



Medicine in the Baltic Sea Region since the early 20th Century: Networks, transfers, consequences

Call for Abstracts

Where & when: Palaestra et Odeum (Paradisgatan 4, Lund), Lund University, Sweden, 26-27 March, 2020. The symposium will start at 9am on 26 March and end at 5pm on 27 March.

Organisation: Nils Hansson (Düsseldorf), Jonatan Wistrand (Lund), Juris Salaks (Riga), Yvonne Gavallér (Düsseldorf), Peter M Nilsson (Lund)

The Department of History of Medicine at Lund University, Sweden, the Institute of the History of Medicine at the Rīgas Stradiņš University (RSU), and the Department of History, Theory and Ethics of Medicine at the Heinrich-Heine-University in Düsseldorf, Germany, are organising an international symposium about medicine in the Baltic Sea region. The focus will be on scientific networks and transfers since the turn of the 20th century, and their impact today.

A new “Hanseatic League”, “a global hotspot for health”, “one of the most innovative science macro-regions in the world”? In the fields of life science and technology, politicians and managers of current large research projects describe the Baltic Sea region as a hub of cutting-edge research. How did these images emerge? Although several research programs have been established to foster research on this territory, surprisingly few publications deal thoroughly with “Baltic” networks in medicine and their impact for the production and spread of knowledge. This symposium aims at bringing together researchers who currently work on aspects of medical history in the Baltic Sea region to illuminate currents of ideas and areas of cooperation and conflict.

The symposium will take place at Lund University (Palaestra et Odeum) on 26-27 March 2020. The first day of the meeting will start with a key-note lecture by historian Johan Östling, Lund University: "Circulation and Public Arenas of Knowledge: Reflections on new directions in the history of knowledge", and end with a panel discussion entitled "Scientific cultures in the Baltic Sea region: Opportunities and Challenges". Panel members: H.E. Anna Prinz (German Ambassador to Sweden), Heiko Herwald (Vice-Dean Faculty of Medicine, Lund University), Kajsa M Paulsson (Manager for the EU project HALOS "Hanseatic League of Science"), Juris Salaks (Director for the RSU Institute of the History of Medicine in Riga), and Heiner Fangerau (Head of the Department of History, Theory and Ethics of Medicine at the Heinrich-Heine-University in Düsseldorf). The discussion is led by Nils Hansson.

We invite researchers in the history of medicine, medical humanities, and science and technology studies to submit abstracts (max. 300 words) or panel suggestions of three speakers, (max. 1000 words) with name(s) and academic affiliation(s) to Nils Hansson (nils.hansson@hhu.de) by October 15, 2019. A variety of thematic and methodological contributions are welcome with regards to network and transfer studies, biographies, scientific authority, and medical humanities. Panel submissions shall include three abstracts and a chair (total 70 minutes incl. 5 minutes introduction by the chair). All papers shall be presented in English and last a maximum of 20 minutes followed by 5 minutes for discussion.

Following discussions with the scientific board (see below), the final program will be published in mid-December 2019. We plan to publish a selection of the presentations. This will be our third "Bridging the Baltic"-symposium after previous meetings in Sweden and Germany. For papers presented at earlier "Bridging the Baltic"-meetings, see Hansson N, Wistrand J (Eds). Explorations in Baltic Medical History, 1850-2015. Rochester Studies in Medical History 2019.

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