



Web News

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The History of Dentistry Research Group website continues to attract visitors and has maintained its average of just over four hits per day over the last few months.

Descriptions of the archive collections at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow have been available on the web for some time now and further expansion of the archive section of the website is planned with a section on sources for dental history. A 'virtual museum' consisting of digital images of some of the more significant items from the College's museum collection should also be ready to go online shortly. The archive section of the College website can be found at: <http://www.rcpsglasg.ac.uk/archives.htm>.

Finding access to information on the web can be a time-consuming and frustrating business. Gateway sites are becoming increasingly common to help the searcher find the information they are seeking. Two such sites are MedHist and the Archives Hub.

MedHist, which is run by the Wellcome Library for the History and Understanding of Medicine, is a gateway site to internet resources for the history of medicine and can be accessed at <http://medhist.ac.uk>. The site enables the user either to undertake a keyword search or to browse by category. Using this gateway I came across La Société Française d'Histoire de l'Art Dentaire (<http://www.bium.univ-paris5.fr/sfhad/>) which provides general information about the society as well as a short history of dentistry from 1900-1950 and an illustrated history of dental equipment from 1700 onwards. The site is written in French only. Papers from the 2000 International Congress of Dentistry are also available on this site with subjects including the first applications of X-Rays in dentistry and the evolution of periodontal surgery techniques. The papers are available in both French and English.

The Archives Hub (<http://www.archiveshub.ac.uk/>) is a national gateway to descriptions of archives held in UK universities and colleges. There are already several archives relating to dentistry described on the site and more will be added as the project progresses.

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