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## A view of Inaugural Ceremony of New Block & National Workshop



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(From R-L) Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, Prof. Tajuddin, Dr. Saud Ali Khan, Prof. Anis A. Ansari and Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman



(From R-L) Prof. Dr. Shafaq, Dr. Tafsir Ali, Prof. Dr. Abdul Nasir Kadaan, Dr. Abdul Latif, Prof. Dr. Nil Sari in Istanbul



Dr. Abdul Latif with Prof. Stefan Reickhmuth, Dr. Claudia & Dr. Susanne Kurz in Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany

### **IAMMS ACTIVITIES**

EVENTS AT IBN SINA ACADEMY (From October to December 2010)

# INAUGURATION OF NEW BLOCK OF MUSEUM AT IBN SINA ACADEMY,

On 23rd of November 2010, the newly constructed Museum Block inaugurated at Ibn Sina Academy, In the year 2006, museums on Culture, Traditions and History of Medicine & Sciences were established at the academy which occupied two halls of its old building. During the following years an increase in the number of artifacts led to the paucity of space and a tremendous need was felt for more space for the With the financial museums. assistance of Department of AYUSH, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, a new block comprising of two large halls was constructed. At the inaugural function of this new Museum block at Ibn Sina Aligarh Vice-Chancellor Academy. Muslim University, Aligarh Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, who presided over the function, praised the efforts of Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman for establishing magnificent centre such a preservation of heritage culture and emphasized Traditions. He personalities like Hakim Saab deserve honour respect. great and Hamidullah Bhat, Director National promotion of Urdu for Language, New Delhi was the Chief Guest of this occasion. In his talk at the event, he threw light on the importance of Education and Role of organisations in the development of any community. He also pointed out the lack of educational institutions

among Muslim community. He applauded the efforts of Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman for his endeavor and said his efforts will be remembered in the times to come. Guest of Honour of occasion Pro Vice-Chancellor Mangalaitan University, Aligarh K. M. Krishna congratulated Hakim Sahab and considered the establishment of Ibn Sina Academy as one of the big achievements of Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, MLC Aligarh Vivek Bhansal, who was also the Guest of Honour on this event, assured of every possible assistance to the academy from his government. Former Vice-chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi Syed Shahid Mehdi was also present on the occasion and congratulated Hakim Zillur Rahman for achievements and praised his efforts for preservation of literary and cultural heritage.

Two books were also released on this grand event. "Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman - Ek Mut'ali'a", a book by Dr. Fakhre Alam on the works and life of Hakim Sahab comprising of about 275 pages was released by Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice-Chancellor Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh and Dr. Hamidullah Bhat, Director, National of Council for promotion Language, New Delhi. Famous Urdu writer Padma Shri Prof. Qazi Abdul Sattar presented a critical review of this book and throwed light on life and works of Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman. In addition to renowned faculty of Aligarh Muslim University and many respectable citizens of Aligarh city, a large number of delegates from across the country including academicians, researchers and scholars present on the occasion. Another book of Hakim Khursheed Ahmad Shafqat Azmi entitled, "Tibbi Tabsare" was also released on the event.

### NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON

"Post Graduate Education, Research Methodology & Manuscript Studies in Unani Medicine"

**During Nov. 22 - 23, 2010** 

A two day National Workshop on Post-Research Graduate Education, Methodology and Manuscript Studies In Unani Medicine, funded by Department of AYUSH, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, organized by Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh. On the Inaugural session Dean, Faculty of Unani Medicine, A.M.U. Prof. Tajuddin (as Chief Guest) and Prof. Anis Ahmad Ansari, Formerly Dean, Faculty of Unani Medicine, A.M.U. (as guest of Honour) were present. The function was presided over by Dr. Saud Ali Khan, Principal, Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College, A.M.U., Aligarh. Delegates from various Unani Colleges of India, Research officers from CCRUM, and various faculty members of Aimal Khan Tibbiya College participated in this two day workshop.

President Ibn Sina Academy Organising Secretary of the Workshop Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman while welcome delivering the emphasized the importance of the topic of the workshop and its relevance in the present scenario also welcomed the delegated who attended this two day National event. He made it clear that for the promotion of Unani Tibb at global level rectification of higher education in Tibb from various flaws is extremely essential and imperative. He strongly emphasized research in the field of that the Manuscripts-the primary source of Unani knowledge base, should be conducted and connected with the contemporary research and to make Unani Tibb more authentic regarding its claims.

In this workshop 101 delegates both researchers academicians and Bangalore, Hyderabad, Pune, Delhi, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh participated, in addition to the delegated from Aligarh. There were about Six Scientific sessions in which 14 different aspects on lectures like methodology, Research Manuscript studies and Education were delivered. The lectures were very comprehensive and contextual, and were presented by resource persons having expertise in their respective fields. The resource persons that delivered their talks in this two day National workshop were:

Prof. Kunwar Mohd. Yousuf Amin, Prof. Anis Ahmad Ansari, Prof. Asif Naqvi, Prof. Khalid Zaman Khan, 5. Dr. Salman Shah, Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, Hakim Waseem Ahmad Azmi, Dr. F.S. Sherani, Dr. Farooq Ahmad Dar, Hakim Abdul Jabbar Khan, Prof. Anis Ismail, Dr. Abdul Latif, Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman and Dr. Abdul Moiz Shams.

A Souvenir containing about 22 research papers and articles was also released on this occasion. The articles were pertaining Methodology in to Research Medicine, Manuscript research, Problems in Higher Education in Unani Medicine, Environmental Pharmacology etc. The Inaugural session of this Workshop was conducted by Dr. Faroog Ahmad Dar. The inaugural session was concluded by Vote of Thanks presented by Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Treasurer Ibn Sina Academy.

### Visits of Delegates and Personalities

Following dignitaries and personalities visited the Academy:

- Muhammad Ziauddin Shakeb renowned Urdu writer, London U. K. Nov. 29, 2010
- K.K. Muhammad Superintendent Archaeologist, Archaeology Survey of India, Delhi Circle Dec. 4, 2010

- 3. Amir Mahdi Talib, Eminent Scholar of Traditional Medicine, Tehran, Iran, Dec. 4, 2010
- 4. Dr. Syed Shoeb Ahmad, Eye Surgeon, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kotakinabalu, (Sabah) Malaysia, DEC. 23, 2010
- 5. Mrs. Soofia Akhtar, Alumni of AMU, Kotakinabalu, Malaysia, DEC. 29, 2010
- 6. Delegates to the Refresher Courses and Re-orientation Training Programme U.G.C. Academic Staff College, AMU: **Studies** SRC Business 29.11.2010, Computer Application on 02.12.2010 and Orientation Programme on 15.12.2010

On these occasions, Professor Syed Zillur Rahman addressed the participants and gave an account of the History of Unani Medicine and about the values of culture and heritage. He also showed them the museums of Ibn Sina Academy.

### Fifth 'Ibn Sina Memorial Lecture (2010)

The Fifth 'Ibn Sina Memorial Lecture (2010)' will be delivered by Dr. Sadiqur Rahman Kidwai, Secretary, Ghalib Institute, Delhi, on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at the Library Hall of Ibn Sina Academy (Aligarh). Ms. Tarranum Aqil, Vice-chairperson, UP Urdu Academy, has very kind consented to chair the memorial lecture. All are invited!

Courtesy: National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India.

### **MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES**

1. Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman,
President, Ibn Sina Academy, has
been invited as Chief Guest on Sir
Syed Day Function, in a couple of
Halls of Residence of AMU. He
spoke and highlighted the

- invaluable contribution of Sir Syed to various aspects of life. Sir Syed Day is observed on 17<sup>th</sup> October all over the world in memory of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, the founder of the University.
- 2. The term of Unani Pharmacopoeia Committee, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi was extended for a further period of one year i.e. up to 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2011. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman is a member of this Committee since the last decade.
- 3. To discuss different issues, related to the compilation/preparation of Unani Text Books, a meeting was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2010 at the CCRUM, New Delhi. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman attended the meeting and healthy suggestions were given by him.
- 4. A Mushaira was organised in the evening of November 30, 2010 at Conference Hall of Ibn Sina Academy, in collaboration with Shekhar Sanstha, Aligarh, in honour of Mr. Akhlesh Kumar Mishra (ADM, Administration, Aligarh) and Mr. Arif Marehrawi (Film writer). A number of Urdu Poets recite their poems at Mushaira.
- 5. In the ceremony of releasing the video CD of the film "Virasat" (The heritage) based on composite culture of Aligarh City for focusing on the Christian Heritage at Community Hall of the Church near Masihi Basti, Aligarh was released by Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman on 19th December, 2010
- 6. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman was the Chief Guest at Vivekanand

College of Education, Aligarh, in the Programme of Shaheed Diwas on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2010

In the remembrance of Shaheed Ashfaqullah and Ram Prasad Bismil speeches were delivered by Vivek Bansal (MLC) and V. Sharma (Dy. S. P.) and some other dignitaries.

- 7. Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman attended the meeting of the Subject Panel of Unani Medicine in connection with Publication of Text Books and other Books on October 25, 2010 in the Conference room of National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, New Delhi.
- Prof. S. M. Razaullah Ansari (General Secretary of Ibn Sina Academy) was invited by prof. Ram Nivas, Chairman of the Mathematics Dept., Lucknow University (Lucknow) to deliver a couple of lectures concerning with the history of astronomy. Prof. Ansari spoke on the following topic:
  - "Translation of Sanskrit Mathemetical/Astronomical Texts Into Arabic-Persian and Vice Versa",
  - 2. "A Survey of Arabic-Persian-Sanskrit Sources on Astrolabe extant in India and on the Indian School of Astrolabe-Makers".

In the first lecture, Prof. Razaullah Ansari talked about specifically the translation into Persian works of Bhaskaracharya's Lilavati (concerning arithmetic), Bijganit (on algebra), and Karanakuthahala (a handbook on astronomical calculation) on one hand, and on the other hand Rekhaganita (Euclid's geometry), Samrat-Siddhanta (Ptolemy's Almagest) by Pandit Jagannatha etc., that is translations from Arabic into Sanskrit during Medieval India.

In the second lecture he gave a presentation on the astrolabe literature. Actually, astrolabe is a pre-telescopic both for observations device computation of the positions of Sun, Moon and planets. It was highly developed during the Islamic Middle Ages and was also used extensively. Prof. Ansari. showed also, using power presentation. specimens of astrolabe made by Indian with Persian makers astrolabe Sanskrit labels, which are found in India and museums of the world.

Dr. Abdul Latif, Joint Secretary, Ibn Academy Sina and Chairman. Department of Ilmul Advia, Faculty of Unani Medicine, Aligarh University, was invited by Prof Stefan Reichmuth, Ruhr University, Bochum (Germany) as guest. Dr. Latif also delivered a talk on 'Development of "Ilmul Adawiya' during Abbasid Period" in a function which was attended by distinguished personalities. He also visited the Library & Museum of the Institute of History of Arabic and Technology, Islamic Sciences and Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

5th International Congress of the International Society for the History of Islamic Medicine – A report by Dr. Abdul Latif

International Congress of 5th International Society for the History of organized Medicine was Islamic Istanbul University during 25-28 October 2010. From Aligarh, Dr. Abdul Latif, Chairman, Deptt. of Ilmul Advia and Joint Secretary Ibn Sina Academy, Dr. Tafsir Ali (Member Ibn Sina Academy), Assistant Professor, Department of Jarahat, and former Chairman. Abdul Ali, Prof. Department of Islamic Studies, attended this congress.

Dr. Abdul Latif presented two papers titled "A Study of Islamic Herbs as Effective Antibiotics in Islamic Medicine" and "An Introduction to the Museum of Ibn Sina Academy with Special Reference to Ibn Sina". Prof. Abdul Ali presented his paper on "Indian Sources of Islamic-Arab Medicine: An Analytical Study". Both Prof. Abdul Ali and Dr. Abdul Latif were invited to preside over a session of the Conference. Dr. Tafsir Ali presented his paper on "The Role of Muslim Surgeons of Medieval Period in the Development of Modern Surgery".

The Conference was a great success, at which 160 research papers were presented and discussed by eminent scholars from 52 countries including Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, India, Iran, Pakistan, Germany, England, France, Azerbaijan, Spain, Georgia, Italy, Russia, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The delegates were welcomed by the Organizers at a dinner hosted in a restaurant on the seaside of Florya on 25th October. Besides, the delegates were given a dinner at a historical mansion located in Baltalimani on the European side of the Bosphorus on 26th October. Another dinner was hosted by the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce at a historical mansion on the Anatolian side of the Bosphorus on 27th October. The delegates were also given a boat trip on the Bosphorus on the Conference.

A special feature of the Conference was that the delegates were honoured with life membership of the prestigious International Society for the History of Islamic Medicine for the History of Islamic Medicine.

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Syed Ziaur Rahman, Treasurer, Ibn Sina Academy has been invited as guest speaker to deliver following lectures:

advances

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1. "Recent

Environmental Pharmacology Pharm-ecovigilance/ Pharmacoenvironmentology", International Conference on Pharmacovigilance systems and Rational Use of Medicines: An Integrated Approach, Joint meeting of Indian Society for Rational 10<sup>th</sup> Pharmacotherapeutics and Society of Pharmacovigilance (India), Department of Pharmacology, Lady Harding Medical College & Associated Hospitals, New Delhi 110001, India, 26th to 28th November, 2010

2. "Australian Aboriginal Medicine", National Workshop on Post Graduate Education, Research Methodology and Manuscript Studies in Unani Medicine, Ibn Sina Academy, 23 November 2010

Dr. Rahman also attended following conferences:

- 1. UWS Sensory Neuroscience Symposium, School of Medicine, University of Western Sydney, December 13, 2010.
- 2. The 45th and Up-Study Collaborators' Meeting, Sax Institute, Australian Technology Park, Eveleigh, Sydney, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

Dr. Rahman published following two papers:

- 1. Rahman, S.Z., Gupta, V., Sukhlecha A., Khunte, Y.K.: Lifestyle Drugs: Concept and Impact on Society. *Indian J. Pharm. Sciences* 2010, 72 (4): 409-413
  - 2. Rahman, S.Z. and Khan, R.A., Professor Prem Narain Saxena A teacher of excellence, *Journal of Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapy* 2010, 1 (2): 111-112.

### CONFERENCES, SEMINARS ON HISTORY OF MEDICINE AND SCIENCES

# The International Conference on Integrative Medicine and First SAARC Conference on Unani Medicine

This International Conference scheduled to be held on December 2- 4, 2010 in the Faculty of Unani Medicine, Aligarh Muslim University has been postponed due to some technical reasons and certain unavoidable circumstances. The conference will now be held on February 2-4, 2011. Prof. Tajuddin, Dean, Faculty Medicine and Chairman. of Unani Organizing Committee has regretted for inconvenience caused to delegates due to the rescheduling of dates.

Prof. Tajuddin also said that an overwhelming response from the international and national academic community has been received. According to the current statistics more than 300 delegates from within the country have got their names registered for participation. number The of overseas eminent scientists. scholars. researchers academicians impending to attend the conference is more than 60 hailing from UK, countries like USA, Germany. Thailand, Jordan, Iran, South Africa, China, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka. For the detailed updated information on the conference, please log the official on to website http://unicon2010.com/.

Source: AMU Press Release

# Midwest Junto for the History of Science - 54th Annual Meeting

The Midwest Junto invite students, faculty, and independent scholars to participate in the 54th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Junto, to be held on the UNL campus in

Lincoln, Nebraska, from Friday, 1 April to Sunday, 3 April 2011.

Short papers (about 15-20 minutes) on any topic in the history of science, or medicine, technology. and philosophy of science and technology, are welcome. A brief abstract (one-page maximum) should be submitted no later than 22 February 2011 to the program organizer. David Cahan (see address below). Abstracts may be submitted electronically in an e-mail message or as attachment, or in paper format. Graduate students are especially encouraged to participate. Acceptance of paper notifications will follow around 1 March. Graduate students who present a paper may request a partial subsidy for lodging from the Midwest Junto.

A block of rooms has been reserved for conference participants at the recently remodeled Holiday Inn Downtown, Rooms have double or king-size beds, and sleep 1-4 person(s) per room, as desired. The (discounted) room price (\$99/night) includes a hot, buffet-style breakfast and parking. To receive the discounted price, participants must reserve a room before 21 March 2011 under "Midwest Junto for the History of Science." (Block code: MJH) Please call the Holiday Inn at 402-475-4011 or use its website (www.holidayinn.com/lincolnne).

On Friday evening, 1 April, there will be a reception at the Holiday Inn for all registered participants. On Saturday, 2 April and on Sunday, 3 April (until noon), the conference proper will be held on the nearby UNL campus (in Architecture Hall 127), which is about a 5-minute walk from the Holiday Inn. Coffee and other refreshments will be served throughout the conference. The cost of registration, which includes the reception (hors d'oeuvre and cash bar) and conference, is \$40. On Saturday evening, there will be a banquet at Lazlo's restaurant, also near the Holiday Inn and the UNL campus. This year's after-dinner speaker (the Stuart Pierson Memorial Lecturer), will be Professor Robert Seidel of the University of Minnesota.

This year's Junto meeting is partially sponsored by the Department of History at UNL.

Please send abstract or registration form to: David Cahan, Charles Bessey Professor of History, Department of History, 610 Oldfather Hall, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588-0327 E-mail: dcahan@unlnotes.unl.edu

## **40th International Congress for the History of Pharmacy**

This International Congress will take place during September 14-17, 2011 in Berlin, Germany. The general topic will be "Pharmacy and Books", in addition to a wide range covering lots of stimulating research fields. Detailed information including complete program can be found conference website the at www.40ichp.org. Information can also be found at the website of the International Society for the History of Pharmacy (ISHP), www.histpharm.org.

## "The Regimen of Bodily Health: Nourishment and Natural Knowledge"

HAPSAT which is the Graduate Student Association of the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (IHPST) at the University of Toronto is holding its 7th Annual Conference

"The body" as both a material object and metaphor, provides a rich source of inspiration for both philosophical and historical studies of the production transmission of knowledge. and Lawrence and Shapin's influential Science Incarnate: anthology, Historical Embodiments of Natural Knowledge (1998) broke new ground in this area with discussions of bodies as tools for philosophical inquiry, what knowledge to means for "embodied" in physical artifacts, and bodily self-presentation generate disembodied knowledge. The body also presents an arena for of ideas about interplay management of health and diseases and the application of scientific and expertise. Seventeenth medical instance, physicians, for century recommended a mixture of medicine and dietetics for consumptive patients; proper dietary regimes were often theoretical ideas about on nourishment and health. Moreover, the body and our ideas of the body have been a political battleground: within the "culture of dissection" and public executions: as displays ecclesiastical value and status; technologically manipulable aspects of as and as subjects the self: experimental philosophy.

On Friday March 18, 2011, HAPSAT will host its seventh annual conference, The Regimen of Bodily Health: Nourishment and Natural Knowledge.

This year's distinguished keynote is Steven Shapin (Dept. Of History of Science, Harvard University): "The Long History of Dietetics: Thinking about Food, Expertise, and the Self." The keynote is jointly hosted by HAPSAT and the IHPST Colloquium Series.

Graduate students and recent graduates working in fields such as STS, HPS, history, sociology, philosophy, public health. anthropology, gender studies, and law, are invited to submit paper and panel proposals that critically engage with theme. Email: HAPSAT@gmail.com

### **SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS**

## PhD Scholarship in the History of Mathematical Sciences in India

An international project on the history of computational methods in Sanskrit mathematics has recently been awarded a three-year grant from New Zealand's premier fund for research excellence, the Marsden Fund Council, administered by the Royal Society of New Zealand. (http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/2010/09/2 4/2010-round-press-releases/)

As part of the activities of this project, the investigators are offering a doctoral study and research opportunity with the title "Research Associate" with three years of full support for 2011-2013 for the completion of a doctoral degree at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand.

The scholarship will provide for an annual living allowance/stipend of \$NZ25,000 and tuition costs for three years, and is tenable for study towards the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the appropriate department or program (for example, the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, the History and Philosophy of Science program) on the topic of the *history of mathematical sciences*.

The Research Associate will research and write under the supervision of the Principal Investigator a Ph.D. relating to the project goals, preferably a translation edition with critical commentary of a previously unpublished text on Sanskrit computational astronomy. He or she is also expected to assist (at a workload of 12 hours per week) in the design, maintenance, and data entry for the database and digital text processing by the created resources investigators for the study of Sanskrit astronomical texts.

The successful applicant will meet the following criteria at the time of appointment:

- \* Attainment of a sufficiently advanced level of study (preferably a Master's degree) to permit completion of the doctorate within the three years of the project.
- \* Sufficient knowledge of and interest in some combination of relevant fields of study, within history of the mathematical sciences and/or Indology, to design and complete under the supervisor's guidance a doctoral thesis relating to the project's objectives.
- \* Initiative and adaptability to cope with tasks in the Research Associate workload ranging from routine data entry to learning (with assistance from the project investigators) the use of new software tools and techniques for software design and implementation.
- \* Fulfillment of the academic requirements for enrollment in the University of Canterbury for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

With the approval of the Principal Investigator, this position may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award, or bursary, excluding any such award requiring teaching or other duties separate from this project.

To apply, please send a cover letter briefly describing your relevant background and interests, recent academic curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information of two references.

Application deadline is 5 January 2011

Applications and queries should be sent to (PDF format preferable):

Dr Clemency Montelle (Principal Investigator), Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Canterbury, Private Bag 4800, Christchurch, 8140, New Zealand

Email: c.montelle@math.canterbury.ac.nz

Dr Kim Plofker (Associate Investigator), Department of Mathematics, Union College, Schenectady NY, United States Email: <a href="mailto:plofkerk@union.edu">plofkerk@union.edu</a>. It is a pleasure to add that Dr. Plofkar is a well known historian of Indian mathematics. Her latest book has been published from Princeton University Press.

# Annual Eleanor Searle Visiting Professor in the field of history of science

The Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), in collaboration with the Huntington Library, applications for the annual Eleanor Searle Visiting Professor in the field of history of science. The position is for a full academic year (September 2011-June 2012). This is a half-time teaching position (two onequarter courses) at Caltech and a halftime research position at the Huntington Interested candidates Library. have demonstrated superb teaching and applicants All research skills. currently hold a Ph.D. and a full-time appointment another at tenure-track university.

Please apply electronically by sending a statement detailing the research you wish to carry out at the Huntington Library, a current curriculum vitae, a recent sample of writing, copies of teaching evaluations, and three reference letters to ftise@hss.caltech.edu or by mail to Chair, Eleanor Searle Search, Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences, MC 101-40, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA 91125.

# Fellowship for Doctoral students in the history of science, technology, and medicine

The Philadelphia Area Center for History of Science (PACHS) invites applications for one or two-month Dissertation Research Fellowships and nine-month Dissertation Writing Fellowships for doctoral students in the history of science, technology, and medicine.

Research Fellowships are intended specifically for students who wish to use the collections of two or more institutions in the PACHS consortium.

Writing Fellowships are for dissertations in the history of science, technology, or medicine, broadly construed.

PACHS consortium includes The Academy of Natural Sciences, the American Society, Chemical Philosophical the Heritage Foundation, the College Physicians of Philadelphia, the Franklin Institute, the Hagley Museum and Library, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the Hopkins University, the Library Johns Philadelphia, Princeton of Company University, the University of Pennsylvania, and the Wagner Free Institute of Science. For descriptions and links to consortium collections. members' http://www.pachs.net/members.

The deadline for applications is 10 January 2011.

For detailed information and to apply online, go to www.pachs.net/fellowships.

# Yale Centre for British Art Visiting Scholar Awards

The Yale Centre for British Art (YCBA) offers residential awards ranging from one to four months to scholars undertaking post-doctoral or equivalent research related to British art. These awards allow

scholars of literature, history, the history of art, and related fields to study the Center's holdings of paintings, drawings, prints, rare books, and manuscripts. The Center also offers several predoctoral residential awards ranging from one to two months for graduate students writing doctoral dissertations in the field of British art.

Visiting Scholar awards include the cost of travel to and from New Haven and also provide accommodations and a living allowance. Recipients are required to be in residence in New Haven and must be free of all other significant professional responsibilities during their stay. Scholars may apply to the Huntington Library, San Marino, California, and the Delaware Art Delaware, Wilmington, Museum. awards in the same year; every effort will be made to offer consecutive dates. One fellowship per annum is reserved for a member of the American Society for members Eighteenth-Century Studies; should note that in their application.

Applications to become a visiting scholar between July 2011 and May 2012 must reach the YCBA by January 14, 2011, and should include a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, a statement of 2–3 pages (single-spaced) outlining the proposed research project, and the preferred month(s) of tenure. Applicants should provide a title for their research project and place their name on each page of the application. Two confidential letters of recommendation are required. Referees should send their letters directly, to:

Marinella Vinci, Senior Administrative Assistant Research Department Email: marinella.vinci@yale.edu For more information, contact: Lisa Ford, Associate Head of Research, Yale Centre for British Art, 203 432 9805 Email: lisa.ford@yale.edu marinella.vinci@yale.edu

# Dibner Fellowship: Dibner History of Science Program at the Huntington 2011-2012 Fellowships

The Dibner History of Science Program offers historians of science and technology the opportunity to study in the Burndy Library and the other history of science and technology resources at the Huntington.

There are short-term awards and long term awards. Short-Term Awards: Eligibility - PhD or equivalent; or doctoral candidate at the dissertation stage. Tenure of fellowship: One to five months. Amount of award: \$2,500 per month.

Long-Term Awards: Eligibility - PhD or equivalent. Applicants must have received the PhD by June of 2010. Tenure of fellowship: Nine to twelve months. Amount of award: \$50,000.

Applicants can be conducting research or already be at the writing stage and need reference materials only.

The deadline for 2011-2012 fellowship applications is December 15, 2010. For information on how to apply, please go to the "Research" section of The Huntington's website at www.huntington.org.

### JOURNALS/PUBLICATIONS

The Oregon State University Libraries Special Collections is pleased to announce the release of two new online resources of interest to the history of science community.

"The Scientific War-Work of Linus C. Pauling: A Documentary History" tells the fascinating story of Pauling's research on rocket propellants, an oxygen meter for use in Allied aircraft and submarines, a blood plasma substitute and invisible inks,

among many other projects. It is available at the following address: http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/specialco llections/coll/pauling/war/index.html

"The Atomic Energy & Nuclear History Learning Curriculum" is an illustrated, user-friendly examination of the social. political and scientific components of the atomic era. Featuring nearly illustrations extracted from OSU's History of Atomic Energy Collection, the learning curriculum traces the development of the discovery age from the atomic radioactivity in the late 1800s to the close of the Cold War near the end of the twentieth, century. This resource is available at:

http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/specialco llections/omeka/exhibits/show/atomic

Press releases describing both of these projects in greater detail are located here: http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/specialco llections/news.html

# Spontaneous Generations – An Academic journal

Spontaneous Generations is an open, online, peer-reviewed academic journal published by graduate students at the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology at the University of Toronto.

Spontaneous Generations publish high quality, peer-reviewed articles on any topic in the history and philosophy of science. For our general peer-reviewed section, we welcome submissions of full-length research papers on all HPS-related subjects. Scholars in all disciplines, including but not limited to HPS, STS, History, Philosophy, Women's Studies, Sociology, Anthropology, and Religious Studies are welcome to submit to our fifth (2011) issue. Papers from all historical periods are welcome.

In addition to full-length peer-reviewed research papers, Spontaneous Generations publishes opinion essays, book reviews, and a focused discussion section consisting of short peer-reviewed and invited articles devoted to a particular theme. This year's focus is "Science and Public Controversy."

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- To work for the advancement of Unani Medicine in the world.
- To promote and encourage research in different branches of Unani Medicine and help in its development at the international level.
- To organize conferences, symposia, seminars, workshops meetings, visits and field studies.
- 4. To publish proceedings, journals as may be found feasible for dissemination of knowledge concerning Unani Medicine.

- To promote and safeguard the interests of fellows and members in general.
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- 7. To secure, administer and raise funds, grants and endowments for the realization of the above objectives.

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# Focused Discussion Topic: Science and Public Controversy

The relationship between science and the public is often framed in terms of controversy. From early modern arguments over the age of the Earth and its place in the cosmos, through twentieth century discussions of the biological credibility of racial categories, to contemporary debates over the production of genetically modified foods and the anthropogenic nature of global climate change, science has served to both create and resolve controversy. Science, in turn, has been shaped by political and social controversies.

The variegated interactions throughout history between science and the public raise a host of questions, particularly concerning the appropriate and inappropriate roles of science in public

life. Historical episodes of scientists engaging in public controversies offer historians and philosophers of science an ideal starting point for investigating the complicated inter-relations between scientific research and public life.

In this issue of Spontaneous Generations, papers are invited for a focused discussion that will explore and give new perspectives on the relationship between science and public controversy from antiquity to the present.

Some questions that may be addressed by papers submitted for the focused discussion section include:

- 1. What roles has science played in political and social controversies throughout history?
- 2. Is there a principled distinction between scientific and non-scientific controversies?
- 3. How has scientific change led to new discussions about and new perspectives on recurring social issues?
- 4. What does it mean to practice socially responsible science on controversial issues?
- 5. What roles have historians and philosophers of science played in public controversies involving science? What roles should we take on?
- 6. How has the development of science been shaped by public controversy over science and scientific engagement with public controversy?
- 7. How have different societies, at different times and in different places, related their social and political discourses to scientific discourses?
- 8. What role have scientific ideals such as objectivity and value-neutrality played in scientific controversies and controversies about science?

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