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

Now in its fourth year, Medica continues to grow 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 hope to be sponsoring a major publication.

Continue reading for more detail on these and other items.

We hope that we will gain enough momentum to have two newsletters. If you have items to add for the next issue, please contact one of the officers.

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Thirty-Seventh International Congress on Medieval Studies
Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, Michigan, 1-4 May 2002

Medica will sponsor two sessions at Kalamazoo this year as well as our annual business meeting and luncheon. The Congress organizers have again been kind to us, scheduling our business meeting and sessions consecutively.

Also see related sessions listed below.

Medica Sessions

**Medicine as Metaphor**

**Session 98: Fetzer 2030**

Thursday, 2 May

1:30 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

Organizer: Gerard NeCastro, U Maine, Machias
Presider: Carol Everest, The King's University College

Troilus "in a traunce": Lovesickness's Passivity in Troilus and Criseyde
Barbara Nelson, Arizona State Univ.

Lapis philosophorum seu medicina universalis: Medication, Soteriology, and Symbolism in Medieval Alchemy
Costica Bradatan, Univ. of Durham

The Summoner's Disease: Leprosy in Medieval Literature
Bryon Grigsby, Centenary College

The Medicine of Hildegard of Bingen
Monica Ali, Oxford College of Emory Univ.

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**Caring and Curing**

**Session 159: Fetzer 2030**

Thursday, 2 May

3:30 P.M. -5:00 P.M.

Organizer: Gerard Ne Castro, U Maine, Machias
Presider: Bryon Grigsby, Centenary College

Caring and Curing in the Anglo-Saxon Charms
Maren Clegg Hyer, Woodbury Univ.

For the Healer, a Journey through the Forest: North American Herbalism, Dioscorides Style
Billie Milholland, The King's University College

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Religion and Medicine in the Middle Ages
Flynn Warren, Univ. of Georgia

Fighting Father Time: The Pseudo-Bacon De retardatione accidentium senectutis
Carol Everest, The King's University College

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Medica Business Meeting And Luncheon

Please see the next page for information on this.

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**Sciences in the Carolingian World I**

**Session 293: Schneider 1220**

(N.B. Wallis Paper)

Organizer: Bruce S. Eastwood, Univ. of Kentucky
Presider: Bruce S. Eastwood

The Scriptoria of Fulda and Lorsch: Computus and Historical Writing
Richard Corradini, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften

Christian and Imperial Contexts of Carolingian Geography
Natalia Lozovsky, Univ. of Colorado - Boulder

"Alexander sapiens medicus": The Latin Adaptation of Alexander of Tralles's Therapeutica in Carolingian Manuscripts
Faith T. Wallis, McGill Univ.

See Next Page For More Sessions
The Art of Medicine and the Social Arts
Session 372: Sangren 2201

Sponsor: Convivium: Siena Center for Medieval and Early Modern Studies
Organizer: Kate Langdon Forhan, Siena College
Presider: Kate Langdon Forhan

"Noli me tangere" and a Medical Recipe: Discursive Intersections
Louise M. Bishop, Univ. of Oregon

Imagining Female Textual Communities: Medical Literacy and Social Class in Medieval Midwifery Manuals
Jennifer Wynne Hellwarth, Allegheny College
International Exchange: A Medico-Social Picture of the Mid-Sixteenth Century
Marjory E. Lange, Western Oregon Univ.

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Stars, Stones, and Medicine
Session 481: Bernhard 205

Presider: Linda Migl Keyser, Georgetown Univ.

In the Company of Nebridus: How the Augustinian Critique of Astrology Was Absorbed and Impacted the Natural Philosophies of Western Europe during the Twelfth and Thirteenth Centuries
Jeff Dubberley, Univ. of Leeds

The Lapidary Medicine of Hildegard of Bingen and Alfonso X
Anita Obermeier, Univ. of New Mexico

De-Forming, Re-Forming, and In-Forming: The Changing Forms in Marsilio Ficino's Spiritual and Medical Magic
Cynthia B. Bryson, Greenville Technical College

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

Lunch is usually a selection of sandwiches, fruit, vegetables, cookies and drinks (soft drinks).
Cost: $9.00.

Please Join Us.

N.B. The Program has listed the time as 11:45. This time was requested only to insure that we will be served by noon. If you plan to come, you will not need to arrive until noon.

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Business Meeting
Agenda

I. Announcements
II. Treasurer’s Report
III. New Business
   A. Kalamazoo 2003
   B. Leeds 2003
   C. Medica: The Journal of Medieval Medicine
   D. Constitution/By-Laws (Page 5)
   E. Committee Membership
   F. Other
IV. Adjournment

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Planning For Next Year

If you would like to propose a session for Kalamazoo next year, please do.

If your session is accepted, you will automatically be the organizer and chair of the session (unless other arrangements are made). Your first step is to write a short rationale for the secretary to submit to the Medieval Congress organizers.

If your session is not accepted, we will gladly revisit it the following year.
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.

Submission Deadline: September 1, 2002.
Publication Date: January 15, 2003.

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Medica: The Journal of Medieval Medicine
Let's Try This Again

Last year we tried unsuccessfully to get our journal off the ground. If we are still resolved to initiate our journal, we will need to build a strategy. We will need

- Widespread Call For Papers
- An Organizing Committee
- Editorial Board
- Your Suggestions

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SSHM 2001 Prize Essay
Society For The Social History Of Medicine
2002 Prize Essay Competitions

The Society for the Social History of Medicine (SSHM) invites submissions for its two 2002 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 2002 essay competition is open to post-doctoral scholars and faculty who obtained their Ph.D. or equivalent qualification after 31 December 1996. The 2002 student essay competition is open to students in full or part-time education. Each prizewinner will be awarded £300.00, and his or her entry may also be published in the journal, Social History of Medicine.

Email: competition@sshm.org

The deadline for entries is: 31 December 2002.

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http://www.umm.maine.edu/medica

What We Need

- Bibliography
- Upcoming Events
- Publishing Opportunities
- Useful Links
- Et Cetera

Please Send Information To Gerard NeCastro At necastro@maine.edu
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 medieval 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.

The Council shall have the power to nominate to the annual meeting candidates for honorary membership. The number of honorary members shall at no time exceed six.

The Council will normally meet each year in conjunction with the annual meeting of the International Congress on Medieval Studies. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the President or by any two Council members, after no less than ten days' notice to each Council member. A majority of the number of Council members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every action or decision taken by a majority of the council members present at a duly held meeting or, in lieu of a majority, by an arbitrary quorum of five, shall be regarded as the action of the entire Council.

The Council shall have the right to take any action in the absence of a meeting of the Council which they could take at a meeting of the Council by obtaining the written approval of a majority of the total number of Council members. Any action so approved shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the Council. The Council shall, at its discretion, poll the membership of the Society as a whole to assist it in making various decisions, either by mail or at the Society's annual Medieval Congress meeting.

The Council shall be empowered to conduct the affairs of the Society. Specifically it shall have the power:

- To fix annual dues, and to receive the annual dues of the members and administer the Society's funds;
- To determine the editorial policy of the Society, and have general oversight over publication and the appointment of editors;
- To plan the annual meeting, or to appoint at its discretion a Program Committee for this purpose, or to act itself as a Program Committee;
- To adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the Society.

The President or a duly elected representative shall preside at all meetings of the Council and of the Society. The President shall appoint the Nominating Committee and other pertinent committees, and shall supervise the affairs of the Society during the year.

The Vice-President shall serve as presiding officer in the absence of the President, and shall assist in the affairs of the Society.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep records of actions taken by the Council and by the Society, including all voting matters, and shall present minutes for approval at the next annual meeting of the Council. The Secretary-Treasurer shall also serve as Treasurer, receiving and depositing in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Society, keeping proper books of account, and presenting annually to the Council an annual statement of income and expenditures. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an up-to-date membership list of the Society, with addresses, and shall conduct mail ballots when necessary, and shall give notice when dues are payable and overdue.

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by the Council or by written petition signed by at least twenty members in good standing. Such proposed amendments shall be moved and seconded at an annual general meeting and voted upon by the membership at the next annual general meeting.