

President's letter



This issue of the BSHM newsletter includes information about the Society's 28th Biennial Congress which is being held at the M Shed in Bristol from 11th -14th September 2019. We are planning an exciting programme that will combine interesting and varied presentations of health care history with an enjoyable social programme. The Congress is a chance to present your research, to meet old friends and make new ones. We welcome academic and clinical historians of medicine of all ages from the UK and overseas. I do hope you can join us.

With best wishes
Chris Derrett
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**British Society for the History of Medicine
28th Biennial Congress 11th-14th September 2019
at the M Shed in Bristol, UK**



All interested are welcome to attend and to submit abstracts for 15-minute oral presentations and posters. The Congress has 4 themes:

- History of Medicine at Sea
- History of Medicine in the West of Britain
- History of Health Care Education
- History of Mental Illness and Mental Disability

These themes are not exclusive. Papers and posters on any aspect of the history of medicine are also welcome.

Abstracts:

Abstracts for oral presentations and posters are invited. Abstract submission will close on 31st May 2019. Abstracts will be peer reviewed and authors notified by 7th July.

See <https://bshm.org.uk/congress-information/information-for-presenters/>.

Venue:

The M Shed is a museum of the history of the City of Bristol and incorporates modern conference facilities. It is located on Prince's Wharf beside the Floating Harbour within easy access of the city centre and the railway station.

Congress enquires to: bshm.congress@gmail.com.

Keynote speakers:

12/9/2019

Professor Mark Harrison (Director, Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, Oxford)

“Samaritans of the Sea: Duty, Disease and Privation in the Black Sea, 1854-6”

Professor Gareth Williams (Emeritus Professor of Medicine, Bristol University)

“Edward Jenner: saint and sinner?”

13/9/2019

Sir Simon Wessely (Regius Professor of Psychiatry, Kings College, London)

“Shell shock- gone but not forgotten?”

14/9/2019

Dr Cherry Lewis (author of “The Enlightened Mr. Parkinson”)

“James Parkinson: Medical Educator in the Early 19th Century”

How to Register:

You can find information on how to register an interest, register as a delegate and submit abstracts using our dedicated conference site at <https://www.conftool.org/bshm2019/>

Delegate rates:

The early bird delegate rate for the 3-day conference package for BSHM members is £195 and for non-members £210.

Undergraduate students enjoy reduced delegate rates of £15 per day

The number of places at these special rates is limited.

The John Blair Trust will award prizes for the best oral presentation and best poster by an undergraduate health care student. Furthermore, a limited number of bursaries are available to support travel and subsistence.

See <https://bshm.org.uk/about-us/john-blair-trust/>

Visits - pm on 13/9/2019 (Supplemental charge)

1. *Dr Jenner's House, Museum and Garden.*



The location of one of the great innovations in world history; the discovery of vaccination by country doctor Edward Jenner.

Cost inc. coach £20

2. *New Room and Charles Wesley's House. Bristol. (£20)*



Discover how the New Room played a vital role in providing healthcare and education for those in need and how John Wesley took a stand against slavery.

Cost inc tea and conducted tour £20

3. *Glenside Hospital Museum.*



The Museum tells the story of 150 years of psychiatric care through a unique and extraordinary collection of objects, and photographs, creating a vivid picture of life and work in the former hospital.

Cost inc coach £20

4. *Behind the scenes tour of the M Shed.*



Special 1 hour tour of the M Shed's collection stores reflecting Bristol's maritime history

Cost £5

Other Optional extras:

- 1 Welcome reception and history of medicine quiz (Wednesday evening) cost from £10
- 2 Fish and chip supper cruise on the Matthew (Thursday) see details below
- 3 Congress Dinner – Sansovino Hall (Friday) cost £38
4. “Fringe” meeting for teachers of the history of medicine (Saturday afternoon-free)

Matthew Cruise



The Matthew is a modern replica of the ship in which Cabot sailed from Bristol to N America in 1497. There will be a special Fish and Chip cruise for BSHM Congress delegates and their guests on the evening of Thursday 12th September. N.B. sausage, vegan and GF options available. Details and booking <https://matthew.co.uk/private-event> cost £30 (£25 seniors)

Accommodation

Delegates make their own arrangements for accommodation.

Hotels of all price ranges are situated within easy reach of the venue. Further details are at <https://bshm.org.uk/congress-information/bristol-travel-accommodation/>

Pre-Congress Tour: 9th-11th September 2019

Jon Baines Tours are organizing a pre-congress tour of Bristol and the South West. For further details go to <http://www.jonbainestours.co.uk/bristol>

Post Congress: 13-15th September 2019

The Open Doors festival is a once-a-year chance to look behind closed doors and discover Bristol's hidden treasures. You can explore fascinating buildings, join guided tours and enjoy a range of free events. 120 venues will be open across the city. www.architecturecentre.org.uk/whats-on/bristol-open-doors-2019/

Wellcome Collection Research Project

At Wellcome Collection, we're interested in how retirees who are new/relatively new to using Wellcome library might do so for research purposes. We'd love to talk to them about what it's like getting started doing research at Wellcome.

What we're hoping to achieve from this is to find out where the pain points are that new users of the library have and how we can make the experience better for users.

Interviews would be in June and would last for approximately 1 hour. Participants would receive a £50 voucher as a thank you for their time.

People can register their interest by signing up here (there is further information at the start of the survey) <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C5X73LN>

People who register are under no obligation to participate. Further details about how their privacy is respected can be found via the following link: www.wellcome.ac.uk/about-us/privacy-and-terms

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Do you use the BSHM website and Social Media sites?

BSHM website <https://bshm.org.uk>
Facebook [@brithistmed](#)
Twitter [brithistmed](#)

If not, it is worth checking them out. There is something for all. You might find kindred spirits for your specific interest, potential speakers for your meetings and history of medicine sites to visit. The BSHM aims to extend your contacts in the History of Medicine community,

Future History of Medicine Events

Future history of medicine events are at: <https://bshm.org.uk/events/>.

If you are an affiliate society you can advertise your meetings on our future events page To post future events contact affiliatesliaison@bshm.org.uk

Social Media:

Recent blogs have ranged from a podcast link on Edward Jenner to the Story of the Stethoscope A blog can provide a snapshot of various interesting aspects of medical history - in just a few paragraphs! If anyone thinks they might be a budding blogger, please send a draft (300-500 words) on any aspect of medical history, preferably with pictures to: blogeditor@bshm.org.uk.

Perhaps a meeting or exhibition you have attended might be worth highlighting to fellow members. You can access an archive of blog articles on the BSHM website at: <https://bshm.org.uk/blog/>

Book Reviews:

The BSHM website includes regular reviews of recent history of medicine books:
<https://bshm.org.uk/book-reviews/>

You might find potential presents for others or you might even want to pamper yourself. Recent reviews range from Women in medicine to Old English medical remedies via the Royal Chelsea Hospital. There is truly something for everyone.