## **Centre for the History of Medicine (CHM)**

**1 Establishment of the Centre**

The Centre for the History of Medicine was established in 1999 to co-ordinate activities in the history of medicine within the University. The Centre's remit at the time was straightforward, its aims modest: to build upon and further develop existing activities. Since then, the Centre has grown substantially and increasingly become a key area for the History Department with regard to the Research Assessment Exercise. It therefore has become necessary for the Centre to have a mission statement that reflects its varied objectives.

**2 Aims of the Centre**

The Centre for the History of Medicine at the University of Warwick is an active group of scholars teaching and researching in the history of medicine. As a group, the Centre aims:

(a) To attract scholars of the highest standing to contribute to and participate in the Centre's programmes and provide them with a stimulating and supportive environment in which to develop professionally;

(b) To raise further the profile of the Centre and its activities both within the University and across the history of medicine communities in the UK and abroad;

(c) To engage the local community and the public at large with the history of medicine as a discipline relevant to contemporary concerns, and to do so in creative and innovative ways;

(d) To conduct teaching and research in the history of medicine of the highest calibre and particularly to address issues that are significant to vital or emerging debates within the discipline.

**3 Membership**

(a) All teaching staff currently attached to the Centre. Normally to include full-time and part-time, temporary and permanent teaching staff within the History Department who identify themselves as historians of medicine.

(b) All contract research staff currently attached to the Centre for the duration of their contracts;

(c) Students in the history of medicine. To include all MA and PhD students, full and part-time;

(d) All Associate, Honorary and Visiting Fellows;

(e) Other co-opted members.

**4 The Director**

To be nominated by the academic staff attached to the Centre, in liaison with the Head of the History Department. The term of office shall be up to three years, renewable at the Advisory Board's discretion.

**5 Steering Group**

A steering group, comprising all permanent members of staff related to the Centre, plus other co-opted individuals as required, shall meet no less than 4 times per year to review, consider and plan for all matters relevant to the Centre's work, including academic and research programmes, conferences and publications, the appointment of Associate Members and Honorary Fellows of the Centre, and external funding issues. The Steering Group shall consider the Annual Report from the Director on the activities of the Centre.