

## **A New History of Medicine Journal**

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The inauguration of a new online journal is an exciting and important venture in the further evolution of the British Society for the History of Medicine (BSHM). Among the key objectives of the BSHM is the provision of opportunities for our members to present original research. This objective is partly achieved by providing a platform for presentation at the biennial BSHM Congress and other history of medicine meetings organised by the Society. The BSHM Officers and Representatives Committee (ORC) approved the concept of a journal at its meeting in 2020. This has led to this inaugural edition of the new BSHM journal *Topics in the History of Medicine (THoM)*.

Our intention is to publish original research, biographical accounts and literature reviews in a high standard, peer-reviewed, open access format that will become a respected and valued addition to the academic literature in the history of medicine. We anticipate that *THoM* will have a distinct and unique flavour reflecting the characteristics that distinguish the BSHM and its membership. These are based on the knowledge and insight gained by members engaged in the practice of medicine and science allied to the application of historiographic principles in their research in the history of medicine. It is envisaged that *THoM* will complement rather than compete with other publications in the history of medicine and that colleagues, non-members and early career scholars engaged in research in similar fields will be attracted to publish in the journal. Being available online and free of charge will ensure that *THoM* reaches an extensive readership including academics, students and all who are interested in the history of medicine worldwide.

BSHM members are encouraged to support, promote and contribute to the journal which will be complementary to other BSHM publications including newsletters, blogs and book reviews already available through the website. Wide consultation and extensive groundwork have taken place in the preparation of this inaugural issue of *Topics in the History of Medicine*. The BSHM Officers, the ORC and the Editor-in-Chief would like to thank our special Guest Editor Dr Hilary Morris, fellow members of the Editorial Board Professor Sean Hughes and Dr David Wright, the in-house BSHM Journal Editor, the contributing authors and all the referees for their hard work and endeavour. We would be pleased to receive comments and suggestions for this venture. Please contact the editorial office at: [editorial@bshm.org.uk](mailto:editorial@bshm.org.uk)

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