

**Technological innovation in medicine
- time to reclaim shared World Heritage!**

*Promoting international and trans-disciplinary discourse, cooperation, and networking
between specialist museums, collections, and repositories for the histories
of medicine and technology, and their cooperating researchers*

**An Open Session Proposal
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Abstract:

Current historiography of technology and medicine often illustrates a profound and systematic under-recognition of international, trans-cultural, and multi-disciplinary interactions and reciprocity. Anglo-centrist bias to the detriment of historical contributions from non-English language backgrounds is often particularly dominant. To reduce such bias and subsequent inaccuracies, methodological toolkits and facilities require improvement. The purpose of this session is primarily to offer a platform for presentation, discourse, and networking. Contributions are particularly, but not exclusively encouraged from specialist archivists, librarians, curators etc. in the fields, alongside students, scholars, or other researchers they may cooperate, or have cooperated with (e.g., historians, engineers, technicians, physicians, nurses, etc.). Suitable contributions from working archives or databases from industry, commerce, or public agencies are also welcome. In terms of underlying causalities and chronologies, contributions assessing influences of the "long, dark shadow of colonialism", or the subsequent World Wars are suggested, but not mandatory.

Procedure: Those interested in proposing presentations for potential inclusion in this session will kindly prepare one-page abstracts and a one-page CV with current contact information. Please submit materials to Wulf Stratling: wulfstratling@ntlworld.com