

Three Bags Full

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The British Society for the History of Medicine (BSHM) launched its journal *Topics in the History of Medicine (THoM)* in 2021 during the pandemic that drastically restricted the day-to-day activities of so many yet proved a fertile ground for new initiatives. Our intention remains 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.

The first issue of *THoM* comprised papers addressing the ‘History of Medicine at Sea’, one of the main themes of the 2019 BSHM Congress in Bristol. Volume 2, published in 2022, focused on two of the key themes of the 2021 BSHM Congress in Sheffield, namely the ‘History of Pandemics’ and the ‘History of Medicine in the Workplace’. For this, the third edition, we took our inspiration from the September 2022 Poynter meeting the BSHM organised in collaboration with one of our affiliated societies, the Friends of Millbank, to focus on the ‘History of Military Medicine’.

Great credit is due to our Guest Editor for this volume, Colonel David Vassallo, for his diligent, passionate and insightful approach in bringing together a unique collection of papers written by authors from varied backgrounds, covering a wide range of topics and spanning more than two centuries. We wholeheartedly thank all the contributors for their efforts and for trusting the journal and its editors to bring their work to fruition.

Many people helped deliver this volume without explicit acknowledgment. We are extremely grateful to the independent peer-reviewers who freely devoted time to impart their expert opinions to the editors and provided helpful advice for the authors. We commend our co-editors and proof-readers who invariably made suggestions that improved the accuracy and readability of papers. And we appreciate the support of our Editorial Board who can always be relied upon to provide wise counsel.

In closing, we look forward to developing and growing *THoM* as a respected publication which serves the history of medicine community in the UK and reaches a global audience. We would be pleased to receive ideas and proposals for future volumes. Please contact the editorial office at: editorial@bshm.org.uk.

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