

THE POYNTER LECTURE 2016
Finding Patients in the Medical Museum
Wednesday 12th October, 6:00pm
at the
[Wellcome Collection Conference Centre,](#)
[183 Euston Road, London.](#)

**BOOK NOW to avoid
disappointment**

The Officers and Society Representatives will meet at 3:30 pm.

For all members the afternoon starts with a short AGM at 5:00 pm and all members are invited to attend.

This is followed at 5:15 pm by a drinks reception courtesy of the Wellcome Trust.



The lecture will be given by Dr Sam Alberti, Keeper of Science and Technology, National Museums of Scotland, Edinburgh. Sam has a

long standing interest in medical museums, and especially paths travelled by the objects within them. He will focus in particular on what medical collections can tell us about the lives and experiences of those who were treated. He will argue that museums must find these patients.

For further details and to book go to <http://bshm.org.uk/poynter-lecture/>
(Just click on the link)

Congress 2017 Update

Plans are well under way for the Edinburgh Congress in September 2017. We are delighted that this will be in association with the Society for the Social History of Medicine who will sponsor a keynote speaker and advertise the Congress to their members; their student members and early career scholar members will be able to apply for bursary support.

The Congress is fortunate to have received financial support from the Wellcome Trust, the Scottish Society for the History of Medicine, the University of Edinburgh, the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and Jon Baines Tours. This support will help keep delegate fees at a reasonable rate. Undergraduates in medicine can apply to the John Blair Trust for support with travel/accommodation.

Keynote speakers will include Philippa Langley, who led the successful search for the remains of Richard III and the Guthrie lecture will be delivered by Professor David Watters from Melbourne.

<http://bshm.org.uk/congress/>

The Foundation of the BSHM

The BSHM was founded in 1965 with four original societies - the Section (later the Society) of the History of Medicine of the Royal Society of Medicine, the Osler Club of London, the Faculty of History of Medicine and Pharmacy (as it was then called) of the Society of Apothecaries of London and the



Scottish Society of the History of Medicine. The founding committee consisted of 2 representatives from each of these, and included Noël Poynter, whom we commemorate with the Poynter Lecture and Douglas Guthrie, who became the first BSHM president and who presented the BSHM with its president's badge of office.

The badge depicts emblems associated with each society - the Saltire representing the Scottish Society, the rod of Aesculapius the RSM section and the rhinoceros the Apothecaries. The fish representing the Osler Club are taken from the coat of arms of Sir William Osler. These are said to be pilchards and possible explanations for their presence here can be found at the Osler Club website at

<http://www.osler.org.uk/osleriana-2/oslers-coat-of-arms/> It is of interest that the original 1965 constitution provided for both society membership and individual membership, an issue which the BSHM will be revisiting at their October meeting. That constitution is available at

<https://archive.org/details/historyofmedicin035119mbp>

A more detailed account of the history of the BSHM can be found in the BSHM Wikipedia entry at

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Society_for_the_History_of_Medicine

Dr Isaac 'Harry' Gosset Collection



paediatrician, Northampton General Hospital, illustrating exemplary general paediatric and premature

'The Gosset Collection' is an online repository of the life and work of Dr Isaac 'Harry' Gosset, consultant

baby care (1947-1965) with material kindly contributed by his family, colleagues and friends. Premature baby and general paediatric care protocols, together with film and material relating to the development of the 'Gosset' icterometer, published in the Lancet in 1960 are also presented. There is a short vodcast placing Dr Gosset's pioneering work in premature baby care within the context of the early development of this sub speciality.

<http://www.northamptongeneral.nhs.uk/AboutUs/Ourhistory/Dr-Gosset/The-Dr-Isaac-Harry-Gosset-Collection.aspx>

BSHM Book Reviews

The BSHM is launching an initiative to use the expertise of its membership to provide concise, timely and objective reviews of books on the history of medicine.

Publishers are invited to submit details of new or recently published books to the Book Reviews Editor, Dr. Edward Wawrzynczak, at bookreviews@bshm.org.uk.

Original reviews commissioned for selected books will be published on the BSHM website.

More detailed information can be found in the Book Review guidelines at <http://bshm.org.uk/notice-board/book-reviews/>

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