

International Perspectives on Nursing History

14 - 16 September 2010

Join us in London in 2010

The *European Nursing History Group (ENHG)* and the *American Association for the History of Nursing (AAHN)* are pleased to announce their international conference in the History of Nursing and Midwifery. Join us in September 2010 for this landmark event and present your work to an interdisciplinary and international audience.

To be held in International Year of the Nurse, and timed to run alongside commemorative events to mark the centenary of the death of Florence Nightingale, the conference aims to showcase innovative and scholarly work by nurse-historians and academics from allied disciplines. The conference will appeal to historians of nursing and medicine, women's historians, critical theorists and intellectual historians.

The conference is run jointly by the American Association for the History of Nursing and The European Nursing History Group, which comprises four organizations: *FHSCS Kingston University & St. Georges University of London; The UK Centre for the History of Nursing and Midwifery; The Irish Center for Nursing and Midwifery History; and The History of Nursing Society of the Royal College of Nursing, UK.*

Scientific Programme

The conference scientific programme will take place over three days, from 14–16 September, 2010 and will comprise plenary sessions, concurrent sessions on pre-specified themes, and poster presentations. Guest speakers include Dr Afaf Meleis, Margaret Bond Simon Dean of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing; and Mark Bostridge, author of *Florence Nightingale: The Woman and her Legend*. The scientific programme will be built around five broad conference themes as follows: 1 'profession, identity and ideology', 2 'systems of care and ways of

working', 3 'biography and place', 4 'military history, power and conflict', and 5 'technology and the patient'. Preconference workshops on aspects of historical method will be held on 13 September.

The conference programme will also incorporate the annual awards ceremonies, the AAHN's now legendary annual auction of books and memorabilia, and a number of book launches. The conference will be an opportunity for nurses, midwives and other health professionals to come together to celebrate the Year of the Nurse, to examine and review aspects of our shared history and to showcase the growing body of historical scholarship in the field by scholars from around the world. The conference will also be an opportunity for scholars new to the discipline of nursing history to learn something of the methods of historical inquiry.

Centenary Event

There will be an opportunity to sightsee some major London attractions on Monday 13th September before attending a special service at St. Paul's Cathedral to mark the centenary of the death of Florence Nightingale; her tomb is in the crypt of the Cathedral.

Delegates are then invited to a reception at the Florence Nightingale Museum which will recently have re-opened following a major refurbishment.

Conference website: www.nursesvoices.org.uk/conference

