



Web News

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An exciting new project to highlight and raise awareness in the history of medicine has been established as a consequence of a grant of almost £300,000 from the Regional Development Fund, set up by the Scottish Museum Council and the Scottish Executive. The lead partner in the project, known as “Scotland and Medicine: Collections and Connections,” is the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. Project partners from the West of Scotland are the Hunterian Museum and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. The project aims to provide an online directory of medical collections in Scotland which should prove a great aid to researchers in trying to locate material. There will be an area of the website which will provide news and information on events taking place relating to the history of medicine and health. It is hoped that this site will provide another means of advertising the meetings of the History of Dentistry Research Group and also the Groups website (www.rcpsg.ac.uk/hdrg/). The URL for the Scotland and Medicine project has been registered as www.scotlandandmedicine.com and the site, with a basic level of information, is due to be launched this summer. As well as a website, the project will publish regional leaflets on the history of medicine and also mount travelling exhibitions. The first of these “Anatomy Acts – 500 years of anatomy in Scotland,” is due to be launched in Edinburgh in April 2006 to coincide with the Edinburgh International Science Festival and will subsequently tour round selected venues in Scotland.

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