

NEWS FROM HOME AND OVERSEAS

SIR ERIC RICHES

SIR ERIC RICHES, on whom the honour of knighthood was recently conferred, has been Chairman of the Executive Committee of the *British Journal of Urology* since 1952. He had previously been a member of this committee for many years.

For some time he has been an outstanding figure in British Urology. He was one of the founders of the British Association of Urological Surgeons in 1945 and he was its first secretary from 1945 to 1948. After holding this office he became Vice-President, and in 1951 was elected President of the Association.

He has been on the staff of The Middlesex Hospital since 1930. He is also on the staff of the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth, St Andrew's Hospital, Dollis Hill, and The Royal Masonic Hospital.

He has had a distinguished association with The Royal College of Surgeons. He was Hunterian Professor in 1938, his subject being "Hydronephrosis: the Results of Conservative Treatment." In 1940 he was elected to the Court of Examiners and served for six years. During this period, in 1942, he was awarded the Jacksonian Prize for an essay on the methods and results of treatment in cases of paralysis of the bladder following spinal injury. In the same year he was Hunterian Professor again, the subject being the same as that of his Jacksonian Prize essay. He was elected to the Council in 1950 and has recently been re-elected for a second period of eight years.

He has been a member of the International Society of Urology since 1936. He was one of the reporters at the meeting of this Society in Athens in 1954 when he read a paper on "Aortography." He is now the British delegate of the Society.

Although it is not possible to give an account of all his activities, no summary of his career would be complete without mentioning his membership of the Medical Society of London. At this Society he has been a regular attender for many years. In 1953 he became President, and he has just delivered the Lettsomian lectures on the subject of neoplasms of the urinary tract.

We congratulate Sir Eric on the public recognition of his services to Urology, and we hope that he will continue to guide the Journal as Chairman of the Executive Committee for many years.

V. W. D.

DINNER TO SIR ERIC RICHES

A Dinner was held at the Savoy Hotel, London, on Thursday, 24th July, under the auspices of the *British Journal of Urology* to mark the occasion of the honour recently conferred on the Chairman of the Editorial Committee by Her Majesty the Queen. Those attending included members of the Editorial Committee of the Journal, past and present officers of the British Association of Urological Surgeons, and members of the Council of the Section of Urology of the Royal Society of Medicine.

Among those present were: Mr A. W. Badenoch, Mr D. Band, Professor V. W. Dix, Mr J. D. Fergusson, Mr A. Jacobs, Mr Charles Macmillan (Chairman of Messrs E. & S. Livingstone Ltd.), Mr A. C. Morson, Professor L. N. Pyrah, Mr R. H. O. B. Robinson, Mr R. Ogier Ward, Professor C. A. Wells, Mr H. P. Winsbury-White.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF UROLOGICAL SURGEONS

THE Fourteenth Annual General Meeting was held at the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2, on 19th June 1958, at 9.30 A.M.

The President, Mr Arthur Jacobs, was in the Chair.

Death.—The President paid a tribute to the memory of the late Lord Webb-Johnson, an Honorary Member of the Association.

Honours.—The President congratulated Mr Riches on behalf of the Association on the honour conferred upon him by Her Majesty the Queen. This was seconded by the Vice-President, Mr Hugh Donovan.

1. **Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th June 1957 were read and signed as correct.

2. **Election of Members.**—The following were elected members on the recommendation of the Council: Arnold Ashworth, Manchester; John Balfour, Vancouver, Canada; Isaac Jacobson, Cape Town; Jacob Daniel de Bruyn Joubert, Cape Town; Peter John Mitford Retief, Cape Town; James William Sutherland, Glasgow; Roland Thornley, Bolton; Robert Baurly Watson, Cape Town.

3. **Report of Council for 1957-58.**—The report of the Council for 1957-58, which had been circulated, was received and adopted.

4. **Report of the Honorary Treasurer and Balance-sheet to 31st December 1957.**—The audited accounts for the year 1957, which showed a surplus on the year's working of £185. 11s. 10d., were presented by the Honorary Treasurer and approved.

The Honorary Treasurer reported that the Association was applying for recognition as a charity for Income Tax purposes.

5. **Election of Officers for 1958-59.**—The following were elected Officers for 1958-59: *Vice-President*, Mr Hugh Donovan; *Honorary Treasurer*, Professor Victor W. Dix; *Honorary Secretary*, Mr J. D. Fergusson; *Honorary Editorial Secretary*, Mr N. M. Matheson.

6. **Election of Members of Council.**—The following were elected Members of Council to fill the vacancies: Mr N. L. Shepperd, Mr D. Innes Williams.

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

8. **1959 Annual Meeting.**—The President reported that the 1959 Annual Meeting would be held in Glasgow on 16th, 17th, and 18th July and that it would be a joint meeting with the Canadian Urological Association.

He stated that the main subject for discussion would be on "Hydronephrosis," and that the opening speakers would be: Professor V. W. Dix, Mr G. F. Murnaghan, Mr Howard G. Hanley, and Mr R. H. O. B. Robinson.

9. **1960 Annual Meeting.**—The President reported that the main discussion at the 1960 Annual Meeting would be on "Calculus Disease in the Upper Urinary Tract."

10. **Rules.**—The following alterations to the Rules were agreed:—

Rule 10.—To read: "The Council shall have power to admit to meetings visitors sponsored by members of the Association."

Rule 14.—The first sentence to read: "The business of the Association shall be conducted by a Council consisting of: The Officers, the Immediate Past President, the President of the Section of Urology of the Royal Society of Medicine (*ex officio*), the Chairman of the Editorial Committee of the *British Journal of Urology* (*ex officio*), and nine ordinary members, three of whom shall retire each year and be ineligible for re-election for one year."

St Peter's Medal.—That the Committee appointed to consider the award of the St Peter's Medal should meet annually.

On Wednesday evening, 18th June, members and their guests were invited by the President and Council to a reception at the Royal College of Surgeons.

After the Business Meeting on Thursday, 19th June, the following short papers were read :—

1. " Urethral Diverticulum in the Female." Mr J. D. Hennessy (Coventry).
2. " The Management of the Decompensated Bladder." Mr John Swinney (Newcastle upon Tyne).
3. " Phæochromocytoma of the Bladder." Dr R. C. B. Pugh (London).
4. " Some Complications following Uretero-ileostomy in the Presence of Advanced Renal Damage." Mr J. H. Johnston (Liverpool).
5. " Cutaneous Ureterostomy for Advanced Lesions of the Urinary Tract in Childhood." Mr P. P. Rickham (Liverpool).

In the afternoon members were invited to attend a meeting of the Section of Urology at the Royal Society of Medicine, at which a paper was given by Dr Willet F. Whitmore of the Memorial Centre, New York, on the " Surgical Treatment of Bladder Tumours." The general discussion on this paper was opened by Mr Hugh Donovan.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Royal College of Surgeons in the evening and was attended by 118 members and their guests.

On Friday morning, 20th June, a discussion on " Carcinoma of the Prostate " was opened by Mr Arthur Jacobs, Dr L. M. Franks, Mr W. H. Graham, Dr J. Bamforth, Mr J. D. Fergusson, and Mr T. J. Millin.

In the afternoon operating sessions and clinical demonstrations were arranged at various London hospitals.

In the evening a Supper-Dance, which was attended by sixty members and their guests, was held at the Savoy Hotel.

On Saturday morning, 21st June, the following short papers were read and a film shown :—

Papers :

1. " Hormone Dependency of Prostatic Cancer studied by Cell-culture Technique." Dr L. Roehl (Lund).
2. " Clinical and Metabolic Observations on Osteomalacia following Uretero-sigmoidostomy." Dr A. R. Harrison (London).
3. " The Artificial Kidney." Dr F. M. Parsons and Dr B. H. McCracken (Leeds).

Film :

- " Retropubic Prostatectomy." Mr A. W. Badenoch (London).

At a meeting of the Council held on 19th June 1958 the following were elected Associate Members: A. G. Butters, F.R.C.S.E., Barnsley; Conrad Latto, F.R.C.S., Reading; Daniel Lenaghan, M.S., F.R.C.S., F.R.A.C.S., Victoria, Australia; Frank M. Parsons, M.B., Ch.B., Leeds; Douglas Tooms, F.R.C.S., London.

B.A.U.S. ANNUAL MEETING, 1959—PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

President—Mr ARTHUR JACOBS, F.R.F.P.S.G.

THE Annual Meeting in Glasgow on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th July 1959, will be held jointly with the Canadian Urological Association. A full programme will be circulated later, but the provisional arrangements are as follows :—

Wednesday, 15th July.	<i>Evening.</i>	Buffet-Supper and Cocktails.
Thursday, 16th July.	<i>Morning.</i>	Business Meeting. Short Papers.
	<i>Afternoon.</i>	Short Papers.
	<i>Evening.</i>	Annual Dinner.
Friday, 17th July.	<i>Morning.</i>	Discussion on " Hydronephrosis."
	<i>Afternoon.</i>	Excursion.
	<i>Evening.</i>	Dinner-Dance.
Saturday, 18th July.	<i>Morning.</i>	Short Papers.
	<i>Afternoon.</i>	Excursion.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
(SECTION OF UROLOGY)

The joint meeting of the British Medical Association with the Canadian Medical Association will be held in Edinburgh from 20th to 24th July 1959, that is, immediately following the meeting of the British Association of Urological Surgeons in Glasgow. For the first time a Section of Urology will be included, and the British office-bearers of this section are as follows: *President*, A. H. Jacobs, F.R.F.P.S.G. (Glasgow); *Vice-President*, David Band, F.R.C.S.E. (Edinburgh); *Local Secretary*, W. Selby Tulloch, F.R.C.S.E. (Edinburgh); *Non-Local Secretary*, J. D. Fergusson, F.R.C.S. (London).

The Science Secretary of the meeting is Professor G. I. Scott, F.R.C.S., 20 Heriot Row, Edinburgh 3. The Secretary of the Canadian Medical Association is Dr A. D. Kelly, Canadian Medical Association, 150 St George Street, Toronto 5.

Bench space is available for photographic or pathological exhibits in the urological section of the museum demonstration. Intending contributors should communicate with Mr David Band, Department of Surgery, University New Buildings, Edinburgh 8, as soon as possible.

It is not yet known whether more than one half-day session will be available for the Section of Urology. Proposals for subjects and speakers should be forwarded to the appropriate honorary secretaries—Mr W. Selby Tulloch, Edinburgh; Mr J. D. Fergusson, London; and Dr A. D. Kelly, Toronto, as soon as possible. Thereafter speakers from each Association will be equally interspersed in an integrated programme approved by the Central Programme Committee and the Science Secretary of the meeting. Presentations to the Section will be limited to a period not exceeding fifteen minutes.

UROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Urological Society of Australasia will be held in Melbourne from 1st to 5th March 1959. Professor Einar Ljunggren of Goteborg will be present at the meeting and will be delivering papers on Genito-Urinary Tuberculosis and Renal Tumours.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF UROLOGY

The Eleventh Congress was held in Stockholm from 25th June to 1st July 1958, and was opened by the President of the Society, Mr Clifford Morson. Over 550 were present including twenty-eight members, many with their wives, and five British visitors. There were other B.A.U.S. members from Australia, Canada, Ireland, and South Africa. The President of the Congress, Professor John Hellström, is an honorary member of B.A.U.S.

The subjects discussed and the names of the British members who took part in them were:—

1. "The Use of Intestinal Grafts in Urology." L. Pyrah and F. P. Raper (Reporters), A. Jacobs, E. W. Riches, D. S. Poole-Wilson. A film was shown by H. G. Hanley.
2. "The Neurogenic Bladder." D. Band (Reporter), J. Cosbie Ross. Films were shown by A. R. C. Higham and J. D. Fergusson.
3. "Essential Renal Hæmaturia." V. Dix, E. W. Riches, W. Mack.
4. "Improvements in Urological Instruments." E. W. Riches.

Short papers were given by H. P. Winsbury-White ("Cystitis of Ascending Origin"), W. Mack ("Klinefelter's Syndrome, a Common Cause of Male Infertility"), and R. Mogg ("Agnesis of the Sacrum and its Relation to Disorders of Micturition").

Owing to the large number of speakers a strict time limit was enforced. The value of the British method of discussion and training in short papers was apparent and none of our speakers was "buzzed off." Simultaneous translation into English, French, and German was provided, and although this was good from the acoustic point of view it failed when the speaker's delivery was too fast.

Our sympathy was often with the translators, but we think they should have a little more knowledge of simple anatomy and should learn to distinguish the ureter from the urethra!

The trade exhibitions were well displayed, and it was pleasing to see the Genito-Urinary Manufacturing Co. represented.

On the last day the Swedish Society of Urology arranged a programme of excellent short papers at the Karolinska Hospital. They included a film of Professor John Hellström's day there, and another, less serious, in which he was impersonated and his daily round caricatured; our Swedish colleagues do not lack a sense of humour.

There was an abundance of social activities; the tour of the city by motor launch gave members their first impressions of the beauty of the Venice of the North and the visit to Skansen with a demonstration of Swedish dancing was greatly enjoyed. One of the highlights of the whole meeting was the boat tour to Drottningholm and the performance at the eighteenth-century theatre of "Il Maestro di Musica." The Town Hall provided a wonderful setting for the Banquet, and the parade of all the participating nations was most impressive.

On Sunday there was a choice of a boat tour to the Archipelago, a bus tour to Skokloster and Upsala, or a seat at the final of the World Football Championship. The weather had been fine until then, and it was unfortunate that rain came on that morning.

On the last evening there was a delightful orchestral concert at the Musée National des Beaux-Arts. In addition to all these festivities there were many private parties, and we are all most grateful to our hosts for their generous hospitality.

Throughout the meeting our way was made easy by the band of students who acted as stewards. A letter of thanks has been sent to Dr Gustav Giertz, the Secretary-General of the Congress.

The Twelfth Congress will be held in Rio de Janeiro in July 1961, under the Presidency of Professor Baena. Mr Clifford Morson has been re-elected President of the Society and Professor Baena, Dr D. M. Davis, and Professor L. Pisani, Vice-Presidents. Professor agr. René Küss remains Secretary and Dr P. Bouteau is Treasurer. All the new British members nominated were elected, but the policy of the Society is to limit any further increase in membership. A waiting list is being formed for the British section, and any suitably qualified urologist who wishes to join is invited to send his name and appointments to me. The subscription for the next triennial period has been fixed at 75 Swiss francs; the newly elected British members will be glad to learn that the subscription they have already paid will be credited towards this sum.

The subjects for discussion at the next Congress will be:—

1. "The Remote Results of Reparative Surgery of the Ureter, excluding Hydronephrosis."
2. "The Effects of Pelvic Irradiation on the Urinary Tract."
3. "The Surgical Treatment of Exstrophy of the Bladder."

Each subject will be subdivided, and we are requested to nominate reporters. For this purpose a meeting of the British Section will be held on *Thursday, 23rd October 1958*, at the Royal Society of Medicine, after the Presidential Address (about 9.15 P.M.). All members are requested to attend.

ERIC RICHES, *Delegate.*

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF UROLOGICAL FILMS

At the International Congress of Urological Films held in Brussels from 18th to 25th June 1958, the film prepared by Mr D. I. Williams, Dr D. Edwards, and the Film Unit of the Institute of Urology (University of London), entitled "Congenital Obstruction of the Bladder Neck and Mega-ureter," was awarded a silver medal.