Greetings to All Members and Friends of Medica, The Society for the Study of Healing in the Middle Ages.

Now in its third year, Medica is growing rapidly in membership and energy. We hope that you will continue to support it and ensure its success.

Medica’s purpose is to establish and maintain a friendly network of scholars interested in the varieties of healing in the Middle Ages. We have already sponsored a hardy number of sessions at Kalamazoo and are looking perhaps to expand to other major conferences. We also maintain a website and listserve. In the next year we will be sponsoring a major publication.

Continue reading for more detail on these and other items.

Though this is our third year, this is Medica’s first official Newsletter. Next year we will have two newsletters. If you have items to add for the next issue, please contact one of the officers.

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Medica will sponsor three sessions at Kalamazoo this year as well as our annual business meeting and luncheon.

We will also co-sponsor with AVISTA two sessions, as they will present a large slate of sessions on the medieval hospital. Special thanks to Barbara Bowers of AVISTA for all her hard work and ingenuity in organizing these sessions.

**AVISTA/MEDICA Sessions: 31 and 91**
See Below

**Session 451: Sat. 1:30, Schneider 451**
**Medicine as Metaphor**

Presider: Gerard NeCastro, University of Maine at Machias

Inside Humours: Why and How They Work. Carol Everest, The King's University College

"We Have Ways of Making you Talk: The Confessional Subject in Medieval Surgery". Jeremy Citrome, University of Leeds

Manuscript as Medicinal Substance: A Metaphor from John Fastolf's Stew House Library. Elaine E. Whitaker, University of Alabama at Birmingham

**Session 504: Sat. 3:30, Schneider 451**
**Mental Illness in the Middle Ages**

Presider: Bryon Gigsby, Centenary College

The Breviary of Healthe of Andrew Boorde: 'Merrie Andrew's' "take" on Mental Health. Marjory E. Lange, Western Oregon University

Treating Manic-Depressive Illness in the Middle Ages: Case Studies of Charles VI of France and Henry VI of England. Patricia A. Helvenston, Neuropsychology Researches

The Medical History of a Hungerless Maiden: Francois Citois and the Ideal Woman. Hilary Nunn, University of Michigan

**Session 547: Sunday 8:30, Schneider 1125**
**Childbirthing, Widwifery, and Early Childhood in Medieval Medicine**

Presider: Carol Everest, The King's University College

Saving Children in Lanfrank's Science of Cirurgie. Bryon Gigsby, Centenary College

A company of women and men: Men's recollections of childbirth in medieval England Becky R. Lee, York University, Toronto

Youth and Childbirth. Fiona Harris Stoertz, Trent University

Unbearable Secrets: Abortion and Birth Control in the Middle Ages. Lora Ann Sigler, California State University, Long Beach

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**Business Meeting and Luncheon**
**Thursday, Noon, Valley I Dining Hall**

Please Join Us. Cost: $9.00.
AVISTA Sessions

The Medieval Hospital and Medical Practice - Bridging the Evidence: Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Medieval Hospital and Medical Practice

Session 31: Th 10:00, F 1045
The Institutional Context of the Medieval Hospital and Healing

Co-sponsored by AVISTA and MEDICA
Organizer: Barbara S. Bowers, AVISTA, The Ohio State University
Chair: Marjory E. Lange, MEDICA, Western Oregon University

Maria Amalia D’Aronco, University of Udine Italy
"The Benedictine Rule and the care of the sick: the case of Anglo-Saxon England"

Mary K.K. Yearl, Yale University. "Legislating health: the case of minuti and informi in the medieval monastery infirmary"

James W. Brodman, University of Central Arkansas
"Municipal hospitals in thirteenth-century Europe: how religious the model?"

Ellie Phillips, University of East Anglia Norwich England. "Hospitals and the 'Pore Impotent Creatours' of late medieval East Anglia"

Session 91: Th 1:30 F 1045
Medical Practice: Theory and Remedies

Co-sponsored by AVISTA and MEDICA
Organizer: Barbara S. Bowers, AVISTA, The Ohio State University
Chair: Debby Stoudt, MEDICA, University of Toledo

John M. Riddle, Alumni Distinguished Professor, North Carolina State University. "Monastic pharmacy: valuable information for today's pharmacists and historians"

Anne Van Arsdall, University of New Mexico Institute for Medieval Studies. "Challenging the 'eye-of-newt' image of medieval medicine"

Alain Touwaide, University of Oklahoma. "The Byzantine hospital of the 10th-15th centuries: epidemiology and therapeutic activity"

Jonathan Hughes, The Wellcome Unit, School of History, University of East Anglia Norwich England "Alchemical medicine, antiquity and the fifteenth century body politic"

Session 151: Th 3:30 F 1045
Religious Orders' Hospitals and Care of the Sick

Co-sponsored by AVISTA and HMML
Organizer and Chair: Theresa M. Vann, The Hill Monastic Manuscript Library, Saint John's College

Daniel Le Blèvec, Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier III France
"Religious orders and their cure to the poor sick people, especially in the South of France, 11th-15th centuries"

Dagmar O'Riain-Raedel, University College Cork Ireland. "Knights Hospitallers and Templars in medieval Ireland"

Piers D. Mitchell, Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, University of London England. "The hospital infirmary of the Knights Templars in the crusader kingdom of Jerusalem during the 12th and 13th centuries"

Rafaël Hyacinthe, Centre de Recherche d'archéologie médiévale de l'Université Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne) France. "De Domo Sancti Lazari milites leprosi: the lepers in the ideals of the hospitaller and military Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries"

Session 213: F 10:00 F 1045
The Therapeutic Environment, Illness, and the Archaeological Evidence of Healing

Organizer: Barbara S. Bowers, AVISTA, The Ohio State University
Chair: Carol Neuman de Vegvar, Ohio Wesleyan University

Bill White, Museum of London Specialist Services "Excavations at St. Mary Spital: 1999-2000, burial of the 'sick poore' of medieval London"

Geoff Egan, Museum of London Specialist Services "Material culture of medieval hospitals: some excavated finds from English sites"

Peregrine Horden, University of London. "A non-natural environment: medicine without doctors in the medieval hospital"

Bruno Tabuteau, Göttingen Group/ INHL, GRHIS CNRS Université de Rouen France. "Historical research developments on leprosy and lepers in France and in Western Europe"
Session 272: F 1:30 F 1045
The Architecture of Charity I - Buildings
Sponsored by AVISTA
Organizers: Lynn T. Courtenay, Professor Emerita, AVISTA, FSA, U. of Wisconsin-Whitewater; Marie-Thérèse Zenner, AVISTA, CNRS Poitiers France; Barbara S. Bowers, AVISTA, Ohio State University
Chair: Virginia Jansen, AVISTA, University of California Santa Cruz

Yoshio Kusaba, California State University Chico. "Henry of Blois and the St. Cross Hospital in Winchester as an episcopal/royal foundation: its purpose, management and architectural arrangement"

Lynn T. Courtenay, Professor Emerita, AVISTA, FSA, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater "The Hôtel Dieu of Notre-Dame-des-Fontinelles in Tonnerre: the open ward plan"


Neil S. Rushton, Trinity College University of Cambridge England. "The spatial arrangement of monastic almonries in the later Middle Ages: a closer look at Westminster Abbey"

Session 326: F 3:30 F 1045
The Architecture of Charity II - Patrons and buildings
Sponsored by AVISTA
Organizers: Lynn T. Courtenay, Professor Emerita, AVISTA, FSA, U. of Wisconsin-Whitewater; Marie-Thérèse Zenner, AVISTA, CNRS Poitiers France; Barbara S. Bowers, AVISTA, Ohio State University
Chair: Lynn T. Courtenay, Professor Emerita, AVISTA, FSA, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Carole Rawcliffe, Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, University of East Anglia Norwich England. "A word from our sponsor: patronage in the medieval hospital"

Kate Giles, University of York England. "Framing charity: guild hospitals in later medieval York England"

Renzo Baldasso, Columbia University. "Function and epidemiology in Filarete's Ospedale Maggiore"

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Medica:
The Journal of Medieval Medicine

Medica is beginning an annual journal entitled Medica and invites submissions for the premiere issue.

Submissions may be on any subject matter of medieval medicine, health, or healing as well as the interrelationships between disciplines, such as medieval medicine and literature, law, politics, or religion. Authors are encouraged to submit manuscripts either via email as Microsoft Word attachments or via U.S. mail on disk. Endnotes should appear in a separate file from the text, and the author should also include a vita. If submitting manuscripts on disk, the author should include a SASE for the return of the disk. Manuscripts can be either emailed or mailed to:

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Most manuscripts should be between 15 and 30 pages in length. Manuscripts should follow the MLA Handbook, 5th edition. The author's name, address, phone number, email, and institutional affiliation should only appear on the title page, and all other references to the author should be omitted so that the manuscript can be reviewed anonymously. Medica accepts only unpublished works that are not under review at other journals.

Publication Date: January 15, 2002.

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SSHM 2001 Prize Essay
Society For The Social History Of Medicine
2001 Prize Essay Competitions

The Society for the Social History of Medicine (SSHM) invites submissions for its two 2001 Prize Essay Competitions. These prizes will be awarded to the best original, unpublished essays in the social history of medicine submitted to each competition as judged by the SSHM's assessment panel.

The 2001 essay competition is open to post-doctoral scholars and faculty who obtained their Ph.D. or equivalent qualification after 31 December 1995. The 2001 student essay competition is open to students in full or part-time education. Each prizewinner will be awarded 300.00 pounds, and his or her entry may also be published in the journal, Social History of Medicine.

Further details and entry forms can be down-loaded from the SSHM's website http://www.sshm.org

Alternatively, please contact the membership secretary,

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The deadline for entries is: 31 December 2001

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Medica Bibliography

As one of Medica’s goals is to assist one another in our research through an extensive on-line bibliography, all members and friends of Medica are welcome to submit bibliographical materials to the secretary at gnecastr@acad.umm.maine.edu. If possible, please include entries in the body of your e-mail message or send your attachment as a text (.txt) document.

Literature and Medicine

Also in the works is a special edition of Literature and Medicine focusing specifically on medieval healing. Stay tuned for details.
Proposed Constitution For Medica: The Society for the Study of Healing in the Middle Ages

There shall be a non-profit educational society called the Medica: The Society For the Study of Healing in the Middle Ages. Its purposes shall be to effect annual meetings of scholars and other persons interested in medieval medicine and related disciplines, to sponsor long-range projects of interest to such persons, and to publish material of interest as opportunities arise.

In the present document, "Society" shall mean and refer to the Medica: The Society for the Study of Healing in the Middle Ages, its successors and assigns. "Member" shall mean and refer to those persons who are dues-paying participants in the work of the Society and who are thus entitled to vote. Membership shall be open to all Medica scholars and to other persons to whom the study of Medieval Medicine is personally important. A member shall forfeit membership if that person is in default of dues six months after being billed or two months after a second notice of dues has been mailed to him.

The executive powers of the Society shall be vested in a Council consisting of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and six other members elected by the paid-up members of the Society. The President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected every two years for two-year terms; the other members of the Council shall be elected two each year in rotation for three-year terms. All officers shall be eligible for re-election, except that the President should serve not more than two two-year terms in succession.

A vacancy on the Council, whether for one of the three executive offices or for the Council at large, shall be filled by the remaining members of the Council. The officer thus appointed to a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of office being filled. In the event that a Council member at large is elected or appointed to one of the three executive offices, the vacancy on the Council shall be filled in the manner already described. Term of office shall normally be from the conclusion of the annual meeting following the election until the conclusion of the annual meeting three years following, or as appropriate to the length of term to which the officer has been elected or appointed.

Annual meetings of the Society shall normally be held during the meetings of the International Congress on Medieval Studies. Notice of meetings shall be mailed to members by the Secretary-Treasurer at least 30 days prior to the time of meeting, unless members are duly notified by an announcement in the official program of the International Congress on Medieval Studies.

Nominations for election to the three executive offices and to the Council at large shall be made by a Nominating Committee. Nominations shall also be made by petition of twenty members of the Society in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer. Such petitions must be received 3 months prior to the annual meeting.

The Nominating Committee shall consist of a chairman, who may but need not be a member of the Council, and one or more members of the Society. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President of the Society prior to each annual meeting, to serve from the conclusion of that annual meeting until the conclusion of the following annual meeting. Such appointment shall be announced at each annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall make at least two nominations for each vacancy on the Council, taking carefully into account the various constituencies making up the Society. Election shall be by signed ballot. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes will be appointed to the vacant position.