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The Wellcome Trust Governors' Decisions

At their June meeting, the Governors of the Wellcome Trust decided to transfer the Wellcome Institute's Academic Unit to University College London as a Centre for the History of Medicine. As a consequence, the Institute will cease to exist as a name and a legal entity from 1 October 1999.

This does not mean the ending of the Trust's involvement with the history of medicine, or of any of the activities of the Library or the Academic Unit, which will continue to co-operate together. Indeed, the Governors at the

same time reiterated their intention to re-house the Unit next to the Library in 183 Euston Road when the new Trust headquarters are completed in 2003, and joint planning has already begun. They also envisage that these, in part administrative, changes would bring the Academic Unit greater autonomy and potential for development within UCL.

Arrangements for the continuation of the Friends of the Wellcome Institute are still being worked out, and will be announced to subscribers as soon as they are known.

Call for Papers

International Colloquium on Cranial Trepanation in Human History, 7–9 April 2000

This colloquium is organized by the Department of Ancient History and Archaeology of the University of Birmingham (UK), the Institute of Ancient History of the University of Salzburg (Austria) and the Russian Postgraduate Medical Academy, Moscow (Russia). The first of its kind, the colloquium aims to bring together a group of specialists, human palaeopathologists, clinical neurologists, neurosurgeons, archaeologists and medical historians with the aim of examining the extent and history of cranial trepanation, its impact on the development of surgery and the

future direction of study. The multi-disciplinary programme will include sessions on: (i) the pathological identification of trepanation; (ii) the evolution of techniques; (iii) the interpretation of cranial trepanation—medicine or magic? and (iv) the future direction of study. For further information contact: Robert Arnott, Department of Ancient History and Archaeology, University of Birmingham, Birmingham B15 2TT, UK (tel: +44(0) 121 414 5511/5497; Fax: +44(0) 121 414 3595; e-mail: R.G.Arnott@bham.ac.uk).

Bakken Visiting Research Fellowships

The Bakken Library and Museum in Minneapolis offers visiting research fellowships for the purpose of facilitating scholarly research in its collection of books, journals, manuscripts, prints, and instruments. The focus of the Bakken's collection is on the history of electricity and magnetism and their applications in the life sciences and medicine. Related materials include mesmerism and animal

magnetism, 19th-century ephemera concerning alternative electromedical therapies, miscellaneous scientists' letters, and trade catalogues. The instruments include electrostatic generators, magneto-electric generators, induction coils, physiological instruments, recording devices, and accessories.

The fellowship is a maximum of \$1,300 and is to be used for travel, subsistence, and other

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direct costs of conducting research at the Bakken. The minimum period of residence is one week. **The next application deadline is 1 March 2000.** For further information, please contact: David J. Rhees, Executive Director,

The Bakken Library and Museum, 3537 Zenith Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55416, USA (tel: 612-927-6508; fax: 612-927-7265; e-mail: rhees@thebakken.org; www.thebakken.org).

The Jerry Stannard Memorial Award

The 2000 competition for the annual award in honour of the late Professor Jerry Stannard is open to graduate students and to recent recipients of a doctoral degree (the PhD degree or an equivalent), conferred not more than three years before the competition deadline. The purpose of the award is to encourage research by young scholars in the fields of material medica, medicinal botany, pharmacy, and folklore of drug therapy before the 1700s. Manuscripts must be in English, French or German. Only one paper by any author may be submitted in any given year. Each entry should be typewritten, double-spaced, and no longer than 50 pages, including notes, bibliography, and appendices. Entrants should keep copies of

their manuscripts, since manuscripts submitted will not be returned. Each manuscript must be accompanied by: (a) a one-page abstract of the paper in English; (b) a current curriculum vitae of the author; and (c) a letter of recommendation from an established scholar in the field. Entrants who are US residents should give their home address and social security number. Entries must be received no later than **15 February 2000.** The award will be announced on or about 15 May 2000. All manuscripts and correspondence should be addressed to: The Stannard Award Committee, Department of History, Wescoe Hall 3001, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045-2130, USA.

The Pressman-Burroughs Wellcome Award

The American Association for the History of Medicine wishes to bring to your attention to the Jack D Pressman-Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Development Award in 20th-Century History of Medicine or Science. This award is for outstanding work in twentieth-century history of medicine or medical sciences as demonstrated by the completion of a PhD and a proposal to turn the dissertation in to a publishable monograph. The PhD must have been completed and the degree granted within the last three years (i.e., 1996–1999). The application must include a one-page summary of the proposed book; an account (not exceeding two pages) of the work required to make the dissertation publishable, and why; information on interest in publishing it from a

specific press, together with any relevant letters from the press; a current CV; a letter of support from the candidate's dissertation advisor, and one additional letter of support. These materials should be submitted by **15 November 1999**, to the Chair of the Pressman-Burroughs Wellcome Committee, Prof. Gerald N Grob, Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, Rutgers University, P.O. Box 5070, 30 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08903–5070. A decision will be announced by 1 April 2000. The stipend will be \$2,500. In keeping with the policy of the Burroughs-Wellcome Fund, indirect charges or fringe benefits may *not* be charged against the award.