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Galenos. Rivista di Filologia dei testi medici antichi 2007;1. Pisa-Roma, Fabrizio Serra Editore.

Dalla premessa di Ivan Garofalo al fascicolo 1 della nuova Rivista *Galenos*: “L’interesse crescente alla filologia dei testi medici è attestato dal gran numero dei convegni internazionali e delle pubblicazioni degli ultimi trenta anni...una rivista che ospiti i risultati parziali o completi della ricerca in corso appare utile e si spera che venga bene accolta dalla comunità scientifica. La rivista, annuale, raccoglie contributi filologici su testo e tradizione della medicina greca antica e bizantina tramandati in greco, latino e nelle lingue orientali (siriano, arabo, ebraico...). Oltre a saggi di più ampio respiro la rivista contiene note brevi di giovani studiosi che hanno iniziato da poco la loro attività filologica...la rivista è aperta a contributi in italiano, francese, inglese, spagnolo e tedesco”.

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Oxford, St. Antony’s College, Nissan Lecture Theatre, January 10-12, 2008, Imagining and Practicing Imperial and Colonial Medicine, 1870-1960.

This three day conference hosted by the Wellcome Unit for the history of medicine, University of Oxford, and sponsored by the African Studies Centre (University of Oxford), Wellcome Trust, the Society for the Social History of Medicine (SSHM), and the British Society for the History of Science (BSHS) will bring together researchers and scholars working on diverse contexts and topics within imperial and colonial medicine. The goal of the conference is to challenge boundaries defining imperial and colonial medicine, questioning and

expanding upon recent historiography concerned with relationships between 'metropole' and 'periphery' in the construction and diffusion of medical and scientific knowledge. As more research reveals further networks and linkages between diverse people, places and ways of knowing disease, health and hygiene, ideas that constitute our current understanding of imperial and colonial medicine are coming under closer scrutiny.

Considering such areas as transnational relationships, class, gender, race, and politics this conference hopes to expand upon and critique recent 'turns' in imperial and colonial history, contributing to a deeper understanding of the complex entanglements in the development of medicine as it was imagined and practised in local imperial and colonial contexts. Speakers will include: Professor David Arnold (University of Warwick), Professor David Hardiman (University of Warwick), Professor Waltraud Ernst (Oxford Brookes University), Professor Mark Harrison (University of Oxford), Professor Anne-Marie Rafferty (Kings College, London), Professor Barbara Ramusack (University of Cincinnati), Professor Howard Phillips (University of Cape Town), and Professor Sioban Nelson (University of Toronto).

Conference Organisers: Prof. Mark Harrison, Dr. Sloan Mahone, Dr. Helen Sweet, Dr. Margaret Jones, Dr. Karen Brown, Dr. Sabine Clarke and Mr. Ryan Johnson. Conference Administration: Ms. Carol Brady and Ms. Belinda Michaelides. For questions please email ryan.johnson@sant.ox.ac.uk

1 February 2008, University College Dublin, *The Medical Marketplace and Medical Tradition: Interfaces between Orthodox, Alternative and Folk Practice in the 19th and 20th Centuries.*

Organisers: Dr Catherine Cox (Centre for the History of Medicine in Ireland, University College Dublin) and Professor Hilary Marland.

This workshop seeks to explore the relationship between ‘orthodox’ and ‘alternative’ practice in the 19th- and 20th-century medical marketplace. It will focus particularly on attitudes to traditional and folk practices and how they were approached, absorbed or confronted by medical practitioners, including doctors who had undergone a regular training and those who acquired medical knowledge through other routes. The workshop also seeks to refocus the debate on the role, vitality and complexity of the medical marketplace and its constituent elements in the modern period. Most of the emphasis to date has focused on the early modern period, yet it was in the 19th-century that doctors became increasingly aware and vocal about competition and overcrowding in some areas of the marketplace or, alternatively, a shortfall in medical assistance in others. And while opposition to the medical fringe was an important aspect of growing medical self-consciousness and the assertion of professional authority in the 19th and 20th centuries, so too for some medical practitioners was an interest and awareness of traditional approaches to medicine, as practiced by local healers and also as forms of domestic healing. Reporting upon traditional practices, for some, was seen as important not just to assert the superiority of modern medicine, but also to record a world, medical and linguistic, in danger of being lost. Several systems of healing which emerged during the 19th century, such as medical botany and hydropathy, linked both traditional approaches and practices with ‘scientific’ approaches, and as such occupied an uneasy position between orthodoxy and fringe.

Speakers will include Catherine Cox, Frank Huisman, Hilary Marland, Evert Peeters, and Carsten Timmermann.

If you are interested in being involved in the workshop and presenting a paper, please contact Catherine Cox catherine.cox@ucl.ie or Hilary Marland hilary.marland@warwick.ac.uk by 15 November 2007.

28-29 March 2008, The British Museum, Queen Mary University East London Sports, *Medicine and Immortality: From Ancient China to the World Wide Web* .

Convenors: Vivienne Lo, Wellcome Trust Centre for History of Medicine at UCL; Adrian Renton, Director of Institute for Health and Human Development, University of East London; Peter Hamlyn, Director of Sports Medicine, Queen Mary University, London. Advisory Committee: Susan Brownell, Kim Lavelly, Jane Portal, Jessica Rawson. Convened prior to the Beijing Olympics, this interdisciplinary conference explores how critical appraisal of the history of sports, body cultivation and sports medicine can contribute to our shared experience of health today. Historians, medics and sociologists will speak to three principle domains: the health equation of games past and future, the perfection and healing of body and soul, and the delivery of future legacies positive in cultural regeneration, societal cohesion, health and well-being. Ancient regimen and techniques may seem remote, yet the practices often attempt to resolve issues that are common to us all. Some are directed at the immortality or longevity of the physical body, and include performance-enhancing nutrition and drug taking, others train the spirit and souls for the afterlife. Many emphasise the interconnectedness of the human body with its environment. Speakers will be asked to set their topic in its broad socio-political and cultural context to facilitate a dialogue with those who will address similar questions for the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. The conference will provide text and illustrations for a variety of print and online publications associated with on going projects in the run up to the London Olympics. Day 1 will be held at The British Museum where the theme will be longevity and immortality in the ancient worlds and afterworlds. Setting the cultural and historical scene for the upcoming Beijing Olympics, the First Emperor exhibition then open at the British Museum provides the perfect setting to focus on Qin and Han China.

There will be comparative treatments from the Museum's Greco-Roman departments and invited specialists on ancient world sports medicine and sporting traditions. In the afternoon there will be a focus on South Asia and the modernization of ancient sporting and body cultivation traditions. Core to the discussants agenda will be, how do different sporting and exercise traditions become appropriate to changing bodies/populations?

Topics: Immortality Cults in Early China; Body Enhancement and Performance in Early China: Archaeological and Palaeographic Perspectives; The Body Divine: Immortal Transformation in Highest Clarity Daoism; Animating the Body: Sense and Sensuality in Early China; Gaming, Animals and Sport in Traditional China; Greeks Go to China; Olympic Victors' Dark Ointment; The Diamond Body: Religion and Invulnerability in the Chinese Martial Arts; *Homo ludens sinensis*: Kickball in Ancient China; Sport in India; Subaltern Sports: Politics and Sports in South Asia; The End of the Yogis; Body cultivation and Nationalism in India; Yoga as Sport: A New Twist in the History of Physical Philosophy; Fitness and Modernity in 20 C China; Training the Body for China: Sports in the Moral Order of the People's Republic

Day 2 Hosted by the World's first department of sport medicine and in the heart of East London Day 2 will feature speakers who will explore the all-important links between the cultural, regeneration, health and well-being domains of the legacy of the London Olympics in 2012. In advance of the games it is intended that such analysis be designed to enhance health promotion programmes and broader regeneration design. Topics: "The Olympic Strategy" for elite sport and gold medals and the "National Fitness Strategy and Programme" for mass sports, fitness and health; Sport and Exercise Sciences; History of Sports Medicine within the Olympics; Volunteers for Science: A Medical History for the Modern Olym-

pic Games ; Curing the 'Incurable' - A Discussion of the Ancient Chinese Approaches to the Illnesses of the Elite found in the Zuozhuan and the Zhangjiashan Manuscript entitles "Yinshu"; Youth and Healthy Physical Activity; Role of the Arts and Creative Industries in Promoting Healthy Lifestyles in Culturally Diverse Settings; The Role of Family Status and Ethnic Group on Body Image and Eating Behaviour; Greenspace in East London. Patterns of Use among Minority Ethnic Groups in East London; Access to healthy Food among the Poor in East London; Food Fashion: Advertising to the Young; Roundtable: An Integrated Approach to the London Olympics.

Venice, May 16-17, 2008, Palazzo Papafava *The Question of "Waste" in the History of Medicine*

Preliminary Program

Warwick Anderson (Sydney), "Crap on the Map, or, Postcolonial Vulgarity"

Alison Bashford (Sydney), "Too Many People: Waste, Excess and World Population in the Mid-Twentieth-Century"

Jan Goldstein (Chicago), "Waste and the Psychic Interior: Cousin and Freud in Comparative Perspective"

Christopher Hamlin (Notre Dame), "Making the Books Balance: 'Waste' as 'Not-Waste'"

Sarah Hodges (Warwick), "Medical Garbage as Development Palimpsest"

Mark Jenner (York), "Work, Worth and Waste in Early Modern England"

Colin Jones (QMUL), "What Was Funny about Early Modern Waste?"

Lauren Kassell (Cambridge), "Blood and Dung are Good for Magic: Bodily Products and their Healing Powers in Early Modern England"

Joel Tannenbaum (Hawaii), "The Sociology of 'Spare Parts': Nephrectomy, the Poor and the Social Sciences"

Mathew Thomson (Warwick), "Waste, Mental Health and Environments of the Mind in Twentieth-Century Britain"

Megan Vaughan (Cambridge), "On Death and Waste in Africa"

Interlocutor: Lawrence Cohen (Berkeley)

Writer: Katherine Foxhall (Warwick)

2008, 21 May, London, Darwin Lecture Theatre, Gower Street London WC1 , *The Roy Porter Lecture, Cremation and the Work of the Dead.*

Attendance is free but by ticket only. Please send a stamped addressed envelope, no later than Wednesday 07 May 2008, and clearly marked 'Porter Lecture', to: Ms Carol Bowen, The Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at UCL, The Wellcome Building, 183 Euston Road London NW1 2BE Tel: 020 7679 8163 Email: c.bowen@ucl.ac.uk

Manchester, 21-22 June 2008 Third annual conference on *Science and the Public*

Following successful meetings at Imperial College London in 2006 and 2007, the annual Science and the Public conference has an expanded two-day format and a new home in Manchester. The next meeting will be hosted by CHSTM on Saturday 21 - Sunday 22 June 2008.

The past twenty years of scholarly study have demonstrated that science communication is a much more complex process than merely publishing in scientific journals and attending scientific meetings. Today, the sciences are linked to society through many different channels of communication. The public interfaces with science during controversies that involve scientists as well as journalists, politicians and the citizenry as a whole.

This intersection of science and the public raises many questions about the motivations of, and constraints on, actors involved in producing information about science for non-professional audiences. It also raises some fascinating questions about the nature, contexts and goals of the public communication of science from both a contemporary and historic perspective. This conference aims to bring together the wide ranging strands of academia that consider science as it intersects with non-scientific cultures. Possible topics may include: Patients and publics in health services; Notions of expertise in the public; Public science and science policy; Technological development and the public; Science communication theory in practice; News and entertainment media; Science on the internet; Science, technology and medicine in museums; Public interest and 'the public interest'. Particularly encouraged those taking a critical approach to studying the public communication of technology and/or medicine to submit abstracts. The conference organizers also encourage full panel submissions and roundtable sessions on all topics related to the social, cultural, political, and ethical issues surrounding science & the public.

Panel proposals should include a panel abstract and individual abstracts for each of the papers on the panel as well as contact information (name, affiliation, email) of the presider (moderator) and all panel members. Individual paper proposals for a 20-minute presentation should submit an abstract (no longer than 300 words). Roundtable proposals should be a single abstract with names and contact information for all presenters.

All submissions should be emailed to scienceandpublic@googlemail.com by Friday 14 March 2008. Please send enquires to this address as well.

San Francisco, 31 July-3 August, 2008, *Disability History: Theory and Practice*

Disability History: Theory and Practice. Organised by San Franci-

sco State University's Institute on Disability, the Disability History Association, and the Disability History Group. To be held on 31 July-3 August, 2008 in San Francisco. Call for proposals, to include a title and be no longer than 300 words. Deadline November 1, 2007 for electronic submissions and December 1, 2007 for hard copy submissions through the postal system. Papers invited on any aspect or stream of disability history, including cultural representations, the history of ideas, and social/political movements. For further information, or to submit your proposal, please contact Professor Paul K. Longmore (Professor of History and Director, Institute on Disability, San Francisco State University, CA 94132, USA).

Warwick, 8-9 August 2008 at the University of Warwick, *Reading and Writing Recipe Books: 1600-1800*

This will be the first conference worldwide to focus exclusively on early modern recipe books. This international interdisciplinary conference will provide a much-needed environment that allows recipe book scholars to meet and discuss important issues such as comparative methodologies and periodization, thereby offering a key opportunity to shape the course of future research on this genre.

Keynote Speakers; Margaret Ezell (English, Texas A&M University); Mary Fissell (History of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University); Gilly Lehmann (Université de Franche-Comté); Janet Theophano (Folklore and Folklife, University of Pennsylvania)

Call for papers: Proposals for 20 minute papers on any aspect of recipe book studies are welcome, including:

Methodological essays from the disciplines of history of medicine, literature, material culture, culinary history, etc.; Periodization of generic conventions; Overlap of, and distinctions between, various types of recipes (e.g. medical, culinary, cosmetic, sugarcraft, etc.); Possibilities of new scholarly directions (e.g. recipe books as life-writing sources); Editing a recipe book for modern audiences; Evi-

dence of larger cultural influences, such as gender, social status, and geography; How manuscript and printed collections relate to one another. Please send your 300 word abstract to one of the co-organisers: Michelle DiMeo (m.m.dimeo@warwick.ac.uk) or Sara Pennell (s.pennell@roehampton.ac.uk). The deadline for submissions is 31st January 2008.

Glasgow, 3-5 September 2008, *History and The Healthy Population: society, government, health and healthcare.*

The conference will embrace all historical perspectives on the broad issue of how health has been defined and by whom. It will consider the reasons that the various agencies involved in healthcare, including patients and communities, have adopted their approaches and strategies. The event is framed by reference to the generation of historians influenced by the idea that issues of health and healthcare are entangled in the projects of government, and seeks to engage with and critique 'governmentality' as a tool of analysis in medical history. The conference encourages papers from all periods and places. Conference organisers: Society for the Social History of Medicine. Venue: Centre for the Social History of Health and Healthcare, Glasgow. Contact: Lydia Marshall. Email: lmarshall@arts.gla.ac.uk. Address: Department of History, University of Strathclyde, 16 Richmond Street, Glasgow, G1 1XQ

4-5 September 2008, University of Exeter (Cornwall Campus), *Chasing Eden: nature, health & the politics of environment*

This two day conference seeks to encourage a conversation between historians of politics and historians of science, medicine, and environment on the topic of environmental politics in the modern era (particularly the nineteenth and twentieth centuries). Among the issues it seeks to address are: the following: What was the role of nature in modern politics? What role did urban public health reform

have in the rise of modern environmental politics? When can we say environmentalism/ecologism became a significant political force? Why did 'Green' parties fail? What was distinctive about European environmental politics? How have political parties adapted to environmentalism and issues of environmental justice? What happened to conservation in the age of environment? Conference organisers: Dr Timothy Cooper and Dr John FM Clark

Glasgow, 5-7 September 2008, University of Glasgow, *Gender and generations: women and life cycles*

Concepts and experiences of the life-course have been critical to making sense of gender difference and women's lives in the past, and have traditionally been a central concern of historians of women. Integral to pioneering work on the history of reproduction and the family, work and leisure, and the body, science and medicine, analysis of the life cycles of women has nonetheless left many questions yet to be explored. This conference encourages comparison of women's life cycle experiences both across the widest possible range of times and places, and with the life cycle experiences of men. The focus will also be on inter-generational relations as an important, yet often neglected, explanatory factor in either continuity or change over time. Conference organisers: Women's History Network

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26-28 September 2008, Johannes Gutenberg-University, Mainz, Germany, *Re-constructing the aging body: Western medical cultures and gender 1600 - 2000*

With an ever growing proportion of elderly people in many Western societies and modern medicine promising to prolong life and well-

being, the aging body has become an increasingly common image in current society. 'Anti-aging' has become a popular movement for promoting activity, mobility and life-style choice instead of conventionally held stereotypes of decline and decrepitude. Current theoretical contributions argue that the aging body cannot completely be reduced to culture and stand up for a materialistic deconstructionist perspective considering the elderly's experiences and the interaction of mind, body and society. It is the meaning attached to gendered aging bodies by medical cultures that needs further investigation. Conference organisers: Prof. Antje Kampf, PhD - Junior professor (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz), Prof. Lynn Botelho, PhD (Indiana University of Pennsylvania), Dr. Christiane Streubel (University of Münster).