

BULLETIN D'INFORMATION *HSTC* NEWSLETTER

CSTHA/AHSTC: ASSOCIATION NEWS

The response to the Kingston Conference questionnaire has been hearteningly heavy, with many written comments on the conference and on the Association's plans. The comments have been circulated to the members of the Executive. Three of the four Executive members were able to meet briefly in Ottawa and decided to begin planning sessions this autumn for Kingston Conference III, tentatively to be held in the autumn of 1983. For the next conference, the Executive will move to a devolved planning scheme to draw more members of the Association into the process. Those who have ideas for theme sessions should begin to think about them now. Some other items of interest concerning the CSTHA/AHSTC include:

- the proceedings of the 1981 Kingston Conference are now about halfway through the editorial process and we expect to have the book printed and shipped to conferees by the early autumn. Members who were not at Kingston will be able to order copies at the Association's 10% discount;

- the Association's Speakers' Bureau suggestion has received a good response and we shall press ahead with it when a computer programme has been developed for printing the directory. If any members failed to submit the form and would be interested in participating, they should contact the Secretary;

- the proposed federation of societies devoted to the history and philosophy of science, technology, mathematics and medicine, was officially launched at Ottawa in June. The federation is called 'Prisma' (Greek for prism) and is headed by an executive chaired by G.R. Paterson, President of the Canadian Society for History of Medicine. The President of CSTHA/AHSTC, Arnold Roos, is the Association's representative. Depending upon a grant from SSHRCC, the federation will obtain a part-time bilingual secretary at the University of Ottawa to handle our routine administration. If this is set in motion by September as planned, future mailings and dues notices will emanate from that office. For the near future, we do not foresee a rise in fees to finance the federation; the consensus at Ottawa was no grant, no federation;

- assuming the federation is viable, an early project will be a regional conference in the Atlantic provinces concerned with shipping history. Mr Nils Jannasch of the Maritime Museum in Halifax is the Association's representative to a regional planning group;

- the great expense of producing the full proceedings of our conferences has induced the Executive to think about alternatives. Our feeling is to produce a special issue of the *HSTC Bulletin* devoted to a selection of the best conference papers as chosen by an editorial committee. This format has been successfully used by the Canadian Historical Association in