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Research Group on the History of the Neurosciences

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Research Group Activities 2007

The Research Group on the History of the Neurosciences completed its work on the Sydney Symposium on the History of Cerebral Localization, which will be published in the Group's official journal, the *Journal of the History of the Neurosciences* (Stanley Finger and Peter J. Koehler, editors). The Sydney Symposium is likely to become an authoritative source on cerebral localization. The contributors present original research on selected topics in the history of localization. The Symposium includes the following chapters:

- GK York and DA Steinberg. The Sydney Symposium on the History of Cerebral Localization. An Introduction.
- F Clifford Rose. Cerebral Localization in Antiquity
- A Karenberg. Cerebral Localization in the 18th Century. An Overview.
- DA Steinberg. Cerebral Localization in the Nineteenth Century-The Birth of a Science and its Modern Consequences.
- MJ Eadie. The Role of Focal Epilepsy in the Development of Jacksonian Localization.
- GK York. Localization of Language Function in the 20th Century.

The Symposium will appear in the *Journal of the History of the Neurosciences* later in 2008.

The Bangkok Symposium 2009

The Research Group plans to present a symposium in Bangkok in 2009 on the History of Epilepsy. This will be modeled on the Sydney symposium. Provisional topics include>

- Epilepsy in Babylonia
- The Sacred Disease
- Epilepsy in Galenic Medicine
- Electricity and Chemistry: Robert Bentley Todd and John Hughlings Jackson
- The Synthesis of Phenobarbital
- Hans Berger and the Use of the Electroencephalogram in the Diagnosis of Epilepsy

The Research Group aims to follow a long tradition by publishing the Bangkok Symposium on the History of Epilepsy.

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