

subsequent emerging fame of Gachet as a printmaker and friend of the impressionists was a chapter tangential to his own grand scheme.

As a fine-art and art-historically important work, the van Gogh etching is an extraordinary item, given the context of Wellcome's collecting practices. Yet its acquisition is consistent with the Wellcome Institute Library's Inconographic Collections' policy of pursuing objects whose significance resided in their iconography and their association with eminent figures in medical history.

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BLISTS HILL OPEN AIR MUSEUM

The Doctor's Surgery is the newest exhibit at Blists Hill Open Air Museum, one of the sites of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum. Blists Hill is a reconstruction of a small industrial village of *c.* 1895, and the Surgery is typical of the many one-man "working-class" practices which could be found in the industrial conurbations and mining areas of Britain. Blists Hill is open from March to October. Further information about the exhibit can be obtained by contacting the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire TF8 7AW.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON THE FITZPATRICK LECTURE 1987

The Fitzpatrick Lecture 1987, entitled "A History of Asthma", will be delivered by Dr Alex Sakula FRCP, at the Royal College of Physicians, 11 St. Andrew's Place, Regents Park, London, NW1, on Wednesday, 10 June 1987 at 6.00 pm.

NEW APPOINTMENT

Charles G. Roland, MD, Jason A. Hannah Professor of the History of Medicine at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, has been appointed editor-in-chief of the *Canadian Bulletin of Medical History* by the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine. Dr. Roland succeeds the founding editor, Kenneth B. Roberts, PHD, who is the John Clinch Professor of the History of Physiology and Medicine at Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE CALL FOR PAPERS 1988 ANNUAL MEETING

The 1988 meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, from 4 to 7 May 1988. Any subject in the history of medicine is suitable for presentation, but the paper must represent original work not

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already published or in press. Presentations will be limited to twenty minutes. Deadline for submission of abstracts is 15 October 1987. Those interested in presenting a paper at this meeting should request an abstract form from: Arthur J. Viseltar, PhD, MPH, Chairman, AAHM Program Committee, Section of the History of Medicine, Yale University School of Medicine, 333 Cedar Street, New Haven, CT 06510, USA

THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

On 25 November 1986, at the Third National Conference on Medical History and Health in Australia, an Australian Society of the History of Medicine was established. The objects of the Society are: (a) the association in Australia of a society of persons interested in the history of medicine; (b) the encouragement in Australia of the study and the teaching of the history of medicine and the development of critical standards in the field; (c) the organization in Australia of conferences, meetings, and discussion groups for the presentation and discussion of papers, dissertations, and other matters relating to the history of medicine.

The executives of the new society are:

President: Bryan Gandevia, Vice-President: Diana Dyason, Secretary: Harold Attwood, Treasurer: Geoffrey Kenny

A council representing all states and territories has been appointed and has held its first meeting.

Membership is open to all interested in the history of medicine. The annual subscription is \$(A)15. Student membership is \$(A)10.

All enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary, Professor Harold Attwood, Medical History Unit, University of Melbourne, Parkville, Victoria 3052, Australia.

HISTORY OF DERMATOLOGY SOCIETY

Papers are now being called for the ninth annual Samuel J. Zakon Award in the History of Dermatology. This competition 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, 960 East Green Street, Pasadena, CA 91106, USA, by 1 October, 1987. Essays may relate to an aspect of the history of dermatology not heretofore published.

LEONARDO DA VINCI SOCIETY

The first annual lecture of the newly-formed Leonardo da Vinci Society will be given at the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BP, at 5 p.m. on Thursday 21 May 1987. The lecturer will be Professor R. A. Weale, Professor of Visual Science, University of London, and his subject 'Leonardo on the Eye'. Particulars of the Society, which is open to all those with an interest in Leonardo, his life, times, and influence, may be obtained from the President, Dr Kenneth Keele, 19 The Green, Newick, Sussex BN8 4LA; or the Hon. Secretary, Professor J. B. Trapp, The Warburg Institute, Woburn Square, London WC1H 0AB.