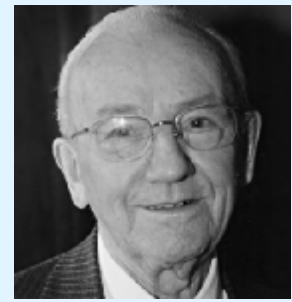
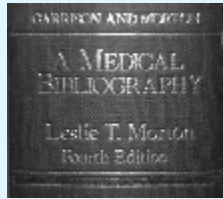


The Leslie Morton Bursary

Connecting the Past to the Future



Leslie Thomas Morton (1907-2004) was an inspirational figure in medical information, bibliography and history. Known to many as the joint (and in practice principal) compiler of “Garrison and Morton”, the definitive bibliography of the history of medicine, he exerted an influence on the profession that was felt far beyond his official positions.



He started his first job in 1923 in the Medical Sciences Library of University College London, and penned his final article in 2003, 80 years later. During his career he held a series of influential senior library posts until he eventually “retired” aged 73 in 1980, though he continued to be actively involved in professional life thereafter.

Throughout his career Leslie gave strong and sustained support to generations of younger librarians. He was a founder member of the Library Association’s Medical Section in 1947 and helped to organize the first International Congress of Medical Librarianship in 1953.

Leslie’s achievements were numerous. His published work forms a lasting monument to his erudition and scholarship. At the British Postgraduate Medical Federation he helped to shape the development of NHS regional library networks in the UK.



His contribution to the profession received international recognition. In 1960 he became the first overseas recipient of the US Medical Library Association’s Marcia C. Noyes Award, and is one of only two people to have received both that and the Cyril Barnard Memorial Prize (1971), the equivalent UK award.

The *Leslie Morton Bursary* honours the memory of one of the true ‘giants’ of medical librarianship. Drawing on a fund first established with donations from friends and former colleagues in both the UK and North America, and with the support of his family and the CILIP Health Libraries Group, the Bursary is intended to support the professional development of librarians working in the health sector. In doing so it seeks to continue Leslie’s lifelong commitment to professional education and development.

Currently small bursaries are awarded annually to support the attendance of health information professionals at international meetings. In addition there are longer term plans to raise more substantial funds for short research projects, undertaken by younger or newly qualified librarians and information professionals and focussing on medical bibliography or medical history, with the aim of ensuring that these areas of especial interest to Leslie Morton are carried forward in the 21st century.

Further information on the Bursary is available from the CILIP HLG website
<http://bit.ly/9YcORZ>