

Report

The International Medical Society of Paraplegia

The Annual General Meeting of the IMSOP was held at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, England, on 12th May 1987, with the President Professor Alain Rossier in the Chair.

Dr R. Edward Carter, USA, was nominated as President-Elect of the Society. Dr H. L. Frankel, UK, was elected as a Vice-President. Mr I. Nuseibeh, UK, was elected as Secretary, and Mr B. P. Gardner, UK, who had been Assistant Secretary/Treasurer since 1986, was elected as Honorary Treasurer. Mr J. Cosbie Ross, UK, was elected as an Emeritus Member. It was recommended that Dr J. Haftek, Poland; Dr D. J. Brown, Australia; and Dr N. Spanos, Cyprus, should be invited to accept election to the Council. Ninety two new Members including 12 Associate Members were accepted. The Society Medal, which is given annually to a particularly distinguished doctor was presented this year to Professor Alain Rossier, who expressed his sincere thanks.

The President reported that the Society had been accepted as a Member of the World Health Organization. He notified the Meeting and expressed the Society's appreciation to Dantec Elektronik, Copenhagen, for the valuable prize in the form of a new flow-meter, the Urodyn 1000, for the best lecture or poster relating to urinary disorders and difficulties.

Dr Frankel reported the deaths of Dr J. Benassy, France; Dr R. Gjone, Norway; Dr P. J. Kleyn, South Africa; and Dr M. Melzer, Israel.

Mr Nuseibeh presented the Honorary Treasurer's Report for 1986 and it was noted that the Society was in a continuing sound financial position.

The Editor of the Journal was unable to be present because of a recent illness, and Mr J. Cosbie Ross, the Senior Assistant Editor, gave the Editor's Report.

Dr P. Dollfus, the Chairman of the Scientific Committee gave his Report to the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

The venues for future Scientific Meetings of the Society are:

- 1988 Perth, Western Australia; Organising Chairman, Sir George Bedbrook.
- 1989 Rome, Italy; Organising Chairman, Professor S. Giacobini.
- 1990 Tel Aviv, Israel; Organising Chairman, Dr A. Ohry.
- 1991 USA or Stoke Mandeville.
- 1992 possibly Spain.

There will be Regional Meetings of the Society:

- 1988 Seoul, Korea.
- 1989 probably Poland (Dr J. Haftek).

The subjects for the Meeting, 10th – 12th May, 1988 in Perth, Western Australia are:

- (a) Methods of assessing neurological regeneration and adaptation after spinal cord injury, including documentation and controversial issues.
- (b) Problems of staffing and care, both in hospital and during extended care, including bowel and urological evaluations.
- (c) Preventive methods in general with particular reference to early nursing care.
- (d) 'The Locked-In Syndrome' – communicative problems in total skeletal paralysis.

The subjects for the Meeting in Rome in 1989 are:

- (a) Difficulties in the organisation and financing of treatment of patients with spinal cord lesions – including provision of aids and appliances.
- (b) Prevention and treatment of pressure sores.
- (c) Spasticity.
- (d) Social implications of spinal cord lesion at hospital and community level.
- (e) Ageing of spinal man.
- (f) Walking orthoses and electrical stimulation.
- (g) The role of clinical psychology and counselling in spinal cord injury centres.
- (h) Para-Articular Ossification.

Half-day Seminar on: The basic principles of the urological care of the spinal cord lesion.

The International Medical Society of Paraplegia is keen to attract further New Members, and application for Membership should please be sent to the Honorary Secretary, International Medical Society of Paraplegia, National Spinal Injuries Centre, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 8AL, UK (Tel. No. 0296 84111).