

BULLETIN D'INFORMATION HSTC NEWSLETTER

CSTHA/AHSTC: ASSOCIATION NEWS

Recent changes in the Social Science and Humanities Research Council's policy regarding funding for Learned Societies has induced the Executive of the CSTHA/AHSTC to propose to the membership that the Association not join PRISMA, the four-society federation. The new policy requires that societies maintain memberships of at least 200, levy an annual fee of at least \$15.00 in addition to journal subscriptions and apply for funds on a competitive basis. Believing that the Association would receive too little benefit for too large an annual fee, the Executive suggests that we continue as an independent organization. Cooperative ventures with other societies will, of course, continue to be a desideratum of the Association.

KINGSTON CONFERENCE III

The Third Kingston Conference on the History of Canadian Science, Technology and Medicine, along with the second General Meeting of the CSTHA/AHSTC, will take place on 28-30 October 1983 at the Donald Gordon Centre at Queen's University. The CSTHA/AHSTC Executive, with the assistance of Dr A.W. Tickner of the NRC and of Prof George Richardson of Queen's, has formed the Organizing Committee.

Three types of communications are invited: regular papers (20-25 minutes maximum), work-in-progress papers (10 minutes), and theme papers (20-25 minutes maximum). The theme papers will be those related to one or more other papers on a similar theme. The Organizing Committee urges individuals and groups to suggest themes and speakers to them. Based upon the responses to the questionnaires from Kingston II, the Committee intends to delete the after-dinner speaker at the banquet, and to cut out the plenary session and workshops, feeling that the field has now matured enough to concentrate on current research.

Tentative titles and brief abstracts should be forwarded to Dr Tickner. All those who are members of the Association and those non-members who attended the first two conferences will receive registration information when it comes available. Others interested should contact Dr Tickner for further information.

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