

# *News, Notes, and Queries*

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## EXHIBITIONS

*Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BP:*

1st floor—From October 1985: 'Wellcome research resources'.

2nd floor (Library)—28 August to 18 December 1985: 'Huguenots in the world of medicine', arranged by John Symons.

*Science Museum, South Kensington, London SW7:*

Until 29 September 1985: 'Louis Pasteur and rabies: 100 years of vaccination'.

*Museum of London, London Wall, EC2Y 5HN:*

Until 31 October 1985: 'The quiet conquest: the Huguenots 1685–1985' (includes a section on 'Medicine and science').

## 'PSYCHOANALYSIS AND HISTORY'

A series of public seminars on this topic are being held in London, sponsored by the History Workshop Centre for Social History, Ruskin College, Oxford. For further information, please contact the Psychoanalysis and History Planning Group at Ruskin College.

## 'THE HUMANITIES AND SCIENCE: A REASSESSMENT'

The Society for the Humanities at Cornell University offers six post-doctoral fellowships for 1986–87 to scholars in humanistic disciplines working on such topics as: (1) the relations between humanistic and scientific inquiry; (2) the study of science as a culturally-located activity, including the application of historical, philosophical, and literary interpretive methods to scientific writings; (3) the effect of scientific and technological advances on central humanistic concepts such as mind, freedom, responsibility, imagination, genius.

For information write to: Jonathan Culler, Director, Society for the Humanities, 27 East Avenue, Ithaca, N.Y. 14853–1101. Deadline for applications, 1 November 1985.

## APPOINTMENT

Guenter B. Risse has been recently appointed Professor and Chairman of the Department of the History and Philosophy of Health Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine, succeeding Gert H. Brieger. A native of Argentina, Dr Risse received his medical degree in 1958 at the University of Buenos Aires, and a PhD in 1971 from the History Department of the University

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of Chicago. After a brief career at the University of Minnesota, he has been for the past twelve years a member of the Department of the History of Medicine with a joint appointment in the History of Science Department, both at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Dr. Risse is the editor and author of several books and a number of articles primarily dealing with eighteenth-century medical topics. His latest book, *Hospital life in enlightenment Scotland: care and teaching at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh*, is scheduled to appear later this year.

**SEA-GOING SURGEONS**

An Australian researcher wishes to obtain information on government legislation relating to the appointment of doctors to merchant ships, in particular to whale ships, sailing from English ports in the late eighteenth and first half of the nineteenth centuries. Voyages to the Pacific Ocean—that is, long voyages,—are of special interest. Any other relevant material about this aspect of medical practice before 1850, such as how recruitment was undertaken, the reasons for accepting this type of employment, the advantages (and disadvantages) for the doctors involved, the minimum qualifications required and rates of pay offered, would be most welcome. Please reply to Mrs Honore Forster, Department of Pacific and SE Asian History, The Australian National University, GPO Box 4, Canberra, ACT 2601, Australia.