CORPORATE LECTURE SET FOR OCTOBER 28
AT THE NASSAU CLUB

The fall meeting of the MHSNJ will be held Wednesday, October 28, at The Nassau Club in Princeton. Steven J. Peitzman, MD, will present the Sixth Annual Corporate Lecture entitled "Medical and Collegiate: Student Life in the Golden Age of The Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania." Dr. Peitzman is Professor of Medicine and Historian at the Medical College of Pennsylvania/Hahnemann School of Medicine in Philadelphia. Registration begins at 3:30 p.m.; the program begins at 4 p.m. A short business meeting will be held. Frederick C. Skvara, MD, will display 'Philatelic Vignettes' -- medical history stamps related to the program.

Business Meeting -- Helen Sheehan, PhD, President

Books Have Their Stories
David L. Cowen, PhD

Scalpel and Tongs: Medical Philately
Frederick C. Skvara, MD

Three Jewish Medical Menshen:
Paul Ehrlich, Emanuel Libman, and Janusz Korczak
Michael Nevins, MD

Cocktails and Dinner (6-7:30 p.m.)

Sixth Annual Corporate Lecture (7:30):

Medical and Collegiate: Student Life in the Golden Age of The Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania
Steven J. Peitzman, MD
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Members, students, and friends are invited to attend the dinner meeting. The cost is $40/members, $50/guests $40 medical students/residents. Advance registration is required. For information, contact Claire Pabers, MHSNJ, 14 Washington Road, Suite 101, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550, 609/275-1911.

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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Francis P. Chinard, MD, was the recipient of the American Association of University Professors' (NJMS-NJDS chapter) Arthur Kahn Memorial Award in February. Dr. Chinard's remarks, "Academic Freedom and Rights: Reminiscences of a Dinosaur," were presented at the award dinner. Dr. Chinard delivered a paper in March entitled "Renal Reminiscences of a Former Nephrologist" to members of The Charaka Club.

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Geoffrey Sill, PhD, presented "Alexander Monro's Contributions to the Theory of Sensibility" at the Conference on Medicine, Science, and the Enlightenment held in August in Edinburgh, Scotland.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Medical History Society is pleased to announce that $250 was donated to the Society by U.S. Pharmaceutical, Pfizer Inc., in support of the Corporate Lecture and the Pasteur Prize.

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Call for Papers

The MHSNJ calls on all members to contribute abstracts of medical history papers they would like to present at upcoming Society meetings. Interested members should contact Program Chair, Sandra Moss, MD. 732/549-5843.
Dr. Michael Bliss of Toronto to Give 20th Saffron Lecture at May 1999 Meeting -- Topic Will Be The Life of William Osler

The Twentieth Annual Saffron Lecture will be given by Michael Bliss, PhD, FRSC. Dr. Bliss is Professor of the History of Medicine at the University of Toronto. He is the author of *The Discovery of Insulin*, a brilliantly written and definitive history of one of the greatest medical events -- and one of the most controversial professional collaborations -- of the twentieth century. In addition, he has also published a fine biography of Frederick Banting, the complex and often troubled Canadian surgeon who stood at the center of the insulin story.

Dr. Bliss has recently completed work on a much-anticipated new biography of William Osler (1849-1919), the dominant figure in clinical medicine at the turn of the century. Born and trained in Canada, Osler became the first chairman of the department of medicine at the Johns Hopkins University. His final years were spent in Oxford where he was Regius Professor of Medicine. His legacy includes authorship of the commanding textbook, *Principles and Practice of Medicine* (1892), a prodigious literary output relating to the history and philosophy of medicine, and a system for teaching medicine at the bedside which remains at the core of clinical teaching today.

The previous biography of Osler was written by Harvey Cushing in 1925. Based on the additional knowledge and insight of three quarters of a century, Dr. Bliss' new one volume biography will bring this towering figure into our own time. The Medical History Society of New Jersey, in conjunction with the 1999 meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine (AAHM) in New Brunswick, NJ, is honored to welcome Dr. Bliss as our Saffron Lecturer.

Members are reminded that the spring meeting coincides with the annual meeting of the AAHM. The meeting will be held May 5-9, 1999. Society members will have a unique opportunity to participate fully in the conference, but arrangements for members to attend the Saffron Lecture separately are being made. The Lecture will be held on Saturday, May 8, 1999. The Saffron Lecture is sponsored by The Academy of Medicine of New Jersey. The Medical History Society is also sponsoring a special tour of Ellis Island's abandoned hospital complex on Thursday, May 6, as well as a second luncheon program on Friday, May 7. More details will be announced as the conference dates approach.

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Wanted:
An Old Medicine Cabinet!

Karen Reeds, PhD, guest curator of the upcoming exhibit, "A State of Health: New Jersey’s Medical Heritage," is looking for an old bathroom medicine cabinet
to display drugs and consumer health products made in New Jersey. If you can loan or donate one, let her know right away.

"A State of Health: New Jersey's Medical Heritage" will explore three centuries of New Jersey's medical history through 100+ artifacts, images, and documents. It focuses on epidemics, children's health, hospitals and healers, and Jersey biomedical and pharmacological discoveries. Like Frank Katz's A Guide to Resources in Medical History in New Jersey, the exhibit will alert scholars to the rich resources in medical history available in New Jersey collections.

"A State of Health" is actually two exhibits in one: a gallery exhibit at Alexander Library, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, during the summer of 1999, and a graphic panel exhibit that will travel to sites around the state. Both will be on display at the exhibit opening on Saturday, May 8, for the AAHM meeting in New Brunswick. The project is being sponsored by University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Libraries, Rutgers University Libraries, the New Jersey Medical School's Saffron Endowment, and -- thus far -- nine pharmaceutical companies, with funding administered by The Academy of Medicine of New Jersey.

If you have a medicine cabinet or other artifacts that might be suitable for the exhibit or want to host the traveling exhibit at a local library, hospital, school, or company, please contact Dr. Reeds at 908/464-0714 (home office), fax 908/464-6814, email: reeds@openix.com.

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The MHSNJ welcomes the following new members, Susan Golz, Mary Therese Hankinson, David Marshal, Geoffrey Sill, PhD, and Walter Uhlman.

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A Guide to Resources in Medical History in New Jersey:
Report on the MHSNJ Project

Frank F. Katz, PhD, Project Director

Barbara Smith Irwin, the originator and mentor for this project, and a reviewer (along with Lois Densky-Wolff) of various drafts of the Guide, recently suggested that certain new potential sources of archives and artifacts be added. Barbara, who is forever looking out for New Jersey's interests even while residing in the hinterlands of North Carolina, included Ellis Island of which, thanks to the courts, our State now "possesses" a part. The remains of medical buildings are
located on New Jersey's section of the island (but, in reality, all the parcels are owned and operated by the federal government).

Although not open to the public at this time, the medical buildings will be included in the directory. A few pieces of information about Ellis Island pertinent to the Guide have been obtained, and were entered in the current draft. At present, I am waiting for a reply from the National Archives about the medical records from Ellis Island which may (!) still be extant in Washington, DC. It is expected the manuscript will be completed and ready for press when that information is obtained.

The draft is now about twenty pages longer than originally submitted in January to the New Jersey Historical Commission. The funds awarded by the Commission are most likely insufficient for publication and distribution, especially if it is printed on acid-free paper as was recently recommended. We are confident, nevertheless, of meeting the goals set forth when the project began -- namely, distribution to the historical societies and institutions that provided data and to registrants of the American Association for the History of Medicine when they meet in 1999 in New Brunswick.

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Bats in the Belfry or Bugs in the Belly:
Barry Marshall and the Resurrection of Johannes Fibiger

MHSNJ Vice President, Allen B. Weisse, MD, a Clinical Professor of Medicine, UMDNJ-NJMS, will present a slide-lecture entitled "Bats in the Belfry or Bugs in the Belly: Barry Marshall and the Resurrection of Johannes Fibiger" on Thursday, October 29. The presentation will be held on the UMDNJ Newark campus, Medical Sciences Building, B610, 12 p.m.-1 p.m. The lecture is open to the public and MHSNJ members are invited to attend.

Dr. Weisse's lecture is based on a chapter of his recent book, The Staff and the Serpent: Pertinent and Impertinent Observations on the World of Medicine (1998), a compilation of twenty-two essays on a broad range of medical subjects. In "Bats in the Belfry or Bugs in the Belly...," Dr. Weisse will discuss the events surrounding the identification of Helicobacter pylori and its relationship to the development of gastritis, peptic ulcers, and gastric cancer.

The event is co-sponsored by The Friends of the George F. Smith Library and University Libraries' Special Collections Department. For additional information, contact Lois Densky-Wolff, x 2-7830.

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What's New at UMDNJ-Special Collections

UMDNJ University Libraries acquired two significant items which were added to the holdings in the Barbara Manisty Peck History of Medicine Room and the Stanley S. Bergen, Jr., MD, University Archives, both part of the Special Collections Department.

An Improved System of Midwifery, Adapted to the Reformed Practice of Medicine... by Wooster Beach, MD (NY : Scribner, 1854) is a heavily illustrated volume with beautiful, handcolored plates.

A manuscript volume, Obstetric Register, October 3rd 1849 to December 20th 1880, compiled by Dr. [J.O.?] Young, a Bordentown physician, describes 2,500 obstetrical cases over a fifty year period. Notations include (case) number, date of birth, (father's) name, number of (mother's) confinements, vaccination date, sex, presentation, duration of labor, and remarks. The ledger provides a very complete picture of one South Jersey physician's obstetrical practice during the 19th century.

These resources were added to Special Collections through funding from the Libraries' Saffron Endowment for Books in Historical Medicine, established by MHSNJ founding member, Morris Saffron, MD, in 1991.

Historic New Jersey postcards depicting medical and health-related subjects have been collected by Special Collections for many years. The postcards, now numbering nearly 400, had been previously integrated into the Photograph Collection. A graduate library student working for the department this summer completed a project to separate the postcards and create a distinct collection. The newly formed Postcard Collection provides greatly improved access to this visual resource. The postcards date from the early 20th century, are black and white or in color, and include a number of unique 'realphoto' views.

For more information about these and other resources in Special Collections, contact Lois Densky-Wolff at 973/972-7830, or email: densky@umdnj.edu.

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Courtesy of UMDNJ Libraries' Special Collections*
The Newsletter of the Medical History Society of New Jersey is published twice a year in May and October by the Society, and is a benefit of membership. Deadline for the next newsletter is April 1, 1999. Short articles (250 words) on medical history topics are always welcome. Correspondence and submissions may be addressed to:

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