

NEWS FROM HOME AND OVERSEAS

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF UROLOGICAL SURGEONS

THE TWENTY-FIRST Annual General Meeting was held at the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2, on Thursday, 24th June 1965.

The President, Professor Victor Dix, was in the chair.

1. **Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on 17th September 1964, which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed as correct.

2. **Election of New Members.**—The following were elected members on the nomination of the Council: Neville Peter Guest Fischer, Port Elizabeth, South Africa; Norman Frank Greenslade, Christchurch, New Zealand; Denis Christopher O'Sullivan, Cork; Sarinder Man Singh, New Delhi, India.

3. **Report of Council for 1964-65.**—The report of Council for 1964-65, which had been circulated, was received and adopted.

Mr David Band complimented Mr Hanley's Standing Committee on its work.

4. **Report of the Honorary Treasurer and the Balance-sheet to 31st December 1964.**—The audited accounts for the year 1964, which showed a balance on the year's working of £511. 14s. 8d., were presented by the Honorary Treasurer and approved.

5. **Election of Officers.**—The following were elected Officers for 1965-66; *President*, Mr D. S. Poole-Wilson; *Vice-President*, Mr A. W. Badenoch; *Honorary Treasurer*, Mr W. Barr Stirling; *Honorary Secretary*, Mr J. P. Mitchell; *Honorary Editorial Secretary*, Mr B. H. Page.

6. **Election of Members of Council.**—The following were elected members of Council to fill the vacancies: Mr J. Grieve, Dundee; Mr Victor Lane, Dublin; Mr K. Owen, London.

7. **Election of Auditors.**—Messrs Howard, Howes & Co. were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year.

8. **1965 Annual Meeting.**—It was reported that the 1966 Annual Meeting would be held in Manchester from 23rd to 25th June, and that the subject for discussion would be "Chronic Renal Failure."

9. **1967 Annual Meeting.**—It was reported that the 1967 Annual Meeting would be held in London from 22nd to 24th June.

10. **Rules.**—The Council recommend that the following amendments should be made to the Rules:—

RULE 3 to read:—

" *Membership.* Members shall be medical practitioners, fully registered in Great Britain, the Commonwealth, Eire or South Africa (except in the case of Honorary Members and Corresponding Members) and concerned with the practice of urological surgery in one of these countries at the time of their election. There shall be the following classes:—

(a) *Full Members* who shall be consultant urologists engaged actively and exclusively in the practice of this specialty.

(b) *Associate Members* who shall be:

(i) Consultant general surgeons devoting a large part of their time to urology;

- (ii) Junior surgeons of senior registrar grade or equivalent status, and holding a Fellowship in Surgery of one of the Royal Colleges. He should at the time of his nomination for membership be working in a department of urology and under the supervision of a surgeon engaged exclusively in urology.
- (iii) Consultants in other branches of medicine related to urology.
- (c) *Senior Members.* A Full Member who has reached the age of sixty-five shall automatically become a Senior Member. A Full Member, retiring before the age of sixty-five, will be eligible for election to Senior Membership. Such Senior Members shall pay no annual subscription and shall not receive the *British Journal of Urology*.
- (d) *Honorary Members,* who shall usually be overseas surgeons, who have made distinguished contributions to urology and who, as a general rule, have retired from the active staff of their hospitals. They shall pay no annual subscription and shall receive the *British Journal of Urology* free.
- (e) *Corresponding Members* shall be urological surgeons of appropriate standing in foreign countries who have shown a sympathetic and continuous interest in the British Association of Urological Surgeons. They shall have all the rights and privileges of members except that of voting at general meetings. The total number shall not exceed thirty. Each Corresponding Member shall have the right to bring or to send to any Annual Meeting one of his assistants who shall, for the time being, have the status of an Associate Member.

Only Full Members shall be eligible to vote or to be elected to hold office. These two rules shall not apply to the Immediate Past President in the event of his being elected to Senior Membership before or during his term of office.

If the President should become a Senior Member during his term of office this shall not invalidate his Presidency.

These amendments to the Rules will not be retrospective and will not affect the membership status of those elected before 24th June 1965."

RULE 4. Sub-paragraph (c) to read :—

"The Council shall have power to elect such Honorary Members as they think fit, provided they fulfil the conditions of Rule 3(d)."

RULE 10 to be amended to read :—

"The Council shall have power to admit to meetings visitors sponsored by two members of the Association."

These amendments were discussed at length. Mr Tresidder asked whether members felt that the time had yet arrived for these amendments to be made and whether consideration of Full Membership for those who were exclusively urologists should perhaps be postponed. Mr Logie of Aberdeen considered that there was a risk of reducing the number of Full Members below an effective level, as he was not optimistic about the number of appointments of surgeons as exclusive urologists within the near future. Mr Hanley, Professor Pyrah, Mr Moore, Mr Jacobs, and Mr Stirling spoke in favour of the adoption of the Rules. Mr Gibbon raised the question of representation on Council and wondered whether there was to be any means by which the part-time general surgeon, with a considerable interest in urology, could be represented on the Council in future. It was agreed that this point should be raised at the next meeting of Council.

The adoption of the amendments in principle was proposed by Mr Hanley, seconded by Professor Shackman and, at a ballot vote, they were accepted and passed by 36 votes to 5. The President then announced that further details would be considered by Council at its next meeting, but the vote was for "the adoption of the Rules in principle."

11. Urological Prize.—It was reported that Dr T. Coetzee, Welkom, South Africa, had been awarded the 1965 Urological Prize for his essay on "Urinary Diversion."

On Wednesday evening, 23rd June, members and their guests were invited by the President and Council of the Association to a Reception at the Royal College of Surgeons.

After the Business Meeting on Thursday, 24th June, the following short papers were read :—

- (a) "Renal Lymphatics and Pylonephritis." Dr A. T. K. Cockett (Los Angeles, U.S.A.).
- (b) "Uretero-colic Anastomosis with Sigmoid Myotomy." Mr Owen Daniel and Dr R. S. Ram (Rhyl).
- (c) "Ureteric Stone—Management and results of 292 Cases." Mr Miles Fox, Professor L. N. Pyrah, and Mr F. P. Raper (Leeds).
- (d) "Pylonephro-lithotomy and Uretero-calycostomy—a film showing a Technique for Removal of Staghorn or Multiple Renal Calculi." Mr R. T. Turner-Warwick (London).

In the afternoon, members were invited to attend the meeting of the Section of Urology at the Royal Society of Medicine. The title of the symposium was "The Assessment of Renal Function Tests."

The Annual Dinner was held in the evening at the Royal College of Surgeons, and was attended by 170 members and their guests. During the Dinner the St Peter's Medal was presented to Mr Arthur Jacobs.

On Friday, 25th June, a discussion was held on "The Cure and Control of Urinary Incontinence (excluding Enuresis of Childhood)," the openers being :—

Professor J. Lapidès, Mr Martin Claridge, Mr Norman Gibbon, Professor T. N. A. Jeffcoate, Mr Michael Hall ; with a film presented by Dr I. Patton.

In the afternoon a panel discussion on "The Genetics of Intersex" was held, the members of the panel being :— Mr D. Innes Williams (*Chairman*), Professor P. E. Polani, Dr Cedric Carter, Mr W. S. Mack.

The following short papers and film were then given :—

Film :

- (a) "Incontinence and Spina Bifida—Urinary Diversion." Dr E. De Backer (Brussels).

Papers :

- (b) "Urge Incontinence." Mr Howard G. Hanley (London).
- (c) "The use of the Colon as a Conduit in the Treatment of Urinary Incontinence." Mr R. A. Mogg (Cardiff).
- (d) "Results of Operative Treatment of Urinary Incontinence in Women." Professor S. Wesolowski (Warsaw).

In the evening 100 members and their guests attended a performance of ballet at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

On the Saturday morning, 26th June, clinical-pathological demonstrations and discussions were held at : Guy's Hospital (Mr F. R. Kilpatrick and colleagues); Institute of Urology (members of the consultant staff); London Hospital (Mr G. C. Tresidder, Mr J. P. Blandy and colleagues).

At a meeting of the Council held on 24th June 1965 the following were elected Associate Members : D. G. Calvert, F.R.C.S., Bristol; William J. Gall, F.R.C.S., Plymouth; J. Nevill Gibson, F.R.C.S., London; Donald McIntyre, F.R.C.S., Manchester; James Oldfield, F.R.C.S., Middlesbrough; J. E. A. Wickham, F.R.C.S., London; J. P. Williams, M.Ch., F.R.C.S., London.

UROLOGICAL PRIZE ESSAY, 1967

THE British Association of Urological Surgeons offers a prize of £100 for an essay on **The Physiology of Micturition.**

REGULATIONS

Candidates for the prize must be Fellows of one of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons in the British Isles, Canada, Australasia or South Africa who are in the course of urological training or who have obtained consultant posts within seven years of the date of submission of the essay.

The length of the essay should be not more than 30,000 words, exclusive of case reports which may be included as an appendix. It must be typewritten and in English.

Each essay must be distinguished by a motto or device and accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the name and address of the author and having on the outside the corresponding motto or device.

Three assessors will be appointed by the Council to make recommendations on the award of the prize, which will be decided at the B.A.U.S. Council meeting. The Council reserve the right not to make an award in any one year.

The closing date for the receipt of the 1967 prize essay will be 1st January 1967. The assessment will be made by 1st March and the winner will be required to present a summary of his essay at the Annual Meeting of the Association where the prize will be presented. The *British Journal of Urology* will have the option of publishing the winning essay in full or in summary before publication is made elsewhere.

NOTE.—A prize will be offered for an essay every year. The subject of the essay will be in one year a set topic and in alternate years on any matter of the candidate's choosing within the urological field. Candidates for the latter should submit their title for approval to the President before the essay is written.

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J. P. MITCHELL,
Honorary Secretary.

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