

News, Notes, and Queries

International Congress The Circle of Willis and Cerebrovascular Diseases in the New Millennium, Siena, Italy, 9–11 December 2004

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Call for Papers

Inter-School and Multi-Disciplinary Conference 'Perspectives on 20th-century Pharmaceuticals' Oxford, 14–16 July 2005

The development of pharmaceuticals and the growth of the pharmaceutical industry are a major aspect of the history of the twentieth century. The economic importance of the industry, the contributions it has made to health and welfare, and the stimulus it has provided for research in the biomedical sciences and related technologies, have been considerable. However, because of the difficulty of access to pharmaceutical archives in many countries, the history of pharmaceuticals in general, and of the pharmaceutical industry in particular, is still relatively under-developed.

For these reasons, this conference has the following broadly-defined aims: first, to bring together scientists, industrialists, clinicians, and historians, who share a common interest in the development of pharmaceuticals in the twentieth century; second, to contribute to a greater understanding of the history of the

pharmaceutical industry in the twentieth century through a multi-disciplinary approach. Contributions from different disciplines, and from different countries are most welcome. However, all contributors are encouraged to centre their papers around pharmaceuticals and/or the pharmaceutical industry. They are also urged to reflect on the different interfaces which have shaped or have been shaped by the industry in the twentieth century. The deadline for submissions is 30 September 2004.

Please send abstracts of up to one page to either of the co-organisers. Electronic submissions are preferred. Co-organisers: V Quirke and J Slinn, Centre for Health, Medicine and Society and Business School, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, UK. E-mail addresses: vquirke@brookes.ac.uk; jaslinn@brookes.ac.uk