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## BULLETIN D'INFORMATION HSTC NEWSLETTER

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir:

When I received my copy of the January number of the *HSTC Bulletin*, containing the papers of our workshop, I noted that the preface failed to acknowledge the financial help of the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities which made our meeting possible. I realized that it was my mistake, I should have informed you of this. Would you print this letter in the next issue informing your readers that our Workshop on the History of Research and Development in Canada was made possible through financial sponsorship of the Ontario-Quebec Exchange Program of the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities? Thanks very much.

sincerely yours,

Philip C. Enros,  
University of Toronto

*Ed. Dr Enros refers to the articles by James Hull, by Frances Anderson, Olga Berseneff-Ferry and Paul Dufour and by himself in the January number, and by Donald Phillipson in the present number.*

### THE THIRD KINGSTON CONFERENCE

The Third Kingston Conference, held at the Donald Gordon Centre of Queen's University on 28-30 October 1983, was the most successful of the national meetings on the history of Canadian science, technology and medicine yet held. Some 101 participants heard more than fifty papers on a wide variety of subjects and the consensus was that the level of historiography was much improved over that of the 1981 meeting.

A decision had been taken earlier not to produce a full set of proceedings of the conference as in the two previous meetings because the sheer volume of material and the lessened financial support would make such an undertaking prohibitive. Participants were invited to submit their papers for vetting by an Association editorial committee (Profs Bruce Sinclair, James Hunt and Chris de Bresson). If volume and quality permits, a supplementary number of the *Bulletin* will be produced; if a single, dedicated number is not possible, selected papers may be published in the normal publication schedule of the *Bulletin*.

Tentative plans are being laid for a fourth Kingston conference (and third general meeting of the CSTHA/AHSTC) in 1985.

## CSTHA/AHSTC: ASSOCIATION NEWS

The second General Meeting of the Association was held on 29 October 1983 during the Third Kingston Conference. The membership

-re-elected the current Executive (Arnold E. Roos, president; Richard A. Jarrell, secretary-treasurer; Norman Ball and Raymond Duchesne, directors) for 1984-85;

-discussed the venue and timing of the fourth conference, generally agreeing upon Kingston;

-suggested ways and means of increasing the size and effectiveness of the association.

The Association, at the end of its third full year of operation, has 149 members, represented in all provinces and in the USA, Ireland, England, Sweden and West Germany. Although the Executive participated in negotiations towards the formation of PRISMA, a federation of Canadian societies of the history and philosophy of science, medicine and mathematics, announced changes in the funding system of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council would have made the CSTHA/AHSTC unviable and the association declined to join PRISMA. The SSHRCC has now announced a new funding formula which will allow the Association to apply for modest assistance for administrative purposes. We continue to cooperate with PRISMA societies in planning an Atlantic-regional conference on 'Canada and the Sea' tentatively scheduled for 1985. The Association is also a corporate member of the Association for Canadian Studies.

## TORONTO ENGINEERING WEEK

The Engineering Institute of Canada, together with the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario and the Consulting Engineers of Ontario, are sponsoring Engineering Week in Toronto from 13 to 18 February 1984. Now in its fourth year, Engineering Week has the theme 'Research and Development...Making Canada Stronger.' Events will include lectures, social events and exhibitions. Those wishing further information on specific events should contact:

Cobi MacRitchie, Engineering Week Secretary,  
EIC (Toronto Branch),  
1027 Yonge St.,  
Toronto, Ont. M4W 2K9

or call (416) 961-0958.

## UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO POSITION

The Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology at the University of Toronto invites applications for a three-year contractually-limited term appointment for

an assistant professor or lecturer, beginning July 1, 1984. Salary between \$21,200 and \$30,300, depending upon qualifications. Candidates should have a PhD in hand by September 1, 1984. Preference will be given to candidates whose research deals with aspects of the Scientific Revolution. Curriculum vitae and names of at least two references should be sent by March 15, 1984, to Professor I. Hacking, IHPST, Victoria College, 73 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1K7, Canada. In accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. This position is conditional upon the availability of funding.

#### COMPUTERIZED SHIPPING RECORDS

In 1976, the Maritime History Group at Memorial University in St. John's inaugurated a computerized Atlantic Canada Shipping Project to make available to researchers a variety of information concerning early ships and shipping. Now the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes in Kingston, Ontario, has established the Great Lakes Marine History Project. The first phase, now underway, will involve the entry of registration, ownership and voyage data for Great Lakes vessels and will cover ships' rig, dimensions, construction data, ownership transactions and traces of voyages. This material is being drawn from Canadian port shipping registers, insurance underwriters' lists and vessel lists in parliamentary sessional papers. By autumn of 1983 the database included 600 vessels and 1500 ownership transactions for Lake Ontario ports (Kingston, Hamilton, Picton, Dunnville, Deseronto and Cobourg) for 1850-1880.

The second phase will record secondary material such as paintings, photographs and design drawings for particular ships; the third phase will list bibliographic references to the ships (monographs, chapters, articles, unpublished manuscripts and archival materials such as letters, log books and company documents).

Further information may be obtained from the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes, 55 Ontario St., Kingston K7L 2Y2.

#### NEW PUBLICATIONS IN THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

Dr Kenneth Roberts of Memorial University of Newfoundland, editor of the *Newsletter* of the Canadian Society for History of Medicine, will become editor of a new journal for the history of medicine sponsored by the CSHM. A start-up grant has been made by Associate Medical Services to assist the the journal in its first years of operation. Like its predecessor publication, the new journal will cover the history of medicine in general, not specifically Canadian medicine but including that subject. The first number is expected in 1984.

The first number of the *Newsletter of the Hannah Chairs in*

*the History of Medicine*, for December 1983, has appeared under the direction of Prof S.E.D. Shortt, Hannah Professor at Queen's University. Although intended primarily as an internal newsletter to communicate amongst the chairs, much of the material in the first number is of interest to historians of Canadian medicine. Included in the first issue are lists of upcoming lectures, conferences, current research, graduate students and recent publications.

Prof Shortt notes that 'the first issue is being sent to a variety of interested individuals throughout Canada. To receive future issues please notify the editor. Consideration will be given to the publication of announcements from other departments beyond the five Hannah Chairs.'

#### DISSERTATIONS/THESES

##### Université Laval:

L. Vermette, 'La vie domestique aux Forges du Saint-Maurice' (D ès L).

##### University of Toronto:

✓ C.A. Andreae, 'Iron Mining in Nova Scotia' (M.Museology).

P.M. Romney, '"Man Out of Place": The Life of Charles Fothergill, Naturalist, Businessman, Journalist, Politician, 1782-1840' (PhD).

##### Queen's University:

T.E. Brown, '"Living with God's Afflicted": A History of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum at Toronto, 1830-1911' (PhD)

J.I. Casselman, 'Venereal Disease in Ontario and Canada, 1900-1930' (MA)

C.A. Simms, 'An Institutional History of the Rockwood Asylum at Kingston, 1856-1905' (MA)

##### Université de Montréal:

M.F. Lamante, 'André Michaux et son exploration en Amérique du Nord (1785-1796) d'après les sources manuscrites' (MA)

##### Université de Sherbrooke:

L. Dion-Jetté, 'L'épidémie de variole de l'hiver 1702-1703' (MA)