The 2nd Luso-Brazilian Meeting on the History of Tropical Medicine (2LBMHTM) will be held in Lisbon on October, 14-16 2015. It will offer an opportunity for bringing together researchers from a range of countries and disciplines in order to discuss the role of tropical medicine in national, colonial, post-colonial, international and global contexts. The bulk of historiographical research has explored the period prior to World War II. This meeting will work with a broader focus by examining the roles played by countries like Portugal, Brazil and Spain, and their connections with imperial and post-colonial research and practice.

Historical analyses of the links between tropical medicine and international health in the post-World War II era have focused mainly on the programme for global malaria eradication. These works have generally emphasized the vertical nature of these campaigns. Recent studies have portrayed a more complex scene, highlighting the significance given to the control of other tropical diseases. The roles played by several sets of actors, political and economic interests, and social groups and responses remain understudied.

We believe that there is great value in paying particular attention to ideas, exchanges, technologies and practices in Portuguese-African-Asian-Brazilian relations, notably by addressing the circulation of ideas and ideologies in the light of each region’s socioeconomic, political, and administrative peculiarities, as well as power correlations between markets, nation states and international agencies. These circuits of interaction had a wide purview by encompassing biological materials, pathogenic agents, hosts and diseases, healthcare workers, strategies for controlling disease, and dissemination of the most successful preventive and therapeutic practices.

The programme of the Meeting will feature papers addressing the following topics:

- Medical knowledge and practices: plural histories and traditions
- Actors, pathogenic agents, diseases, and institutions
- International public health policies and networks
- Archives and museums: documents and collections
- Tropical medicine and the environment
- Tropical medicine and bioethics

The 2nd Luso-Brazilian Meeting on the History of Tropical Medicine welcomes proposals for individual papers, but preference will be given to organized sessions of three or more papers.

All proposals should be submitted electronically by 2 March 2015 via our website (available at the end of January).

Presenters will be allotted 20 minutes and their papers may be delivered in Portuguese, and English. However, there will be no simultaneous translation.

If you have any questions related to the scientific programme, paper or session proposals, please, do not hesitate to contact Isabel Amaral (ima@fct.unl.pt) or Jaime Benchimol (jbench@oi.com.br), the chairs of the programme committee.
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