administrators and merchants. Arithmetical techniques will be studied in particular, that are known from: the Far East, Mesopotamia before and after the invention of the sexagesimal positional system, Europe during the transition from the use of Roman numerals to the introduction of the Indo-Arabic decimal positional system, and pre-Columbian cultures before and in the sequel of cultural exchange with European colonizers. Host Institution: Max Planck Institute for the History of Science; Organizers: Ubiratan D'Ambrosio and Peter Damerow; Language: English; Expenses: The Institute will cover the costs for travel, food and lodging. Applications: Applications are open to scholars from all nationalities. As a rule, applicants should have received their doctorates in the past seven years. The following items are requested from applicants: a brief explanation why they want to attend and how the theme of the meeting fits into their work, one or more names and addresses of persons who are willing to write a letter of recommendation, c.v. and publication list. Applications should be sent to: Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, International Laboratory, Wilhelmstr. 44, 10117 Berlin, Germany no later than 31 January 1999.

Long- and Short-Term Variability in the Sun's History and Global Change
July 1999, Birmingham, England
This session will be held during the Assembly of the International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy (IAGA) in Birmingham, England in July, 1999 and will examine the possible synthesis of science studies that have addressed the sun's history during the last centuries. Topics will include papers from history, archaeology, solar physics, astrophysics, aurora physics, geophysics, meteorology and environmental aspects. The conference will deal with the so-called Minima in the Sun's History (Sporer, Maunder-, LaPlace-, and Wolf-Minima) and other variabilities during the centuries. For further details contact the convener, Dr. Wilfried Schröder, Hechelstrasse 8, D-28777 Bremen-Rothenbeck, Germany.

4th Biennial History of Astronomy Workshop
1-4 July 1999, University of Notre Dame
The Fourth Biennial History of Astronomy is sponsored by Notre Dame's Graduate Program in History and Philosophy of Science, Notre Dame's Reilly Center for Science, Technology, and Values, the History of Astronomy Special Interest Group of the History of Science Society, and the Historical Astronomy Division of the American Astronomical Society.

Persons wishing to present work-in-progress papers or poster papers should submit a title and abstract of approximately 200 words to one of the program co-chairs by 15 Feb. 1999, indicating preference for oral or poster presentation. Proposals will be accepted in a number of forms, but we prefer electronic submissions. Write either Steven J. Dick, U.S. Naval Observatory, 3450 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20392-5420, e-mail: dick@cde.arsno.navy.mil, tel. (202) 762-0379; or Michael J. Crowe, Program of Liberal Studies, Univ. of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556, e-mail: crowe.1@nd.edu, tel. (219) 631-6212.

Persons wishing to register should contact: Astronomy, Center for Continuing Education, Univ. of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556, e-mail: cce.cce.1@nd.edu. The registration fee of $70 includes the cost of the banquet. Housing is available in new air conditioned dormitories at $27 per night for a single, $21 per night for a double. The conference will include a book exhibit and display tables. Participants are welcome to bring materials to display. Contact Matt Dowd with regard to how much space will be needed: Graduate Program in History and Philosophy of Science, Univ. of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556, or E-mail: Matthew.F.Dowd.11@nd.edu.

6th Biennial Conference of the Australian Society of the History of Medicine Inc
7-10 July 1999, The University of Sydney
The conference theme will be "Individuals and Institutions in the History of Medicine." From this theme, five main topic areas will be highlighted. 1. Health, medicine and society at the turn of the century. 2. Medical history from the viewpoint of the historian and the health professional. 3. Medicine and cultures, including indigenous medical systems, classical Chinese and Indian medical systems, anthropological perspectives on Western medicine, and other culturally focused topics. 4. Art, artifacts and instruments - pictorial representations and material objects in the history of health and medicine. 5. Public history and the history of medicine. Early registrants will receive a substantial discount. To receive further information please contact: 6th Biennial Conference of the Australian Society of the History of Medicine Inc., c/-ICMS Pty. Ltd, Locked Bag Q4002, QVB, Post Office NSW 1230, AUSTRALIA, Fax: +61 2 9290 2444 Tel: +61 29290 3366. E-mail: hom@icms.com.au.

International Society for History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology
7-11 July 1999, Oaxaca, Mexico
The ISHPSSB conference will feature individual papers and sessions on topics related to all facets of the history, philosophy, and social studies of biology. For further information consult the ISHPSSB Web page at http://www.phil.vt.edu/ishpssb/ or contact Michael Dietrich, Department of Biology, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH 03755, (603) 646-1171, FAX (603) 646-1347, Michael.Dietrich@dartmouth.edu.

The 11th Biennial International Conference of the Society for Philosophy and Technology in Conjunction with The Society for Philosophy and Geography
14-17 July 1999, Silicon Valley/San Jose, CA
As an international center of high technology research, development and manufacturing, Silicon Valley is an ideal location for SPT99. The conference theme, Technological Spaces, is meant to encourage both traditional and
innovative investigations of the intersection of technology and space or place, variously conceived including: high-tech regions (like Silicon Valley); the world wide web as social/cyber space; scientific laboratories as technological workplaces; agricultural technics; identity (gender, culture, etc.) and situated technologies; spatial metaphors in computing, etc. In keeping with the decades of efforts.

American Foundations and the Development of Modern Biomedicine in Europe
18-19 July 1999, Rockefeller Archive Center
A workshop will be held at the Rockefeller Archive Center in Pocantico Hills, NY on 18-19 July 1999 on the role of American philanthropy in the establishment of scientific biomedical research in Europe during the twentieth century. For more information, especially those interested in presenting work in progress, contact Bill Schneider (317) 274-7220, whschnhei@iuspui.edu, or fax (317) 278-2525.

Women and Technology: Historical, Societal and Professional Perspectives
29-31 July 1999, Rutgers University
The roles of women in technology are more diverse, controversial, and important today than ever before. Historically, women’s involvement in the creation, manufacture, and use of new technologies has been seriously neglected. Even today, the public has an understanding of society that usually treats women as “technological illiterates” with little stake in any aspect of new technologies. Yet since the 1950s women have tried to empower themselves technologically, particularly by entering the engineering profession. They have done so in great numbers, although today it is glaringly obvious that women are still underrepresented in engineering. Women in the field still face gender-based obstacles, expectations and biases despite decades of efforts to eradicate these problems.

We encourage contributions for topics related to this general theme, including such issues as the impact of information technology on women and men’s work; women workers in industry and manufacturing; women in the engineering workforce; women faculty and students in science and engineering education; and motherhood and technology. Submit a one page abstract for a paper or poster, or a proposal for a paper session or panel discussion to the co-chairs: David Morton, Research Historian, IEEE History Center, Rutgers University, 39 Union St., New Brunswick, NJ 08904; d.morton@ieee.org; April Brown, Associate Professor, Dept. of Electrical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia 30332; april.brown@ece.gatech.edu. Deadline: 1 March 1999.

ACS National Meeting: 125th Anniversary of the Tetrahedral Carbon Atom
22-26 August 1999, New Orleans, LA
The year 1999 marks the 125th anniversary of the tetrahedral carbon atom. In honor of that anniversary the Division of Organic Chemistry, the Division of the History of Chemistry, and The Chemical Heritage Foundation are cosponsoring a symposium during the August 1999 New Orleans National Meeting of the American Chemical Society. Ideally, the symposium will be a mixture of papers on historical topics and reflections on current issues in stereochemistry by chemists (but not straightforward research results). Topics could include all developments in the history of stereochemistry since 1874, including (but certainly not limited to): new perspectives on J. H. van’t Hoff and J. A. Le Bel, the role of chemistry in the chemistry of Derek Barton, R. B. Woodward, Vladimir Prelog, and other twentieth-century organic chemists, the use of models in visualizing molecules, the adoption of the tetrahedron in individual countries, philosophical issues relating to stereochemistry, the role of symmetry and asymmetry in scientific explanation, and crystallography and optical activity and chemistry. It is hoped that the papers will be published collectively as a special issue of the Bulletin for the History of Chemistry, the publication of the Division of the History of Chemistry. The paper title and abstract on the official abstract form of the American Chemical Society are due by 10 April 1999. Send the forms to Peter J. Ramberg, Tetrahedral Carbon Atom Symposium, Department of Chemistry, Johns Hopkins University, 3400 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21218. (ramberg@jhuunix.hcf.jhu.edu).

Invencao: Thinking the Next Millennium
25-29 August 1999, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Invencao is an opportunity for those working at the creative edge of the arts, sciences and technology to collaborate in the transdisciplinary development of ideas and innovative strategies for life in the next millennium. Invencao is a “seeding” event that seeks to identify key questions and issues that can lead to the radical transformation of culture.

Invencao will examine the consequences of this convergence of art, science and technology on our sense of self and human identity, on consciousness, community and the city, as well as on learning and leisure. FEES: There will be a registration fee of US $100 (or equivalent amount in national currency) for those who are selected to present. Members of ISEA, CAiaI/STAR and Leonardo/ISAST will be granted a 20% reduction. Further information is available at: http://www.itaucultural.org.br/invencao/invencao.htm or Instituto Cultural Itaú, Av. Paulista 149, 01311-000 Sao Paulo (SP) - Brazil, tel 55 11 2381741, fax 55 11 2381720, invencao@itaucultural.org.br.

Commission on the History of Women in Science, Technology and Medicine
10-12 September 1999, Newham College
The Women’s Commission of the DHS/IUHPS will hold an open Conference/Workshop on “Women in the history of science: Biography, autobiography, tasks, results, problems” at Newham College, Cambridge, UK, 10-12 September 1999. The theme aims to direct contributors towards critical discussion of the (auto)biographical method. The total cost (including accommodation and all meals) will be about £140. To join the e-mail list to receive further information, write to jm1488@cam.ac.uk. Those wishing to present a paper should send an abstract of not more than 250 words, to arrive not later than 31 March 1999, to Dr. Joan Mason, 12 Hills Avenue, Cambridge CB1 7XA, England.
mail: jm148@cus.cam.ac.uk. Abstracts sent as e-mail attachments are encouraged.

Volta and the History of Electricity
11-15 September 1999, Pavia-Como
The Interdivisional History of Physics Group of the European Physical Society, together with the Commission on the History of Modern Physics of the D.H.S-IUPHS, is holding its Fourth Conference at the Como "A. Volta" Centre for Scientific Culture at Pavia University. Papers for conference presentation and for inclusion in the Proceedings need to be submitted in their final form by the deadline of 1 May 1999. For more information, please see the Conference Web page, http://www.cilea.it/volta99 or contact the Conference Coordinator: volta99@pv.infn.it.

4th International History, Philosophy and Science Teaching Conference and 8th European History and Physics Teaching Conference
"Science as Culture"
15-19 September 1999, Pavia-Como
Jointly organized by the Group around the Science & Education journal and the EPS History of Physics Group, this conference follows earlier, successful ones. Papers for conference presentation and for inclusion in the Proceedings, need to be submitted in their final form by 1 May 1999. For details about submission, format and style of papers, for all scientific information on the two conferences and about accommodations, refer to the conference Web site: www.cilea.it/volta99 or E-mail: volta99@pv.infn.it.

Abraham Gottlob Werner (1749-1817) and His Times
19-24 September 1999
"Abraham Gottlob Werner (1749-1817) and His Times" is sponsored by the Technical University Bergakademie Freiberg and the International Commission on the History of Geological Sciences (INHIGEO). The symposium will focus on the geological sciences during Werner's lifetime. Participants may offer papers addressing the following themes: (a) Knowledge of the earth from 1750 to 1820 and the geological ideas of A.G. Werner; (b) Developments and communication, theoretical concepts and academic controversies, research centers and influences in geological sciences; (c) The relationships among geological knowledge and scientific, ideological, and religious ideas during the Enlightenment and the early Industrial Revolution; (d) Werner and the technical disciplines related to mining ca. 1750-1820; (e) Werner and his natural history collections, private library and coin collection in relation to other contemporary coin collections and private libraries; (f) Werner's influence beyond the earth sciences and mining technology and (g) the history of the influence and the reception of Werner's work. Copies of the first circular are available from: Tagungsbiuro "Werner-Symposium," Akademiestrasse 6, TU Bergakademie Freiberg, D-09599 Freiberg (Sachsen), Germany. E-mail contacts are Dr. Peter Schmidt (pschmidt@ub.tu-freiberg.de) or Prof. Helmuth Albrecht (halbrecht@vwl.tu-freiberg.de).

24th Annual Great Lakes History Conference
"History and the Telling of It II"
24-25 September 1999, Grand Rapids, MI
The theme of this conference is "History and the Telling of It II." We are pleased to announce that Dr. John Harley Warner of Yale University will be our keynote speaker. Papers and arranged sessions are invited in all areas of historical study; preference will be given to those that relate to the theme. If you are interested in presenting a paper, please send an abstract of approximately 200 words, together with a short c.v. to us by 20 April 1999. Papers may be proposed individually, or as parts of full or partial sessions. Graduate student submissions are welcome. Those interested in chairing and commenting on a session should send a c.v. and indicate areas of expertise. Please address all inquiries and abstracts to Dr. Carolyn Shapiro-Shapin, Department of History, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI 49401. E-mail: ShapiroC@gvsu.edu. Fax: (616) 895-3285. Phone: (616) 895-3445.

Challenging Rhetorics: Cross-Disciplinary Sites of Feminist Discourse
7-9 October 1999, Minneapolis
The Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of Writing at the University of Minnesota announces a call for papers for the Second Biennial International Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s) Conference "Challenging Rhetorics: Cross-Disciplinary Sites of Feminist Discourse," 7-9 October in Minneapolis. We invite 250-word proposals that share theories about and examples of new discourse practices emerging as a result of feminist scholarship across the disciplines in the academy. For further information, contact Hildy Miller at e-mail mille299@tc.umn.edu or see our Web site http://CISW.clas.umn.edu.

Sixteenth Century Studies Association
Annual Meeting
28-30 October 1999, Minneapolis
The annual meeting of the Sixteenth Century Studies Association will take place in St. Louis, 28-30 October 1999. The conference is devoted to a wide range of topics in sixteenth-century studies, including early modern history of science. We encourage colleagues interested in contributing papers (20 minutes, 12 pages double spaced) to contact Gerhild Scholz Williams, Coordinator, Department of German, Box 1104, Washington University, St. Louis, MO 63130, e-mail at gerhild_williams@aismail.wustl.edu. Proposals for papers or sessions should arrive no later than 5 March 1999. The Washington University Medical School Library retains one of the most extensive collections of works by and about Theophrastus Paracelsus. Papers associated with Paracelsiana are therefore especially encouraged.

History of Geophysics and Space Physics
March 2000, Munich, Germany
The History of Geophysics and Space Physics announces a one-day session during the Annual Meeting of the German Geophysical Society being held in Munich Germany. The session is open for oral lectures and posters. The topics are the development of geophysics as a scientific discipline during the last decades, biographical notes, discussion of international research programs and the interdisciplinary discussion of philosophical and historical problems in connection with geophysical research. For further information contact Dr. Wilfried Schröder, Hechelstrasse 8, D-28777 Bremen-Roennebeck, Germany.
Future Meetings

ICES History Symposium: 100 Years of Science under ICES
1-3 August 2000, Helsinki, Finland

The International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), the world’s oldest intergovernmental marine science organization, will celebrate its Centenary in 2002. One of several major events commissioned by the Council to mark this historic occasion will be this Symposium, slated for 1-3 August 2000 in Helsinki, Finland. The Symposium will focus on the key role ICES has played over the past century in major developments in the fields of marine fisheries, hydrography, and environmental quality.

The Symposium is open to all scientists, historians, students, and others who have an interest in the historical development of marine science, particularly that involving ICES. Contributors must submit titles with 200-300 word abstracts to the Convener by 31 August 1999. Contributions will be published, following peer review, in a special issue of the ICES Journal of Marine Science. A registration fee of US $125 (US $75 for students), due by 1 July 2000, will cover costs of coffee, tea, Symposium Dinner and a copy of the published proceedings. For more information, contact the Symposium Convener: Dr Emory D. Anderson, NOAA/NMFS, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, Woods Hole, MA 02543, USA; Tel: +1 508 495 2317; Fax: +1 508 495 2393; E-mail: emory.anderson@noaa.gov.

International Congress of Historical Sciences
6-13 August 2000, Oslo, Norway

The International Committee of Historical Sciences has chosen Oslo for the 19th International Congress of Historical Sciences, 6-13 August 2000. The largest regular meetings of professional historians from all over the world, these congresses take place every five years. The Congress will consist of three major themes of one full day each, 20 specialized themes with half a day each, and 25 roundtable discussions. English and French will be the official languages of the Congress, and simultaneous Norwegian translation will be provided for all plenary sessions. The International Congresses of Historical Sciences function as comprehensive surveys of new trends and developments within various historical disciplines. They also serve as an arena for critical debate about central themes of current scholarship and the respective fronts of historical research. In order to ensure the widest possible participation from all parts of the world, grants will be available for participants from selected regions. Please send information requests to: The 19th International Congress of Historical Sciences, Department of History P.O. Box 1008 Blindern, N-0315 Oslo, Norway.

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Barr, Jean Birke, Lynda. *Common Science: Women, Science, and Knowledge*. (Race, Gender, and Science.) x + 166 pp., illus., bibl., indexes. Bloomington/Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1998. $29.95 (cloth); $13.95 (paper).


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Professors Gregory and Sylla are planning many memorable activities for the 75th anniversary meeting. Members who would like to share pictures, old meeting programs, or other memorabilia are encouraged to contact the Executive Office (see page 2 for phone numbers and addresses). We will try to incorporate these objects of history into the semisesquicentennial celebration.

During this anniversary year, we encourage members to apply to the Executive Committee for Special Project funds. Simply send a 1-2 page project description, along with a detailed budget, to the Executive Office by May 1, and these proposals will be evaluated at the mid-year meeting (June 1999) of the Executive Committee. Because of the hard work of many members, this fund has grown over the years and it awaits the creative application of HSS members.

In 1999, members will find it easier to locate each other by using the HSS online directory (now available—follow the links from the HSS Web site) and a new print directory, which is scheduled to appear in March. The online directory features searchable fields by name, institution, city, as well as other parameters, and will soon offer members the chance to locate others based on research interests. Members will also be able to update their addresses so that they can continue to receive Isis and the Newsletter with no interruption in service. 1999 marks a pivotal year for the Society. As we look back at our 75 years, we will be acutely aware of the future as we strive to promote the history of science.