

## Future BSHM Events

### **The Poynter Lecture 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Poynter lecture will be held at the Royal College of Physicians, Regent Park, London on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 6pm.



Doctor Simon Chaplin, Director of Culture and Society at the Wellcome Trust, will deliver the lecture 'The Doctor as a Collector'.

The Poynter lecture is part of a joint event with the Royal College of Physicians, which includes the medicinal plants lectures, garden tours and a wine reception.

Tickets are available from: <https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/events/medicinal-plant-lecture-historical-sidelights-and-poynter-lecture> and early booking is recommended.

### **BSHM Congress Bristol September 2019**

The next Congress will be held at the M shed in Bristol, from Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September to Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019. For further details see [bshm.org.uk](http://bshm.org.uk).

### **Workshop 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

The BSHM is holding an afternoon workshop, entitled **Exploring Medical History Collections**, in the Franks Room at the Wellcome Conference Centre, Euston Road, London. This will be a unique event combining representatives from three separate organisations.

- British Society for the History of Medicine
- Health Archives and Records Group
- London Museums of Health and Medicine



This workshop/symposium should appeal to Medical Historians, Archivists and Museum Curators. For further details see [bshm.org.uk](http://bshm.org.uk).

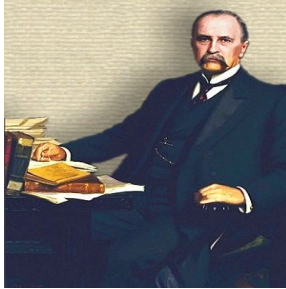
## New Honorary Secretary BSHM



Sean Hughes has taken over the post of honorary secretary of the BSHM from Martyn Thomas. He is Emeritus Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Imperial College London and has been Vice President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Edinburgh. His clinical practice was in spinal surgery and his research interests were in microcirculation of bone and pathogenesis of disc disease. Since retirement he has been studying the History of Medicine and is a fellow of the Faculty of History and Philosophy of Medicine and Pharmacy. He has obtained the DHMSA and DPMSA and recently a master's in history at Kings College London.

## The History of Medicine Society at the Royal Society of Medicine

In 1912 Sir William Osler founded the History of Medicine Society at the Royal Society of Medicine London (RSM), one of the oldest history of medicine societies in the world.



Sir William Osler 1849-1919

When the RSM was founded in 1907 it merged 14 separate medical societies from all sections of medicine. At the time of its foundation it was agreed to incorporate one meeting in each session on an historical topic and the separate section of the society was formed 1912. Due to the energy and determination of Osler, the society's first president, research and scholarship in historical subjects were encouraged.

The society was one of the four founder committees of the British Society for the History of Medicine (BSHM) and the first BSHM committee meeting was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1965 at the RSM.

The Society continues today to hold regular events at the RSM with talks covering every medical specialty. In addition to the annual programme of talks by invited speakers, the society holds several periodic events including two external visits to places of historical interest. <https://www.rsm.ac.uk/sections/sections-and-networks-list/history-of-medicine-society.aspx>

The society also offers one annual prize *The Norah Schuster* prize awarded to medical and dental undergraduates on an essay on any subject related to the history of medicine. <https://www.rsm.ac.uk/prizes-awards/students.aspx>

Anjna Harrar and Julie Papworth

## The Historical Medical Equipment Society

The Historical Medical Equipment Society was founded in 1996. It aims to promote education & research into the history of surgical instruments, equipment and objects relating to medicine, dentistry and pharmacy.

The Society holds meetings once a year, at which papers relating to historical research, collections and manufacture of medical equipment and artefacts are discussed. The HMES holds a wide brief: recent lectures have covered surgical instruments, collections of pharmacy bottles & jars, veterinary equipment, anaesthetic equipment and radiological items.

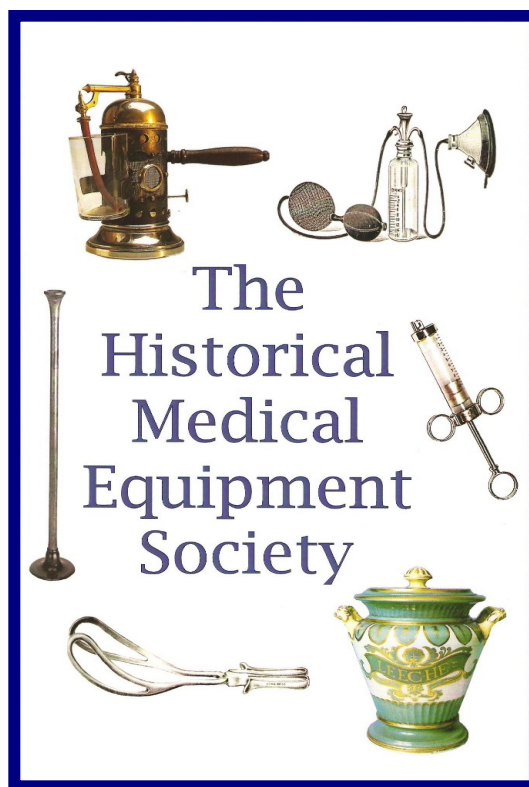
The meetings generally include a session on instrument identification and a visit to a local museum related to medical, dental or pharmaceutical displays. The lectures and the Society's activities are reported in a *Bulletin*, which is also published annually.

The Society is multidisciplinary: members are drawn from medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, veterinaries, museum curators, historians of medicine & technology and collectors. Many members have specialist knowledge & expertise or are linked to medical museums or specialist collections.

The Society has affiliated membership with the British Society for History of Medicine & their notices are circulated to HMES members.

Membership is £10 annually (£15 jointly)

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