Database of leprosy archives

The Global Project on the History of Leprosy is the initiative of The International Leprosy Association (in conjunction with WHO and the Nippon Foundation) and the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine at Oxford, England.

The Project is developing a database of leprosy archives around the world in order to record the existence of documents relating to medical research and other areas of study in the field of leprosy. This is located at: http://www.leprosyhistory.org.

The database is to be a working tool for researchers who are interested in the early-modern to modern history of leprosy (from 1847 when Danielssen and Boeck published Om Spedalskhed).

While the database creates pathways for researchers, the project will also encourage a network of researchers. In collaboration with the European Association for the History of Medicine and Health (EAHMH), an international network for the history of leprosy will hold a workshop in early 2003.

If you own, or are aware of, a collection of primary sources that forms part of the story of medical research into leprosy, or on any aspect of the history of this disease, we would like to hear from you. Visit our website for more information, or contact us:

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