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## NEWS/NOUVELLES

## DR M. CHRISTINE KING, 1947-1987

Christine King, who spent several years in Canada working on the history of chemical kinetics and writing a biography of E.W.R. Steacie, died in November 1987 in an automobile accident in England.

Dr King was born in China in 1947 and received her early education in Dublin, Ireland. She held MSc and PhD degrees in chemical physics from the University of Manchester. Her interest in the part played by science in the history of different countries led her to work with Joseph Needham in Cambridge and she was subsequently awarded the DPhil in history and philosophy of science.

Pursuing her interest in the history of chemical kinetics, Dr King became a visiting scholar at the University of California in Berkley in 1981. She later came to Canada to continue this work at the University of Ottawa in association with Dr K.J. Laidler. While there her increasing interest in the history of Canadian science and in the work of E.W.R. Steacie led to an invitation from the National Research Council to undertake a book.

Fortunately, Christine King's account of Steacie and his role in the development of Canadian science had been accepted for publication prior to her death. Towards the end of this year it should be available as an enduring memento of a delightful colleague and an intelligent and perceptive enquirer into the history of science in Canada.

A.W. Tickner  
Ottawa, Ont.

## HISTORY OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES: RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

The American Association for the History of Medicine is planning, in early 1989, to issue a new listing of current research, including dissertations, being conducted on topics in the history of medicine and related sciences. Individuals and department heads desiring to have their projects and those of their students listed are urged to send the following information:

- 1) Name
- 2) Institution or mailing address
- 3) Title of substantial research topics
- 4) Estimated completion date

Send communications before 15 November to Charles G. Roland, MD, 3N10-HSC, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario L8N 3Z5.

#### SCIENCE TEACHERS CONFERENCE

STAO 88 is the 1988 annual convention of the Science Teachers' Association of Ontario (STAO). The conference will take place in Toronto, November 3, 4 and 5, 1988. The STAO motto is 'promoting excellence in science education through leadership and service.' STAO conferences have a well-deserved reputation for contributing to this promotion of excellence.

The conference is expected to host at least 1500 science educators and friends of science education. The busy program will be a blend of plenary speakers, featured lectures, practical talks, hands-on workshops and much more. There will be a large exhibit area and a Saturday student conference.

If you wish to be placed on the conference mailing list, write to: Ute Goering-Boone, Erindale Secondary School, 2021 Dundas St. W., Mississauga, Ontario, L5K 1R2 (416) 828-7206.

#### XVIII INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF HISTORY OF SCIENCE

The International Union for the History and Philosophy of Science is holding its eighteenth international congress in Hamburg and Munich, FRG, from 1 to 9 August 1989. The general theme of this conference is 'Science and Political Order.' From 1 to 5 August, the Hamburg Congress Centrum will be the site of the plenary sessions, symposia, scientific sections, poster sessions, poster presentations, business and general meetings, tours and excursions. From 7 to 9 August, the congress will reconvene at the Deutsches Museum in Munich. To obtain a circular and registration form, write to: ICHS Congress 1989, CPO HANSER SERVICE, Postfach 1221, D-2000 Hamburg-Barsbüttel, Federal Republic of Germany.

#### GREAT LAKES HISTORIC SHIPS RESEARCH PROJECT

Maurice Smith, of the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes at Kingston, Ontario, writes concerning the museum's new project: The Great Lakes Historic Ship Research Project has been established to undertake research into building an historical archive of ship design and construction. We are developing the methodology and tools needed to study the relationship between the marine industry and exploration, immigration, war and commerce. The Marine Museum of the Great Lakes, with exhibits, archives and library, is among the few institutions in Canada devoted entirely to marine preservation and study.

We have a strong team conducting the project. David Walker, naval architect and formerly a Research Associate with the Marine Museum of the Atlantic will be handling technical research; Garth Wilson, MA, fresh from studies at the Roskilde Viking Ship Museum, will deal with historical research. Steve Killing, a designer of 12-metre yachts, is a co-developer of the specialized software used in the project.

This project, the first of its kind in Canada and utilizing current 'capture and analytical techniques,' is similar to the Historic American Merchant Marine Survey undertaken in the United States during the 1930s. A number of ideas contained in *Postmedieval Boat and Ship Archaeology* edited by Carl Olof Cederlund have been used in the development of this project.

#### DISSERTATIONS/THESES

##### Université du Québec à Montréal

Bouchard, Daniel, et Simon Doucet, 'L'Etat et l'administration des institutions asilaires au Québec: 1845-1895' (MA)

Robert Nahuet, 'Une expérience canadienne de taylorisme: le cas des usines Angus du Canadien Pacifique' (MA)

##### Université Laval

Jean-François Caron, 'Les apprentis à Québec de 1830 à 1849' (MA)

##### University of British Columbia

Logan W. Hovis, 'Technological Change and Mining Labour: Copper Mining and Milling Operations at the Britannia Mines, British Columbia, 1898-1937' (MA)

##### University of Waterloo

J.T.H. Connor, 'To be Rendered Unconscious of Torture: Anaesthesia in Canada, 1847-1920' (PhD)

Karen Maria Trussler, 'Industrial Heritage: Definition and Development with Special Emphasis on the Former Silknit Ltd Textile Mill in Cambridge, Ontario' (MA)

York University

Rainer Baehre, 'The Lunatic Asylum in Transition: A Study of Psychiatric Institutions and Ideas in Ontario, 1870-1914' (PhD)

#### XVI INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF ICOHTEC

The International Committee for the History of Technology (ICOHTEC), to which the CSTHA/AHSTC names the official delegate for Canada, will hold its sixteenth international symposium in Madrid, Spain, 5-9 September 1988. The theme for the meeting is 'Civil Engineering between 1750 and 1850,' although papers devoted to other topics in the history of technology will be featured. The registration fee, Pts. 6,000 (\$US 50.00), may be transferred to Current Account 30611-F of the Banco Exterior de España (in the name of 'Centro de Estudios y Experimentación de Obras Públicas'). A number of rooms have been made available in university residence (single with meals, Pts. 3,000 per diem). For further information and programme details, contact the organizing committee:

Gabinete de Formación y Documentación, C/ Alfonso XII, 3, 28014 Madrid, Spain.