

News, Notes, and Queries

'Neurosciences and Psychiatry: across the Boundaries' International Conference, 14–18 September 1999

Where is the boundary between brain and thought, neurons and ideas, body and soul? This question will be a central challenge in our near and further future. Psychiatry, clinical neurology, the neurosciences, the humanities and the natural sciences will have to meet the challenge. The history of these disciplines cannot fail to focus on it. Its historiography is quite tortuous or meandering, and often uncovers unexpected findings. Questions and problems defined from varying angles of vision without unnecessary respect for supposed categories are more likely to motivate creative enquiries than those derived from traditional tenets. In order to encourage research across the boundaries (real or imaginary), the European Association for the History of Psychiatry, the International Society for the History of the Neurosciences, and the

European Club for the History of Neurology have planned their first joint congress. The first part (14–16 September) will take place at Zurich, University Hospital, Department of Neurology. The second part (17–18 September) will be at Lausanne, Psychiatric University Hospital of Cery. The registration fee is Frs 100. For further information, please contact either of the Congress secretaries: Puspa Agarwalla, Universitätsspital Zürich, Neurologie, Frauenklinikstrasse 26, CH-8091 Zurich (Tel: +41 1 255 55 43; Fax: +41 1 255 44 29; e-mail: puspa.agarwalla@nos.usz.ch); Eliane Lehmann, Institut d'histoire de la médecine, Chemin des Falaises 1, Case postale 196, CH-1000 Lausanne 4 (Tel: +41 21 314 70 50; Fax: +41 21 314 70 55; e-mail: Hist.Med@inst.hospvd.ch).

Call for Papers

Twenty-First Annual Samuel J Zakon Award

The Samuel J Zakon Award is open to historians and dermatologists in practice or training. Manuscripts should be submitted to John Thorne Crissey, MD, Chairman, Samuel J Zakon Award Committee, 608 Sierra Madre

Boulevard, San Marino, CA 91108 by 1 October 1999. Essays may relate to any aspect of the history of dermatology not heretofore published.

Rockefeller Archive Center Grants for Travel and Research

The Rockefeller Archive Center, a division of The Rockefeller University, invites applications for its programme of Grants for Travel and Research at the Rockefeller Archive Center for the year 2000. The competitive programme makes grants of up to \$2,500 to U.S. and Canadian researchers and up to

\$3,000 to researchers from other countries in any discipline, usually graduate students or post-doctoral scholars, who are engaged in research that requires use of the collections at the Center. The Rockefeller Archive Center's collections include the records of the Rockefeller family, the Rockefeller

Foundation, The Rockefeller University and other philanthropies and associated individuals.

For 2000, in addition to its regular competitive programme, the Center will again award grants to support research on the history of The Rockefeller University. The Archive Center holds wide-ranging collections relating to the conservation movement in the twentieth century. The Rockefeller University archives include administrative records, papers of individual scientists (such as Alfred E Cohn, Rene Dubos, Rebecca Lancefield, and Karl Landsteiner), photographs and films. The

archives document the leading currents of biomedical research in the twentieth century.

The deadline for all grant applications is 30 November 1999; grant recipients will be announced in March 2000. Inquiries about the programmes and requests for applications should be addressed to: Darwin H Stapleton, Director, Rockefeller Archive Center, 15 Dayton Avenue, Pocantico Hills, Sleepy Hollow, New York 10591-1598, USA. Tel.: (914) 631-4505; Fax: (914) 631-6017; e-mail: archive@rockvax.rockefeller.edu. Website: <http://www.rockefeller.edu/archive.ctr>

Rockefeller Archive Center Residencies in the History of Basic Medical Research

The Rockefeller Archive Center of the Rockefeller University will continue a five-year programme of residencies for research at the Center on topics related to the history of basic medical research, a subject richly represented in the archival collections at the Center.

The history of basic medical research will be broadly defined to include most aspects of the history of the Rockefeller University (founded as the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in 1901), much of the history of the international medical, public health, and scientific research programmes of the Rockefeller Foundation, and major elements of the histories of the Commonwealth Fund, Culpeper Foundation, Markey Trust, and Markle Foundation. Certain segments of the Rockefeller family archives also document the history of basic medical research, such as the founding and support of research institutions. As a group, the archives of these institutions constitute one of the outstanding resources for the study of the history of basic medical research in the twentieth century.

Scholars conducting substantial research in any aspect of the history of basic medical research are urged to apply. Prospective

researchers may apply for residencies of one month, one semester (4½ months), or an academic year (9 months). Stipends at the rate of \$5,000 per month will be awarded to cover all travel, food and lodging, and research expenses associated with the residency.

Applications will be reviewed in a competitive process, and it is expected that a total of 2-6 awards will be made in each year during the five year programme. The deadline for applications for the year 2000 awards (to be announced in March 2000) is 30 November 1999. Applications for residencies will be made by completing a brief form (the general RAC research grant application cannot be used for this programme) and by describing the research to be undertaken. Three letters of reference will be requested. Prospective applicants are urged to contact the Center prior to applying to determine the type and extent of records that will be useful for their research. For further information contact: David H Stapleton, Director Rockefeller Archive Center, 15 Dayton Avenue, Pocantico Hills, Sleepy Hollow, New York 10591-1598, USA. Tel.: (914) 631-4505; Fax: (914) 631-6017; e-mail: archive@rockvax.rockefeller.edu. Website: <http://www.rockefeller.edu/archive.ctr>