This year’s meeting of the American Association of the History of Medicine featured a luncheon session sponsored by the ALHHS. Hosted by Stephen J. Greenberg from the National Library of Medicine, Patricia E. Gallagher of The New York Academy of Medicine, and Stephen C. Wagner from the University of Oklahoma, this session, entitled “Places to Go, Databases to See,” featured an hour-long tour of a variety of Web sites of use to researchers in the history of the health sciences.

Stephen Greenberg began the program with a discussion of the many Web resources now available from the National Library of Medicine. NLM has long been a major resource for medical research tools. With the advent of the Internet, NLM has made these resources, once only available for a fee to medical librarians, open to anyone with an Internet connection: HISTLINE, the bibliographic database of the history of the health sciences, is part of a suite of databases that comprise Internet Grateful Med (http://igm.nlm.nih.gov). HISTLINE allows the researcher to search the journal literature for citations to articles in major medical, nursing, history of the health sciences, social sciences, and humanities journals relevant to their topic of choice. Limit boxes assist in honing the search to relevant articles.

Images from the History of Medicine (http://wwwihm.nlm.nih.gov) is a database of images on topics related to the history of medicine from the NLM’s extensive image collection. This database includes photographs and portraits of important historical figures and buildings, advertisements, cartoons, and many other visuals that are useful to historical researchers. The search engine allows the researcher keyword and browse searches.

LOCATORPlus (http://www.nlm.nih.gov/locatorplus) is the new Web-based online public access catalog (OPAC). This catalog of holdings of the library, which is the largest medical collection in the United States, represents a useful and authoritative listing of books, journals and audiovisuals in the health sciences, and includes historical as well as modern works. For the researcher looking for an historical book or video, this database is the best place to begin looking.

The History of the Health Sciences Web Links page (http://www2.mc.duke.edu/misc/MLA/HHSS/histlink.htm) was assembled by Patricia Gallagher as part of a class on History of Medicine Resources she co-taught for the Medical Library Association. Currently hosted by the History of the Health Sciences Section of the MLA, this page attempts to quality filter available resources in the history of the health sciences, and present the researcher with the best information that is available. Since an examination of every site listed was impossible, a selection of interesting Web pages was demonstrated, including:

Duke University’s Scriptorium (http://scriptorium.lib.duke.edu/) is an example of the kind of information that is being made available by libraries
to assist researchers. Besides providing information on how researchers can access the collection, and what holdings are available at Duke, this site also provides a number of online exhibits, and *Ad*Access, an image database of over 7,000 advertisements printed in U.S. and Canadian newspapers and magazines between 1911 and 1955. Of particular interest to the researcher in the history of the health sciences is the collection of health and beauty ads included in the database.

The National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC) (http://lcweb.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/) is a cooperative cataloging project of the Library of Congress. This search engine allows free searching of the holdings of archival collections from across the country. The three search interfaces (easy word searching, easy phrase searching, and advanced searching) permit users to make their searches as general or specific as needed.

*Influenza, 1918: The American Experience* (http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/amex/influenza/) was developed by the Public Broadcasting System as an enhancement to their documentary special of the same name. The Web site includes a timeline and a map that show the progress of the disease across the country, as well as images and text that assist the viewer in understanding the impact of this epidemic on the United States.

The History of Science and Technology Database of the History of Science Society (http://depts.washington.edu/hssexec/), a subset of RLIN, was demonstrated by Stephen Wagner. This recently mounted site is available to all members of the society as part of their membership fee. Indexing over 9,500 journals, this database is an international bibliography for the history of science, technology, and medicine and their influence on culture, from pre-history to the present. For more information on accessing this database, please visit the Society’s Web page.

The volatility of the Web ensures that any discussion of Web resources is outdated the minute it is over. The resources demonstrated will probably be available for some time to come, and will be increased and enhanced as time goes on. However, progress is so rapid that some of the databases discussed last spring have already changed so drastically that they will be a source for new discussion at the Annual Meeting in 2001!

**EX LIBRIS**

By Lucretia W. McClure

**CONGRATULATIONS**

To Adele A. Lerner of the New York Weill Cornell Medical Center Archives who received the Award for Archival Achievement from the Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York on October 11, 2000. The award was presented by Steve Novak, former president of the ART as part of the observance of New York Archives Week.

Founded in 1979, the Archivists Round Table is a not-for-profit organization representing a diverse group of more than 330 archivists, librarians, and records managers in the New York metropolitan area. It is
one of the largest local organizations of its kind in the United States with members representing more than 160 repositories.

The Award recognizes an individual or archival program that has made an outstanding contribution to the archival profession, or a notable achievement of value to the archives community, its patrons, or constituents. The introduction to the Award included the following:

“Adele A. Lerner was hired to establish the Medical Archives of the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center in 1972, when no true archives in an academic medical center existed in this country. With funding from the National Library of Medicine, Ms. Lerner established a program that served as a model for the establishment of other health science archives nationwide. She has also assisted in many such start-ups. In a short time, she organized 200 years worth of records of the New York Hospital, the second-oldest hospital in the country and the oldest in New York City, designed an archives facility, and found the funding to create it. At present, New York Weill Cornell Medical Center is one of the most fully documented health care institutions in the country. Significant works in the history of the health sciences regularly and prominently mention Ms. Lerner’s vital contribution to scholarship.

Ms. Lerner is a founding member of the Archivists Round Table and has held numerous leadership positions, given countless papers and continues to be involved in both the Round Table and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference. In addition, for nearly thirty years, she has nurtured archives and archivists throughout the New York metropolitan area through her training of neophyte archivists, her sound advice to fledgling archives programs, and her continuing education of resource allocators and researchers as to the value of archives.”

And to

Ed Morman who will become College Librarian and Director of the Francis C. Wood Institute for the History of Medicine at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia on July 1, 2001. He reports that the New York Academy of Medicine plans a nationwide search for a new Associate Librarian for Collections and Historical Program, the position he is leaving.

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Miriam Mandelbaum who is Lois Black’s successor as Curator of Rare Books and Manuscripts at The New York Academy of Medicine. She comes to the Academy from the New York Public Library where she recently mounted the highly regarded exhibit on scientific and medical book illustration Seeing Is Believing. Early in her career she spent two years on the staff of the Academy’s rare book room.

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Constance Malpas who has been appointed to a new position, Research Associate, in the Historical Collections Department of The New York Academy of Medicine. She is a doctoral candidate in History of Science at Princeton with a special interest in the history of museology. Her primary responsibilities are related to digitization and the Academy’s collection of artifacts and instruments.

Also to

the two recipients of the 2001 ACOG/Ortho-McNeil Fellowships in the History of American Obstetrics and Gynecology. They are David Pent, M.D., FACOG, whose research project is “The Thalidomide Tragedy: The End of the Myth of the Placental Barrier and the Beginning of Women’s Reproductive Rights,” and Leslie J. Reagan, Ph.D., Associate Professor of the Department of History and College of Medicine, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, who will research the topic “Ambiguous Motherhood: The Impact and Investigation of Miscarriage in Twentieth-Century America.”

And to

Caroline Duroselle-Melish who has been appointed Rare Book Librarian in the Department of Special Collections at the University of Rochester. Caroline will administer the rare book collection, consisting primarily of early printed books. As part of the academic community, she will be working closely with faculty and students.

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From Charles B. Greifenstein, Curator of Archives and Manuscripts, comes word that Marjorie Smink has left her position as Library Director at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia and he has been named Interim Library Director until the arrival of Edorman.

GOOD NEWS

The College of Physicians of Philadelphia continues to work on conservation projects funded by a $175,000 grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services. Clamshelling of fifty incunabula has been completed by the Conservation Center for Art and

Historic Artifacts. The incunabula have original bindings, most with studs and clasps. The clamshells will both protect the volumes’ bindings and protect the adjacent books from damage by the metal of the clasps and studs. Also, more than one hundred records of manuscript collections from the printed manuscript catalog have been converted to electronic format by Laura Guelle. The records have been entered in RLIN and mounted on the College’s Web site www.collphyphil.org.

A grant of more than $900,000 has been received by the College from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to be used for building renovations and improvements. The HVAC system in the book stacks will be replaced, adding a completely new air conditioning unit and improving the air circulation in the stacks. This will greatly improve the environment in the stacks, which has seen five mold outbreaks since 1993. In addition, extensive renovations are being made to the windows, doors, and façade of the building, including the first cleaning of the building’s stonework since it was constructed in 1908-09.
GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical Corporation jointly sponsor two $5,000 fellowships in the History of American Obstetrics and Gynecology each year. ACOG members and other qualified individuals are encouraged to apply. The recipients of the fellowships spend one month in the Washington, DC area working full time to complete their specific historical research projects.

Although the fellowships will be based in the ACOG History Library, the fellows are encouraged to use other national, historical, and medical collections in the Washington area. The results of the research must be disseminated through either publication or presentation at a professional meeting.

Applications must be received by October 1, 2001. Selection will be made and the recipient notified as soon as possible after the deadline in order that the fellowship may begin as early as Winter 2001. Further information is available from Mrs. Susan Rishworth, History Librarian/Archivist, ACOG, 409 Twelfth Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024-2588. (202) 863-2578 (voice); (202) 484-1595 (fax); srishwor@acog.org.

ON EXHIBIT

A new exhibition, *Ex Libris Medicus: Two Collectors and Their Collections at UMDNJ—Henry R. Liss, MD and William D. Sharpe, MD*, opened November 17 at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. A reception honoring the physician/book collectors was held that day at the George F. Smith Library of the Health Sciences, UMDNJ in Newark. In the summer of 1997, while in the throws of renovating the University Libraries’ Special Collections Department, a visitor appeared. Dr. Liss, a retired neurosurgeon who is a former Clinical Professor of Surgery at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, came to inquire whether the Library was interested in his book collection. He had amassed an impressive collection of books and donated it to University Libraries in April 1998.

The Liss Collection contains anatomy, neurology, and surgery texts of the 18th to the 20th centuries, with some books dating from the 16th and 17th centuries. These books, some of which are in the exhibit, add a depth and breadth to the Library’s rare book collection. Were it not for the generosity of Dr. Liss, these unique and historical resources would not be available to the Library’s users.

Dr. Sharpe has published widely in medical history, especially on aspects of the Civil War. His scholarship on Civil War medicine and surgery will come to fruition with the publication of a monograph he is currently writing. His interest in the Civil War developed from knowledge of his own family history and genealogy. His collection of Civil War books, both Union and Confederate imprints, is impressive. The books on exhibit represent part of his collection and are used by Dr. Sharpe as sources for his forthcoming book. The Library is honored that Dr. Sharpe is sharing part of his collection.
The exhibit will be on display through June 2001. For further information, please contact Lois Densky-Wolff at (973) 972-7830 or e-mail densky@umdnj.edu.

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A Family Practice: the Warrens of Harvard Medical School is the title of an exhibit at the Countway Library of Medicine.

The history of medicine in Boston and, in particular, at Harvard Medical School is often a sort of family chronicle. The same famous names—Putnam, Shattuck, Bowditch, Storer, Cheever, Wyman—appear over the years as members of new generations assume roles in the profession of their parents and grandparents.

But there is one Boston family—the Warrens—whose contributions range from the foundation and first lectures of Harvard Medical School and the construction of its campus to the development of innovative surgical techniques and the performance of one of the most famous operations in American medical history. The research, writing, teaching, and medical and surgical labors of the five celebrated Doctors Warren have left an indelible mark on the development of Harvard Medical School and indeed, shaped the very course of medicine and medical education in this country over the past two hundred years. Last fall, as the Countway Library assumed responsibility for the exhibits, specimens, and instruments of the Warren Museum, a display of rare books, manuscripts, photographs, artwork, and artifacts from the collections of Harvard Medical School and the Boston Medical Library was mounted at the Countway Library as a tribute to the members of this illustrious family and their tradition—in every sense, a family practice—of contributions to American medicine.

The Warrens were, in many ways, a family of firsts in medicine and surgery, and A Family Practice emphasizes some of the landmark achievements of these physicians. Dr. John Warren (1753-1815) was asked by the Harvard Corporation to develop a plan for medical study and became the first member appointed to the faculty of Harvard Medical School in 1782. Manuscript notes for his anatomical lectures—the earliest surviving record of teaching at HMS—are on display at the Countway.

His son, Dr. John Collins Warren (1778-1856), performed the first operation on a patient using ether anesthesia at Massachusetts General Hospital in 1846. The earliest published account of the event, from the pages of The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, is Dr. Warren’s own recollections of the operation, and the scalpel and probe used in the procedure commemorate this notable achievement in American surgery. Dr. J. Mason Warren (1811-1867), a member of the third generation of this medical dynasty, was one of the first American surgeons to specialize in plastic and reconstructive surgery; his handwritten notes from an 1836 case of rhinoplasty—the very first performed in the United States—can be seen, along with before-and-after engravings of the patient.

While Dr. J. Collins Warren (1842-1927) was a pioneer in surgical treatments for breast cancer patients, he was also instrumental in raising funds for the construction of the Harvard Medical School campus and convincing area hospitals to relocate near the school, forming an educational and clinical health care center in the city of Boston. Both dimensions of Dr. Warren’s career are represented in the exhibit by the typescript of his address at the dedication of the new Harvard Medical School buildings in 1906, and a set of dissection knives he devised for his tumor surgery.
The last of the Warren line, Dr. John Warren (1874-1928), was a collector of rare books in medicine and surgery and acquired many notable early works for the family's private library. At his death, he bequeathed to Harvard Medical School a magnificent collection of 2,000 books, pamphlets, and manuscripts that forms the nucleus of the Warren Library, now one of the special collections housed at the Countway Library of Medicine and the source for many of the rare items on display in A Family Practice.

Ranging from the earliest days of printing up to the opening of the 20th century, the Warren Library contains some of the rarest and most significant works in the history of medicine and surgery, including titles by Andreas Vesalius, William Harvey, William Hunter, Joannes de Ketham, John Hunter, Ambroise Pare, and Celsus along with the published writings of five Warrens themselves. Some of the rare books of the Warren Library, including a 15th-century edition of the works of the Arabian physician Mesue and a copy of the 1677 edition of the Pharmacopoeia of the Royal College of Physicians that had been passed down through all five generations of the Warren family and had formerly belonged to Zabdiel Boylston, the Boston physician who performed the first inoculations for smallpox, are included in the exhibit.

The exhibit will be on display through March 2001. For further information, please contact Jack Eckert at (617) 432-6207 or jack_eckert@hms.harvard.edu.

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In celebration of the Tercentennial of the founding of Yale University, the following exhibits will be displayed in the rotunda of the Cushing/Whitney Medical Library:

- **Medicine at Yale, 1701-1901** (October to December 2000)
- **Medicine at Yale, 1901-1951** (January to March 2001)
- **Microscopy: Tools of the Biomedical Sciences** (April 2001)
- **Medicine at Yale, 1951-2001** (May to July 2001)
- **EPH and the Yale School of Nursing** (August to September 2001)
- **History of the Cushing/Whitney Medical Library** (October to November 2001)
- **Neighbors: Working Together for a Healthy New Haven. Tercentennial Photographic Exhibit** (October 2000 to March 2001)
- **History of Student Research**
  - **History of the Student Thesis at Yale** (April 2001 to October 2001)

**GOOD LISTENING**

The Reynolds Lecture, "From Manufacturer to Medicine Cabinet: A History of Drug Regulation in the United States," will be presented by John Swann, Ph.D., Historian of the US Food and Drug Administration at the Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, Birmingham, Alabama on January 24, 2001. An exhibit on FDA and the History of Drug Regulation will be mounted at the Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences also at the Library. Both the lecture and the
museum exhibit are free and open to the public. For further information, please call Michael Flannery or Katie Oomens at (205) 934-4475.

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Lectures featured during the Yale University Tercentennial are held at 5:00 pm on Thursdays in the Medical Historical Library:

January 11
"Was Harvey Cushing William Osler’s Protégé?" by Michael Bliss, Ph.D., Professor of History/History of Medicine, University of Toronto.

January 25
"Readings from the Work of Richard Selzer," by Richard Selzer, M.D., Retired Professor of Surgery, Yale School of Medicine.

February 8
"When Cocaine and Heroin Were New: America’s First Response," by David F. Musto, M.D., Professor of the History of Medicine and Psychiatry and Professor of Child Psychiatry, Yale School of Medicine.

February 22
"Struggling to Stay Human in Medicine: American Medical Students and Radical Health Movements in the 1960s," by Naomi Rogers, Ph.D., Director of Undergraduate Studies, Women’s and Gender Studies Program, Yale University.

March 8
"History of New Haven Medicine," by Sherwin B. Nuland, M.D., Clinical Professor of Surgery and Gastroenterology, Yale School of Medicine.

April 12

April 25 (Wednesday)
"Evolution of Infectious Disease," by Joshua Lederberg, M.D., Ph.D, Emeritus President, Nobel Laureate, Rockefeller University. 53rd Annual Keynote Address presented by the Associates of the Cushing/Whitney Medical Library.

The first two lectures held in the Winter of 2000 were:

November 9
"Women’s Bathrooms and the Admission of Women to the Yale School of Medicine," by Susan J. Baserga, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Therapeutic Radiology and Genetics, Yale School of Medicine.

December 7
"The Medical Institution of Yale College," by Gerard N. Burrow, M.D., Special Advisor to the President for Health, Professor of Internal Medicine and Obstetrics/Gynecology, Yale School of Medicine.

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The New York Academy of Medicine announces the following scholarly seminars. The papers presented are circulated to attendees prior to the seminars:

December 12
"Building a Hybrid Landscape to Purify the Ruhr Region, 1890-1935," by Edmund N. Todd, University of New Haven.
January 23
"Male Medical Feminists in Philadelphia: Why Befriend a Women’s Medical School?” by Steven J. Peitzman, M.D., Medical College of Pennsylvania-Hahnemann University.

February 27
"Psychiatry vs. the Negro: Nineteenth-Century Diagnosis and Treatment of African Americans with Mental Illness,” by Kirby Randolph, University of Pennsylvania.

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The Bullitt History of Medicine Club meets monthly in the University of North Carolina Health Sciences Library Rare Book Room. This is a student-run group that is named for Dr. James Bell Bullitt, who was Chairman of Pathology at the UNC Medical School from 1913-1946. This year the student coordinator is 4th year medical student, David Eifrig, Jr., the faculty advisor is Dr. Charles Roberts and the library liaison is Diane McKenzie. The Bullitt Club offerings include:

January 9
“William Carlos Williams: His Poetry and His Practice,” by Charles S. Roberts, M.D., Assistant Professor of Surgery.

February 13
“J.B. Murphy of Chicago and Surgery for Appendicitis,” by James Scatliff, M.D., Professor of Radiology and Department Chairman Emeritus.

March 13
“Alfred Blalock of Hopkins: Good Mornings on the Elevator,” by David Eifrig, M.D., Sterling A. Barrett Distinguished Professor and Professor and Chairman of Ophthalmology.

April 10
“Music and Medicine,” by Leonard S. Gettes, M.D., Henry A. Foscue Distinguished Professor of Cardiology.

Lectures presented earlier included:

September 12, 2000
“The Hippocratic Oath: Searching for an Ideal,” by Elizabeth Griffiths, 3rd-year medical student and winner of the 2000 Brodie Award for a Student Essay in Medical History.

October 10, 2000

November 14, 2000
“The Common Sense of Denis Burkitt of Lymphoma Fame: But He Truly Is the Fiber Man,” by Henry Lesesne, M.D., Professor of Medicine.

December 12, 2000
“The Odyssey of Polio,” by James A. Bryan, M.D., Professor of Medicine.

For further information, please contact Diane McKenzie, Health Sciences Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (919) 966-1776 (voice); (919) 966-1388 (fax) diane_mckenzie@unc.edu or Bullitt Club home page www.med.unc.edu/bhomc/

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"Doctors in the Movies: New York Stories" is a series of Hollywood feature films depicting aspects of health care in New York City that will be presented by the Historical Collections Department of the Library of the New York Academy of Medicine with support from SmithKline Beecham, December 2000 to March 2001.

Each film will be introduced by Peter Dans, M.D., of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Dr. Dans, an internist with special interests in infectious diseases, ethics, and public policy, is a noted authority in both medicine and film history. Since 1990 he has written a regular film review column, "The Physician at the Movies," for Pharos, the quarterly journal of the medical honor society, Alpha Omega Alpha. His book, The Doctor in the Movies: Oil the Water and Just Say "Aah," was published in 2000. Dr. Dans will also lead a discussion at the conclusion of each film.

December 14, 2000: Symphony of Six Million (1934)
Starring Ricardo Cortez and Irene Dunne, the film is the story of a young doctor, with origins in the immigrant community, who temporarily loses sight of his commitment to serve the poor. The number "six million" refers to the population of New York City in the 1930 census, and only by chance coincides with the number of Jews later murdered by the Nazis.

January 11: The Girl in White (1952)
June Allyson portrays a character based on Dr. Emily Dunning Barringer who, after graduating near the top of her class from Cornell Medical School, was initially refused an internship because of her gender. She later became the first woman physician to work in a city ambulance.

February 8: The Last Angry Man (1959)
This is Paul Muni's final screen appearance. He portrays an old-time doctor who ruins his own health trying to maintain a caring general practice in a changing neighborhood in Brooklyn. Featured are several African-American actors who went on to major careers, including Billy Dee Williams, Cicely Tyson, and Godfrey Cambridge.

March 8: Hospital (1971)
George C. Scott plays an administrator in a municipal hospital trying to cope with a nursing shortage, picketing, incompetence, greed, and other sources of stress.

The programs are free and open to the public, but advance registration is requested. For further information about the film series and other medical history programs at the Academy, please call (212) 822-7314 or e-mail history@nyam.org.

The New York Academy of Medicine Section on Historical Medicine announces the following schedule of public lectures:

January 16
"Saints Cosmos and Damian: An Ancient Therapy Finds New Life in Manhattan (and Howard Beach)," by Jacalyn Duffin, M.D., Ph.D., Queen's University, Ontario. The John K. Lattimer Lecture.

February 21

March 20
"Collecting the History of a Specialty: Neurosurgery, 1517-1867," by Eugene Flamm, M.D., Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Beth Israel Hospital. Jointly sponsored with the Friends of the Rare Book Room.

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Lectures presented in 2000 included:

September 27, 2000
“From Admission to Discharge: The Hospital as House of Rituals,” by Guenter Risse, M.D., Ph.D., University of California, San Francisco.

October 24, 2000
“Fighting the War on Breast Cancer in New York City, 1900-2000,” by Barron Lerner, M.D., Ph.D., Columbia University.

November 29, 2000

NEW QUARTERS
The History Library, Archives and Resource Center of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists will be moving from its sixth floor location to greatly expanded quarters on the lower level. A February first completion date and opening celebration is anticipated.

Preparations for celebrating ACOG’s 50th anniversary during its Annual Clinical Meeting in Chicago from April 29-May 2, 2001 are underway. Exhibits on the history of ACOG will be displayed in a special “History Room” in the McCormick Convention Center.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION
This issue of Ex Libris began with the report of a grand award to Adele A. Lerner. It is fitting that our final item also concerns Adele, with the following announcement by Robert M. Braude, Director of the New York Weill Cornell Medical Center Library:

“It is with a certain reluctance that I am letting you know that Adele A. Lerner, Archivist, will be retiring January 31, 2001. While I am pleased for her in her decision to begin an active retirement, I am reluctant to see her go because of what she has done for our institutions over the course of her career. Adele has been the archivist for the New York Weill Cornell Medical Center for more than 29 years and has overseen and shepherded the growth of the Archives from its beginnings as an idea to a facility that houses more than 6,000 feet of records, 25,000 photographs and prints, as well as films, videos, medical artifacts, and taped oral histories.

I have had the pleasure of working with Adele for almost half of that time and have been amazed at both the breadth and depth of her knowledge of the history of our great institutions as well as the key figures, events, and milestones that are part of that history. Adele has compiled an enviable record of professional achievement from her role as archivist and mentor to junior archivists to establishing our Archives as a model for archives in other health care facilities. It will be impossible to find another archivist like Adele; we can only try to find someone as professional and committed to the task as she has been. We all wish her well in her future pursuits.”

Ex Libris Editor’s Note: This is a beautiful and deserved tribute to one of our colleagues. You will be pleased to know that she hopes to continue her involvement with archives and the history of medicine.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year has just flown by. While it seems like we were just gathered in Bethesda a few weeks ago, we are already looking ahead to our next meeting in Charleston in a matter of months. Our standing and ad hoc committees have been busy through the summer and fall and I would like to share their progress with you.

The Nominating Committee chaired by Joan Klein is working on a slate which will include nominees for President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and two Members-at-Large. Joan encourages members to contact her or any of her committee (Kathy Donahue or Jack Eckert) to submit names of potential candidates for consideration. She expects the slate to be ready by mid-January.

Jane Brown is hard at work heading up Local Arrangements for our April meeting. She will be sending out registration materials very early in the new year. Lilla Verkedy has organized a program of speakers on digitization of reference works, on Internet resources, and on the management of homepage links for the history of health sciences.

The Web site under Kathy Donahue’s leadership is experiencing updates as needed. Arrangements are underway to purchase our selected domain name (alhhs.org). Presently under discussion is whether to put The Watermark up on our site and if so, how much — entire issues, summaries, selected articles, current issue and/or back issues. In addition to weighing what is possible and reasonable, the preferences of the members and the reactions of advertisers need to be solicited.

Steve Novak’s Budget Committee is developing some budget categories and recommended percentages for each category. Jodi Koste communicates that her work on the archives is proceeding with nothing specific to report at present.

John Erlen is poised to produce a new edition of the membership directory in the spring once the annual dues are in. Pending the outcome of further discussion on mounting the directory on our Web site, as well as member reaction to the proposal, this may be our last paper edition.

Pat Gallagher has been kind enough to undertake at my request the complete revision of our Bylaws and has produced a document that is currently under review by the Steering Committee. She has incorporated various changes in practice that have occurred since the last revision in 1996 and has generally arranged things more logically, providing clarification where needed. The proposed changes will be presented to the membership for a vote in the spring. My special thanks go to Pat for her adept handling of this difficult job.

Suzanne Porter

REVISION OF ALHHS BYLAWS

This is the text of the proposed revision to our Bylaws. Text being deleted is enclosed in brackets. Text being added is underlined. Please address any suggestions, comments or questions to the Steering Committee (c/o Suzanne Porter). Once the membership has had a chance to respond, there will be a mail ballot early in 2001 to vote on the revisions. Our thanks go to Pat Gallagher for her hard work on these revisions.

Bylaws

Article I. Members

Section 1
Membership shall be open to librarians and archivists with responsibilities for collections and services in the history of the health sciences, and to any other persons interested in health science history collections.
Section 2
Dues shall be set by the Steering Committee and approved by majority vote in a mail ballot submitted to the membership nine weeks before the Annual Meeting. [Annual dues shall be payable on presentation of an invoice included with the Annual Meeting notice.] Dues shall be payable upon joining the Association, and shall be assessed on an annual basis for the period of the fiscal year.

Section 3
The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year.

Section 4
[A quorum of twenty percent of the voting members shall be required in order to transact the Association’s business.]
Rights and Privileges: Members in good standing shall be eligible to hold elective office, to be appointed to committees and to vote in Association elections and business meetings.

Section 5
Suspension and Reinstatement. If dues are unpaid two months after the renewal date, the dues shall be considered to be in arrears and the member shall be suspended from all rights and privileges of membership. Rights and privileges shall be reinstated upon payment of the arrears. If a member who has been suspended for unpaid dues does not reinstate membership within a twelve-month period following suspension, a new application for membership must be made.

Article II. [Elected] Officers

Section 1. Officers

A. [Elected] Officers of the Association shall be President, President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and four Members-at-Large.

B. [Elected] Officers shall take office at the close of the Annual Meeting and serve until the close of the Annual Meeting at the end of their terms of office.

C. [The Presidential Term shall be two years. The President shall be elected in even years. The past president must wait two years from the completion of a presidential term of office before being eligible to serve as President-Elect.

D. The President-Elect shall be elected the second year of the presidential term and assume the office of President at the close of the Annual Meeting following one year as President-Elect.

The term of office of the President shall be one year as President-Elect and two years as President. President Elect shall be elected in odd numbered years, at the beginning of the second year of the sitting President’s term of office. The term of office shall begin at the end of the annual business meeting. The past president must wait two years from the completion of a presidential term of office before being eligible to serve as President-Elect.

D. The Secretary/Treasurer shall serve a term of two years. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected in odd years. No member may serve more than two consecutive terms as Secretary/Treasurer.

E. The Members-at-large shall serve terms of two years, two being elected each year.

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Section 2. Vacancies

A. A vacancy arising in the office of President shall be filled by the President-Elect, who shall serve out the unexpired term of the President and continue as President for the full term as elected.
B. In the event that the office of President becomes vacant during the year when there is no President-Elect, a President shall be chosen by the Steering Committee from among its members. This President shall serve until an elected President assumes office after the next election.

C. All other vacancies shall be filled by the Steering Committee.

Section 3. [The President] Duties

A. The President shall act as Executive Officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the Association and the Steering Committee. The President shall serve as ex officio member of all Committees.

[Section 4. The President-Elect]

B. The President-elect shall perform the duties and exercise the functions of the President during the President’s absence or inability to act.

[Section 5. The Secretary/Treasurer]

C. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the correspondence and records of the Association, record votes and decisions, and shall receive dues and pay the Association’s bills. [A statement of accounts shall be submitted to the Steering Committee prior to the Annual Meeting and before January 1 of the following year.] A statement of accounts shall be submitted to the Steering Committee nine (9) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

D. The Members-at-large shall assist the President in conducting the business of the Association.

Article III. [Appointed Officers]

The President shall appoint an auditor prior to the Annual Meeting. The auditor shall review the Treasurer’s account books and report to the Association at the Annual Meeting.

Article IV. Nominations and Elections

The Nominating Committee shall prepare annually a slate of nominees for each office whose incumbent is completing a term of office. The slate shall be submitted to the membership nine weeks in advance of the Annual Meeting. If the slate contains a single name for an office, the ballot shall provide for write-in nominations.

Article IV. Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees

A. Standing Committees of the Association shall be the Steering Committee, Program Committee, and the Nominating Committee. The President shall serve as ex officio chair of the Steering Committee and shall appoint a [chairman] chair of each additional Standing Committee.

B. The Steering Committee shall consist of all elective officers of the Association and shall conduct the business of the Association between regular membership meetings.

C. The Program Committee shall be responsible for planning the Annual Meeting program.

D. The Nominating Committee [Chairman] shall recommend members to serve in the positions of a. President-Elect b. Secretary Treasurer and c. two Members-at-Large [to serve on the Steering Committee to the Steering Committee for its approval. No member may serve on the Nominating Committee two consecutive years]. New members shall be appointed to the Nominating Committee each year, with no member serving consecutive years.

E. The Newsletter Committee shall be responsible for publication of The Watermark.

F. The President shall appoint an auditing committee three months prior to the Annual Meeting. The Committee shall review the Treasurer’s account books and report to the Association at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Other Committees

With the advice and consent of the Steering Committee, the President shall appoint [the editor of The Watermark, editorial assistants for The Watermark, and] such other committees as are necessary for the work and enhancement of the Association.
Article V. Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Association shall be held yearly, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine, unless otherwise ordered by the [Society] Association or the Steering Committee.

Section 2. A quorum of twenty percent of [the voting] members in good standing shall be required in order to transact the Association’s business.

Article VI. Amendment and Dissolution

Section 1. The Constitution and Bylaws of the Association may be amended [and the Association may be dissolved] by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members, by mail ballot or at any regular meeting of the Association, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to the membership at least nine weeks prior to the meeting. Any proposed changes to the bylaws must first be [on a resolution] approved by two-thirds vote of the Steering Committee.

Section 2. The Association may be dissolved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members, by mail ballot or at any regular meeting of the Association, provided that the motion has been submitted in writing to the membership at least nine weeks prior to the meeting. Dissolution of the Association must also be approved by two-thirds vote of the Steering Committee.

Adopted after ratification by mail ballot, Summer, 1989.

Article I. Members revised at the Annual Meeting, 1994.

Article II. Sections A. and F. revised by the membership at the Annual Meeting, 1996.

Article V. Section 2 revised by the membership at the Annual Meeting, 1996.

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ON THE WEB

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Profiles in Science


What makes this site exciting is that, in addition to presenting extensive guides to the collections, the site presents digital renditions of the documents themselves. Over 3,000 documents are displayed, including notebooks, manuscripts, correspondence, diary entries, newspaper clippings, video interviews, and photographs. Scientists presently represented in “Profiles in Science” are Christian Anfinsen, Oswald T. Avery, Julius Axelrod, Joshua Lederberg and Martin Rodbell. The project is ongoing, and the plan is to add other collections to the Web site as they are processed and digitized.

The page for each digital collection consists of an exhibit, a guide to the collection, and the digital documents. The exhibits are “designed for students and those with little background in science”; they serve to familiarize readers with each scientist’s life and

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Each exhibit begins with a biography and chronology, followed by sections covering different aspects of the scientist’s career (these sections are divided topically or chronologically, whichever is more appropriate to the subject). Each part of the exhibit is accompanied by a selection of documents and photographs from the collection. The last section of the exhibit is “All Photographs”. In addition, the exhibits on Joshua Lederberg and Oswald T. Avery have a section called “Interviews”, consisting mostly of audio clips (for which you’ll need an audio player), though a few print interviews are included. The exhibits cover each scientist’s life and career in depth, providing rich context for the documents.

For many of us, the real meat of the “Profiles in Science” site is in the online collections. Each collection starts with a page-giving context: a brief paragraph about the scientist’s career, followed by information about the scope of the collection. Along the side of the page are links to technical information about viewing the collections, to the exhibit, to alphabetical and chronological listings, and to the search engine. The alphabetical listing displays a list of document types (such as “articles”, “correspondence”, “interviews”, etc.); clicking on a document type will bring up an alphabetical list of digitized documents in that type. The chronological listing also brings up an alphabetical listing of document types first, but within document types, the items are listed chronologically.

The digital documents are also accessible through a sophisticated search function. Readers have the option of searching just one collection or all five. One can do a simple search, a fielded search, or an expert search. A simple search on a name or a term will yield a list of documents containing that term (metadata fields can also be included in the search). From a list of items (whether obtained from a search or in an alphabetical or chronological listing), one can click on the title of the document to bring up the digital document itself—pdf files for text documents, and jpgs for images. Clicking on a square next to the title brings up the metadata record, which includes technical data about the document, cataloging information, and, in some cases, annotations that provide further context.

The History of Medicine Division of NLM has included finding guides to the Anfinsen, Avery, Axelrod, and Rodbell collections in its recently unveiled Web site of EAD finding guides <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/manuscripts/alpha.html>. That site includes guides to several manuscript and archival collections at NLM. The guides were encoded using Encoded Archival Description (EAD), and thus are fully searchable. This site provides another avenue of access to the “Profiles in Science” collections (as well as several other collections at NLM), though at present, linking between the two sites is scant.

On a technical note, Web browsers will need several plug-in applications in order to display the variety of items in “Profiles in Science.” Since all of the paper documents were digitized as pdf files, users need to equip their Web browsers with Adobe Acrobat Reader. Additionally, the site contains some quick-time movies and some sound clips, both of which require plug-ins. Fortunately, there is a page (which is linked from each collection page) listing the applications and plug-ins needed and providing links to free downloads of the applications. Kudos to the NLM staff for making the dealing with the technical issues as painless as possible!
I should note that “Profiles in Science” does not display the collections in their entirety (at least, not at the present time). Rather, the site for each collection features a portion (granted, a very large portion) of significant material from the collections. The full collections are searchable using the EAD finding guides, even though not all items are digitized and users might need to visit the NLM to see an item of interest. However, since new items and new collections are being added, “Profiles in Science” is a site to revisit often.

Other Web Sites of Interest

Remember to send URLs of notable Web sites to <lmix@mail.jhmi.edu>. Also, you can read “On the Web” on the Web at <http://www.med.jhu.edu/medarchives/mix/ontheweb.htm>.

American Psychological Association, History of Psychology *new URL
http://www.psych.yorku.ca/orgs/apa26/

Anatomia : he palapala ia e hoike ai I ke ano o ko ke kanaka kino (An exhibit of one of the first medical texts written in the Hawaiian language)
http://hml.org/mmhc/exhibits/anatomia/index.html

Association of Moving Image Archivists
http://www.amianet.org

Baker-Cederberg Museum and Archives
http://www.viahealth.org/archives

Alexander Graham Bell Family Papers
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/bellhtml/

Canada and the History of Vaccines (exhibit)
http://www.healthheritageresearch.com/CMHExhibit-intro.html

Canadian Psychological Association, History and Philosophy of Psychology Section
http://www.psych.yorku.ca/orgs/cpahpp/

Categories for the Description of Works of Art (Getty Standards Program)
http://www.getty.edu/gri/standard/cdwa/

Center for History of Recent Science (George Washington University)
http://recentscience.gwu.edu/

Cheiron: The International Society for the History of Behavioral and Social Sciences *new URL
http://www.psych.yorku.ca/orgs/cheiron/

Classics in the History of Psychology *new URL
http://psychclassics.yorku.ca/

Colorado Digitization Project
http://coloradodigital.coalliance.org/

Congressional Biographical Directory
http://bioguide.congress.gov/biosearch/biosearch.asp

Countway Library of Medicine
http://www.countway.harvard.edu

Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives 2000
http://www.beemnet.com/dana/history.html

Thomas A. Edison Papers
http://edison.rutgers.edu/

eSpectra (online news portal from the Museum Computer Network)
http://www.mcn.edu/espectra/

Finding the right clinical notes: improving research access to personal health records in Scotland 1600-1994.
http://www.clinicalnotes.ac.uk

From the Seaport to Silicon Alley: A History of Technology in NYC, 1820-2000 (exhibit)
http://www.nycarchivists.org/exhibit/exhome.html

Friends of Libraries, USA
http://www.folusa.com/

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http://www.irmt.org/index2.html

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http://www.ishn.org
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http://www2.sis.pitt.edu/~rcoxRESOURCESPreface.htm

Robert A. Paselk Scientific Instrument Museum
http://humboldt.edu/~scimus

Smallpox: Inoculation, Vaccination, Eradication (exhibit)
http://www.library.ucla.edu/libraries/biomed/smallpox/

A Telling of Wonders: Teratology in Western Medicine Through 1800 (exhibit)
www.nyam.org/history/indexteratology.htm

UNESCO Archives Portal
http://www.unesco.org/webworld/portal_archives

NEWS FROM HMD
By Elizabeth Fee

HMD welcomes some new staff members: Michael North, rare book cataloguer, joins us from the Grolier Club of New York and Dr. Susan Speaker has arrived from Pennsylvania as curator/historian for the exhibitions program. Kim Dixon has come from Cincinnati to become archivist for the digital manuscripts program.

WEB EXHIBITS

In preparation for an important NIH conference on the Placebo, HMD mounted on the Web the exhibition catalogue for “Emotions and Disease.” Please visit the Web site and explore this fascinating topic at http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/emotions/emotionshome.html. Additional materials will be added periodically to the Web site to keep up-to-date with developing research in the field.

For those interested in the HMD seminar series and other public programs, you can check out the latest offerings at http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/seminars.html.
DEVELOPMENTS IN ARCHIVES AND MODERN MANUSCRIPTS

The National Library of Medicine’s History of Medicine Division announces its plunge into the EAD pool.

Encoded Archival Description (EAD), an SGML document type definition, is a recently developed standard for presenting archival finding aids on the World Wide Web. The standard is jointly maintained by the Network Development and MARC Standards Office of the Library of Congress and by the Society of American Archivists.

For the initial public release, thirteen of the Archives and Modern Manuscripts Program’s 104 finding aids were selected for Web publication. All 104 finding aids have been encoded in SGML according to the EAD Document Type Definition and will then be exported to HTML for Web publication.

The finding aids currently available include collections of John Shaw Billings, C. Everett Koop, James A. Shannon, the National League for Nursing, the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation Awards, the American Association for Medical Systems and Informatics, the William and Wilkins copyright suit against NLM, and “Profiles in Science” collections of Nobel Laureates Christian Anfinsen, Julius Axelrod, Oswald T. Avery, and Martin Rodbell.

Within the next few weeks, the remaining manuscript collection finding aids will be added to the site, in weekly installments.

Access to the finding aids is through the HMD home page under “General Information” then “Manuscript Collections Sorted by Type” and then “Manuscript Collections Sorted by Call Number.” If an electronic finding aid exists, it will be noted in the right-most column. An alphabetical list of available finding aids also exists.

HMD Home Page:

Direct access:

Future access points will include a hot-link from the MARC record in the NLM’s online catalog LocatorPlus.

John Rees, Assistant Curator of Manuscripts, was the principal on this project.

For any technical questions about HMD’s local conversion or encoding processes, feel free to call or e-mail John directly.

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PROFILE"S IN SCIENCE

Nobel scientist Christian Anfinsen (1916-1995) is the fifth scientist to be added to NLM’s “Profiles in Science” Web site http://www.profiles.nlm.nih.gov

Anfinsen, a biochemist at the National Institutes of Health from 1950 until 1981, was awarded the 1972 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his work on the structure and composition of proteins in living cells. He also spent nearly a decade researching the protein interferon, which pharmaceutical companies have used to treat a variety of cancer- and AIDS-related illnesses. Less known, but certainly significant to Anfinsen’s career, was his commitment to humanitarian and political issues, which he pursued with a vigor second only to that with which he pursued his laboratory work.

Anfinsen’s work in the late 1960s demonstrated that understanding the chemistry of proteins was essential to understanding the function of ribonucleic acid (RNA) in heredity. In order to prove that the structure of a protein determined its biological function, he artificially modified enzymes and then waited to see how their function was affected.

After 1972, Anfinsen turned his attention to interferon, a protein generated by human cells that have been transformed by exposure to a virus, a parasite, or the actions of chemicals. Since the 1980s, drugs using purified forms of interferon have been used to treat...
multiple sclerosis, hepatitis C, leukemia, and AIDS-related Kaposi’s sarcoma. During the 1960s, Anfinsen divided his time between scientific work and political activism. He worked on the campaign that led to the 1963 treaty banning nuclear testing, and he joined other demonstrators on the NIH’s campus who protested against the Vietnam War.

After he won the Nobel Prize Anfinsen used the considerable leverage of his Nobel Laureate status to champion other social concerns. In 1973, Anfinsen formed an alliance of NIH scientists and Nobel Laureates to protest Richard Nixon’s budget cuts to biomedical research, and again, in 1983, Anfinsen protested similarly austere budget cuts under Ronald Reagan’s administration. From 1981 until 1989, Anfinsen served as chairperson of the National Academy of Sciences’ Committee for Human Rights, during which time he and other committed scientists traveled to Argentina to rescue twelve scientists detained as political prisoners by Jorge Rafael Videla, the military dictator who succeeded Juan Peron.

The Christian Anfinsen Web site shows a variety of documents and includes materials that span the various phases of Anfinsen’s life and career. These include photographs, unpublished manuscripts, and a large sampling of his most important published articles, as well as correspondence documenting his commitments to various social and political causes.

Further “Profiles in Science” sites will be announced as they become available.

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If you are a recent member of ALHHS or if you have a gap in your collection of The Watermark, the following back issues are available:

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ALHHS is planning to have the complete run of The Watermark bound and available for ILL through the College of Physicians of Philadelphia where our Archives is located. When the volumes have been bound an announcement will be made in The Watermark.

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