



Future BSHM Events

The Poynter Lecture 11th June 2018

The 18th Poynter lecture will be held at the Royal College of Physicians, Regents Park, London.



The Lecturer will be Dr Simon Chaplin, Director of Culture and Society at the Wellcome Trust. The title of the lecture will be 'The Doctor as Collector'. 2018 will be the 500th anniversary of the RCP and BSHM members can attend the RCP Medicinal Plant Lectures in the afternoon and take a tour of the Physic Garden.

There will be a drinks reception at 5pm and the Poynter Lecture will be given from 6-7 pm.

One-day workshop 12th September 2018



The BSHM will be holding a one-day workshop at the Wellcome Collection Conference Centre, Euston Road, London.

The theme will be 'Medical History archives: opportunities and threats.' Further details will be sent to members and posted on our website.

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BSHM Congress Bristol Sept 2019

Our next Congress will be at the M Shed in Bristol from Wednesday 11th September to Saturday 14th September 2019.



The New BSHM Officers

The Vice President: Dr Michael Collins



Dr Michael Collins has now been appointed as the Vice President of the BSHM. He was formerly the Treasurer. Mike is Consultant Radiologist Emeritus in Sheffield. He is a member the Aesculapian Society of Sheffield, the Yorkshire Medical and Dental

History Society, and Osler Club of London. He is a Fellow of the Society of Apothecaries. His interests in medical history include the early use of X-Rays, WW1, Sir William Wilde and lead poisoning.

The Treasurer: Edward Wawrzynczak



I have a long-standing interest in the history of biomedicine and how scientific developments have influenced therapeutic practice over time. After a PhD in Biochemistry at Cambridge University, and subsequent post-doctoral

research in London, I was privileged to head the Drug Targeting Laboratory at the Institute of Cancer Research and Royal Cancer Hospital. Later for more than a decade, I worked closely with the biotechnology industry in various roles, including director of several private and public companies involved in drug development.



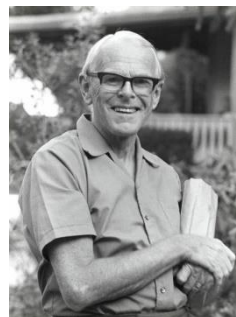
Recently, I have been researching the history of antitoxins, serum therapy and antibody therapeutics. I was awarded the Diploma in the History of Medicine of the Society of Apothecaries in 2014, and am a Fellow of the Faculty of History and Philosophy of Medicine and Pharmacy. I am also a member of several societies including the British Society for the History of Pharmacy and the Society for Medicines Research. Having served as inaugural Book Reviews Editor for the BSHM, I hope to make a further contribution as your Treasurer.

International Society for the History of Medicine Officer: Kenneth Collins

I completed a PhD in 1987, while working full-time in general practice in Glasgow, studying the openness of the Scottish medical schools, from the eighteenth century, to generations of Jewish immigrants. Many were refugees from Nazi Germany who needed to requalify to practice in Britain. Scotland was also the preferred choice of American Jewish medical students in the inter-war years affected by racial quotas at many American medical schools. I have continued to publish medical history studies over the years and since retiring from clinical practice. One major ongoing study is an oral history project in my former Glasgow medical practice conducted 25 years ago and still to be completed! I am a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for the History of Medicine at the University of Glasgow and am currently Visiting Professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem where I have been working on aspects of mediaeval medical practice. I have also been editor of *Vesalius: Journal of the International Society for the History of Medicine* (2008 to 2017).



Papers of Denis Burkitt – available for research at the Wellcome Library



Recently made available for research, material produced by Denis Burkitt (1911-1993) offers a clear insight into the working methods of a researcher who made two major contributions to medical science, based upon his working life in Africa.

While posted in the 1950s and 1960s at the Mulago Hospital and Makerere Medical School in Kampala, Uganda, Burkitt was the first person to describe, document and study the aetiology of a specific form of cancer he had observed in children, which became known as Burkitt's lymphoma. From the later 1960s he compared the patterns of disease in Africa and the West and concluded that many Western diseases were a result of lack of fibre in the diet as well as lifestyle. With colleagues Surgeon Captain Peter Cleave and Hugh Trowell, he promoted in numerous articles and publications the benefits of a higher intake of fibre and reduction in the consumption of refined processed foods to avoid common diseases in the developed world.

Burkitt's papers - catalogued as WTI/DPB – include detailed research notes from his career in Africa, showing how he mapped the epidemiology and geographical distribution of the tumour. Indeed, Burkitt's travel diaries, rich in their accounts of the places he visits and people he met are an evocative and wide-ranging series of documents, offering a vivid account of life in the mid-twentieth century.

(With thanks to Amanda Engineer, Former Archives Project Manager, Wellcome Library).

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Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year from the BSHM

