

### *News, Notes and Queries*

members from the United Kingdom. The scientific sessions continued in the University throughout the week on the following themes:

Medieval contributions of Tuscan medicine

Medicine and Art in the Middle Ages

Medical relations of Italy with other nations

The evolution of medicine with particular regard to nosology, pathogenetic mechanism and the concept of specificity during the past hundred years

The evolution of the dental art.

As there were over 400 papers to be read, the meetings were arranged in parallel lecture rooms, with five sessions running at the same time.

The General Assembly of the International Society was convened on the evening of 25 September and at a long meeting the national delegates of every country represented paid tribute to the excellence of the organization, to the friendly atmosphere of Siena and to the wide range of interest of the papers. A resolution was passed unanimously by the Assembly that a course in the history of medicine should form part of the medical undergraduate training everywhere (as was still not the case in some countries) and national delegates were charged with the responsibility of bringing this resolution before the competent authorities in their individual countries. The invitation to hold the 22nd Congress in Bucharest in September 1970 was confirmed, and an invitation from the British Society of the History of Medicine to hold the 23rd Congress in London in 1972, conveyed by Dr. F. N. L. Poynter, was unanimously approved. Professor Maurice Bariety, of the Hôtel Dieu in Paris, was elected President of the International Society in succession to Professor Pazzini.

At the formal opening of the Congress, Professor Pazzini had been awarded the new international prize—the Golden Aesculapius presented by the Italian Academy for the history of the Healing Arts—for his services to research and scholarship in the History of Medicine, and before it adjourned the General Assembly formally congratulated its President on this outstanding award.

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### THE SIXTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE HISTORY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Sponsored by the German Veterinary Medical Society (Department of the History of Veterinary Medicine), this meeting will be held on 8 and 9 May 1969 in the Tierärztlichen Hochschule, Hannover. This year it is proposed to introduce discussions on allied subjects and specific scientific problems. Less time will be devoted to reports or papers so as to permit fuller expression of all points of view by the participants.

The three papers to be presented are:

1. The purpose of the history of veterinary medicine and its scope.
2. Review of published work on old veterinary medical manuscripts.
3. Representations of animals in two monuments in the Canton of Graubünden.

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Detailed information may be obtained from the organizer:

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UNIVERSITY OF PARIS  
DEPARTMENT OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

Professor Charles Coury has arranged a course of lectures devoted to Renaissance Medicine, commencing on 9 January 1969. The distinguished collaborators in this course include: Professors P. Huard, M. Grmek, H. Mollaret, Th. Vetter, A. Pecker, M. Candille, P. Dumâtre, and I. Simon. There will be sixteen lectures, covering every aspect of medicine during the Renaissance.

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THE D. J. DAVIS MEMORIAL LECTURE

The 26th Annual D. J. Davis Memorial Lecture on Medical History will be given at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, 817 South Wolcott Avenue, Room 106, on Wednesday, 5 March, 1969, at 1.00 p.m. The lecturer is Doctor Leo M. Zimmerman, Professor of Surgery and Professor and Chairman of the Department of the History and Philosophy of Medicine of the Chicago Medical School. The title of the lecture will be 'Saints, Art and Medicine'.

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THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN CHAIR OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

The University of Melbourne has just announced the appointment to a personal chair of the History of Medicine of Dr. K. F. Russell, who is already Head of the Department of the History of Medicine established in the university's new Medical Library building and opened in April 1967. This recognition of Professor Russell's long and devoted labours to his subject will be welcomed everywhere and regarded as a reflection of the widespread interest in the history of medicine which is apparent not only in Melbourne, but in other Australian medical centres. Nevertheless, it is most appropriate that Melbourne should establish the first Australian chair in the History of Medicine and that Professor Russell should be its first occupant.