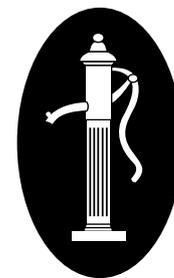




# Broad Sheet

The newsletter of the John Snow Society



SUMMER 2004

## 150th Anniversary

On the 8th September 2004, we will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of John Snow's removal of the handle from the pump in Broad Street, perhaps the most famous gesture in the history of public health.

To commemorate this special day, The John Snow Society plans to organise a "historical walk" in the afternoon of 8th September before the Pumphandle lecture. The walk will be based around Snow's original map of the area and the cholera outbreak, but will also take in other interesting events that took place in and around Soho. Further details will be emailed to members nearer the date. In addition, the Soho Society has organised for Dr Anne Hardy to give a talk about John Snow and his work in Soho on the evening of 13th September. For further details, please leave a message for Bryan Burrough on 020 7439 4303.

## Pumphandle Lecture 2004

**Challenges for field epidemiology in a widening Europe**  
Wednesday 8th September 2004, 5.15pm

Dr Alain Moren, coordinator of the European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training (EPIET), will give the 12th annual John Snow Society Pumphandle lecture at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London, UK.

Since 1992, the European Union member states (EU MS) and the European Commission (EC) have developed specific networks for the surveillance and control of communicable diseases.

Human resources are a crucial issue in the implementation of these networks. Since 1994, the EPIET programme has provided long term, in service training, to complement the academic tuition offered by European Universities. It brings together 27 nations, including 35 institutes which, through an EU exchange programme between national centres in charge of communicable disease surveillance and control, contribute to developing an EU framework of field epidemiologists sharing common methods of work.

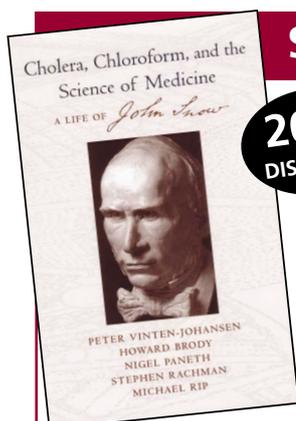
Despite scientific success, the future of communicable disease control programmes and related field training in the EU is uncertain. Our challenge is to make the most of the future EU centre for disease control by coordinating action-oriented programmes supported by long term financing.

As is now customary, the lecture will be followed by a visit to the John Snow public house on Broadwick Street, Soho, where the AGM will take place.

### Previous Pumphandle Lecturers

- 2003 Dr Mike Ryan
- 2002 Dr David Salisbury
- 2001 Professor David Bradley
- 2000 Professor John Oxford
- 1999 Professor Chris Bartlett
- 1998 Professor Richard J. Evans
- 1997 Professor Hugh Pennington
- 1996 Professor Richard Feachem
- 1995 Dr Sandy Cairncross
- 1994 Dr Spence Galbraith
- 1993 Dr Nick Ward

## Special Offer for Members of the John Snow Society



**20%  
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Oxford University Press is pleased to offer members of the John Snow Society an exclusive 20% discount on *Cholera, Chloroform, and the Science of Medicine: A Life of John Snow*, by Peter Vinten-Johansen, Howard Brody, Nigel Paneth, Stephen Rachman, and Michael Rip, with the assistance of David Zuck.

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## International chapters of the John Snow Society

### The San Francisco Chapter

On returning from a summer attachment to the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) in 2003, Dr Tom Novotny, Professor in Residence in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine (UCSF), founded a chapter of the John Snow Society. The chapter which now has 12 members, had its first meeting at a local pub on December 9, 2003. Most chapter members are part of the UCSF Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, including Professors Virginia Ernster, George Rutherford, and Steve Hulley. The chapter plans to have at least one annual meeting, in conjunction with other Departmental events. The next meeting will coincide with an endowed lectureship (the Pablo Lucia Lectureship in Preventive Medicine), which has been awarded to Professor Martin McKee of LSHTM. He will visit San Francisco for the lecture and John Snow Society event on July 21, 2004 and will lecture on the mortality crisis in the Russian Federation. Members interested in joining this local chapter should email Tom Novotny at [TNovotny@psg.ucsf.edu](mailto:TNovotny@psg.ucsf.edu)

### The Scandinavian Chapter

The Scandinavian chapter of the John Snow Society now has approximately 110 members, almost all of whom are working within the drinking water sector. The group focuses on drinking water safety and risk communication, and plans to have future events on this topic. As part of the Nordic Drinking Water Conference, the Scandinavian chapter will hold its annual meeting. Since the first conference in Norway in 1998, when the Scandinavian branch was established, it has become a tradition to have a Pumphandle Award Ceremony as part of the conference. The 4th Nordic Drinking Water Conference will take place in Espoo, Finland between October 18th and 20th 2004. For more information on the drinking water conference, contact [dricksvatten@tavicon.fi](mailto:dricksvatten@tavicon.fi) Members interested in joining this local chapter should email Christen Raestad at [rastad@online.no](mailto:rastad@online.no)



# Pumphandle Lecture 2003

Epidemics in the 21st Century - The Lessons of SARS  
*Dr Mike Ryan*

**On 22 September 2003, Dr Mike Ryan gave the 11th annual John Snow Society Pumphandle Lecture at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.**

The lecture described how the Global Alert and Response Unit of the World Health Organisation painstakingly unravelled the epidemiology of SARS and traced it to a previously unknown type of corona virus. Dr Ryan and his colleagues coordinated the global effort to control this disease, bringing together virologists, epidemiologists and public health experts from around the world, in an unprecedented example of international

coordination. The lecture covered not only the biological and medical aspects of SARS, but emphasised important political and philosophical implications of the experience.

This well attended Pumphandle lecture finished in the traditional way with the removal of the handle from the Society's pump. This was followed by lively discussion and the AGM at the John Snow pub.

A full account of this lecture can be found in the Winter 2003 issue of *Health & Hygiene* (Vol. 24(4)), and also on the John Snow Society website at [www.johnsnowsociety.org](http://www.johnsnowsociety.org)

## The John Snow Award



*Dr James Curren (centre) received the John Snow award*

**In November 2003, representatives of John Snow Society were invited by the Epidemiology Section of the American Public Health Association to be involved in their awards ceremony.**

The Section's John Snow award was given to Dr James Curran, a leading figure in the history of the AIDS epidemic in North America, in recognition of excellence in epidemiological practice and research. The John Snow Society presented a copy of Dr Spence Galbraith's book 'John Snow (1813-1858) - his early years' to the Epidemiology Section, and membership of the Society to Dr Curran.

## New website

Our website has been completely updated. Have a look at [www.johnsnowsociety.org](http://www.johnsnowsociety.org)

## The John Snow Rose



Mr Douglas Gandy of Gandy's Roses Ltd. has raised a rose with beautiful large exhibition-type flowers and

named it after John Snow. The flowers are white with a delicate shade of cream and the rose has a lovely sweet scent.

The John Snow Rose is available to purchase for £5.50 (please note delivery will not be until the autumn).

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