NEWS FROM HOME AND OVERSEAS

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF UROLOGICAL SURGEONS

THE TWENTY-THIRD Annual General Meeting was held at the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln’s Inn Fields, London, W.C.2, on Thursday, 22nd June, 1967.

The President, Mr D. S. Poole-Wilson, was in the Chair.

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd June, 1966, 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: James Cyril Angell, Ashford; Ronald Bruce Brown, Melbourne, Australia; Francis Arthur Duff, Dublin; Miles Fox, Sheffield; Geoffrey Reginald Gibson, Sydney, Australia; Andrew Gilbert Graham, Glasgow; Richard William Heslop, Hull; Archibald Gardner Hutchison, Glasgow; Brahman Ballon Hyams, Montreal, Canada; Peter Eskett Levers, Newmarket, Ontario, Canada; Peter James Mortensen, Melbourne, Australia; John Ernest Newsam, Edinburgh; Richard Emmott Shaw, Coventry; Philip Henry Smith, Leeds; John Vinnicombe, Portsmouth; John Ewart Alfred Wickham, London.

3. Report of Council for 1966-7.—The report of Council for 1966-7, which had been circulated, was received and adopted.

4. Report of the Honorary Treasurer and the Balance Sheet to 31st December 1966.—The audited accounts for the year 1966, which showed a surplus on the year’s working of £833.2s. 9d., were presented by the Honorary Treasurer and approved.

5. Election of Officers.—The following were elected Officers for 1967-8: President, Mr A. W. Badenoch; Vice-President, Mr W. S. Mack; Honorary Treasurer, Mr Howard G. Hanley; Honorary Secretary, Mr. J. F. R. Withycombe; Honorary Editorial Secretary, Mr J. D. Fergusson.

6. Election of Members of Council.—The following were elected Members of Council to fill the vacancies: Mr J. H. Griffiths, London; Mr C. H. Kinder, London; Mr J. M. Megaw, Belfast.

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

8. 1968 Annual Meeting.—It was reported that the 1968 Annual Meeting would be held in Cardiff from 27th to 29th June, and that the subject for the main discussion would be “The Urethra”.

9. 1969 Annual Meeting.—It was reported that the 1969 Annual Meeting would be held in London from 26th to 28th June.

10. 1967 Provincial (One-day) Meeting.—It was reported that the 1967 Provincial (One-day) Meeting would be held in Bath on 14th October.

11. Canadian Urological Association.—An announcement was made about the 1968 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Urological Association in Bermuda, to which members of the Association were invited.

On Wednesday evening, 21st June, members and their guests were invited by the President and Council of the Association to a Reception at Chandos House, 2 Queen Anne Street, London, W.1.

After the Business Meeting on Thursday, 22nd June, the following short papers were read:—

(a) “Congenital anomaly of the penis” Dr Willard E. Goodwin and Dr Hugh H. Young, II (Los Angeles).

(b) “Clinical experience with renal scanning using Mercury—197.” Mr A. G. Graham, Mr J. S. Scott, Mr I. Kennedy and Mr W. S. Mack (Glasgow).
This essay had been awarded the Urological Prize for 1967 and Mr Smith was presented with the cheque and certificate.

The following film was then shown:

(f) “Repair of A.V. fistula of the kidney.” Dr Joseph J. Kaufman (Los Angeles).

In the afternoon members were invited to attend the meeting of the Section of Urology of the Royal Society of Medicine, at which Mr J. D. Fergusson delivered the Winsbury-White Lecture on “Urological records”.

The Annual Dinner was held in the evening at the Royal College of Surgeons, and was attended by 224 members and their guests. During the Dinner the St. Peter’s Medal was presented to Mr David Innes Williams.

On Friday, 23rd June, a discussion was held on “Urinary diversion”, in which the following papers were given:

(a) “Review of long-term results of uretero-colic anastomosis.” Mr Arthur Jacobs (Glasgow).
(b) “Experiences with urinary diversion, with particular reference to uretero-colic anastomosis (Leadbetter operation).” Dr Wyland F. Leadbetter (Boston).
(c) “Potassium depletion following urinary diversion.” Mr T. J. Davenport and Mr R. E. Williams (Leeds).
(e) “The colonic conduit.” Mr R. A. Mogg (Cardiff).
(g) “Cutaneous ureterostomy.” Mr D. Innes Williams (London).
(h) “Survey of long-term results of total urinary diversion.” Dr J. J. Murphy (Philadelphia).
(j) “Urinary diversion and the neurogenic bladder.” Mr J. Costie Ross (Liverpool).

At the end of the discussion Dr Herbert Brendler (New York) showed a film entitled “Transurethral prostatectomy”.

In the evening 110 members and their guests attended a supper at the United University Club, Suffolk Street, S.W.1, followed by a visit to The Theatre Royal, Haymarket.

On Saturday morning, 24th June, clinico-pathological demonstrations and discussions were held at:

- Institute of Urology (Members of the Consultant Staff).
- Middlesex Hospital (Mr R. T. Turner-Warwick and Colleagues).
- St. Mary’s Hospital (Mr Kenneth Owen and Colleagues).

During the Meeting the prize for the best scientific exhibit was awarded to the Institute of Urology for their exhibit entitled “Regional renal hypothermia for complicated nephrolithotomy”.

At a meeting of the Council held on 22nd June 1967, Colin McCreadie, F.R.C.S., Glasgow, was elected an Associate Member.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF UROLOGY

The Fourteenth Congress of The International Society of Urology was held in Munich from 9th to 14th July under the Presidency of Professor Dr Ferdinand May. The very large attendance included 47 members and observers from Great Britain. The meetings were held in the Congress Hall of the Deutsches Museum where the accommodation was ample and the acoustics excellent. Simultaneous translation of the papers was given in five languages and failed only when the speakers spoke too quickly.

The main subjects for discussion were “Transplantation of the Human Kidney”, “Arterial Hypertension of Renal Origin”, “The Solution of Urinary Calculi” and “Chronic Pyelonephritis”. For the first time round table discussions were introduced. There were no less than
178 papers or films on the programme covering many aspects of urology; 14 speakers from Great Britain took part and all acquitted themselves well.

At the General Assembly on the last day new officers were elected as follows:—President: Prof. S. Gil Vernet, Spain; Vice-Presidents: Prof. J. K. Lattimer, U.S.A.; Prof. J. Charbonneau, Canada; Sir Eric Riches, Great Britain; Prof. T. Ichikawa, Japan; Prof. R. Surra Canard, Argentine. Professor Rene Küss remains as Secretary General and Dr Pierre Bouteau as Treasurer; we are indebted to them for all their hard work.

The first award of the Gold Medal of the Society was made to Professor Bernard Fey.

The creation of new sections for Luxembourg, Iran, S. Korea and East Germany was approved.

After a ballot between Japan, Italy and Australia it was decided by a large majority to hold the fifteenth Congress in 1970 in Tokyo.

The topics provisionally chosen for discussion are:—

1. Vesico-renal reflux.
2. The results of surgery in coralliform lithiasis.

For round table discussions the subjects are to be:—

1. The training of urologists.
2. Cryosurgery in urology.

The treasurer reported a satisfactory financial position; the triennial subscription was fixed at 90 Swiss francs.

Social events were on a lavish scale and included a Bavarian Evening in the Löwenbräu-Keller, a festival performance of “Rosenkavalier” in the magnificent National Theatre, a reception by the Mayor in the Rathaus, many private parties, a reception in Schleissheim Palace by the Prime Minister of Bavaria and a Banquet on the last evening. There was a choice of three whole day excursions on Wednesday, denied to those taking part in the stone discussion. The ladies were given ample opportunities for sight-seeing and visiting museums and art galleries in and around the city.

We are most grateful to our German colleagues for their generous hospitality. It was a memorable congress and was favoured by fine warm weather such as we had in London three years ago.

The British delegate is Mr A. W. Badenoch and the assistant delegate Mr D. S. Poole-Wilson. There will no doubt be vacancies in the British section before the next congress; any candidate must be proposed and seconded by a British member of the Society.

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CANADIAN UROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Members of the British Association of Urological Surgeons have been invited by the President of the Canadian Urological Association to attend and to contribute to the Meeting of that Association, to be held at the Castle Harbour Hotel, Bermuda, from 19th to 22nd May 1968.

Pre-registration will be necessary, and any member of the British Association of Urological Surgeons interested in attending the Meeting should contact Dr. A. H. Irvine, 1105 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, Canada.

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