

Notices

Report International Medical Society of Paraplegia

At the Annual General Meeting of IMSOP, held in June 1990 in Tel Aviv, Israel, Dr R.E. Carter was re-elected President; Air Marshal A. S. Chahal was elected as Vice-President on the retirement of Dr T. Ikata, and Dr H. Madersbacher was re-elected as Vice-President. Drs Donovan, Kim, Murray, Natvig and Wyndaele retired from the Council, and Drs Heilporn, Stien, and Montero were elected to the Council along with the re-election of Drs D. J. Brown, Haftek and Spanos. Professor T. Amako (Japan) was elected an Emeritus Member of the Society. Dr Paul Dollfus (France) was awarded the 1990 Society Medal.

The venues for future Annual Scientific Meetings of IMSOP will be:

- 1991 Stoke Mandeville Hospital, UK, 15-17 May.
- 1992 Barcelona Spain, September.
- 1993 Gent, Belgium.

Regional Meetings will be:

- 1991 2nd Scientific Meeting of the Scandinavian Medical Society of Paraplegia, Copenhagen, Denmark, 6-8 September.
- 1992 Spinal Injuries Association, Toronto, Canada, May.

The subjects for the 1992 Meeting were confirmed:

1. Spinal cord lesions in childhood.
2. Spinal cord lesions in developing countries.
3. Neurological changes after conservative versus surgical treatment.
4. Recent advances in the investigation of spinal cord lesions.

In addition there may be a Session with invited reviews on 'Prevention of the Secondary Lesion'.

The following subjects for the 1993 Meeting were proposed:

1. The prevention of spinal cord injuries—traumatic and non-traumatic.
2. Metabolic effects and spinal cord lesion.
3. Early management of the male and female bladder.
4. Post-traumatic syringomyelia.

In addition there may be a Session with invited instructional reviews on 'Autonomic nervous system pharmacology—including the lower urinary tract'.

The President reported on the Spinal Injuries Workshop, held in Pune, India in 1989; on Scholarships from the Society, and on the representation of the Society at United Nations Meetings when necessary. Dr H.L. Frankel gave a report on the Membership Committee and Dr Paul Dollfus reported on the activities of the Scientific Sub-Committee. Other topics discussed included the relationship between clinical and basic research, press releases, classification of the Spinal Cord Injury as used by ASIA and a proposal to review the Constitution of the Society annually.

The Editorial Board of '*Paraplegia*'

In the absence of the Editor, the Meeting was chaired by Mr W.S. El Masri, Assistant Editor. It was announced with great regret that Mr James Cosbie Ross and Dr James McGregor had died. Seven new members of the Board were welcomed: Professor J.C. Barbenel (UK), Dr F. Braga (Brazil), Professor R.A. Frowein (Germany), Professor T. Penteleyni (Hungary), Dr M. Sarrias (Spain), Dr R. Stien (Norway) and Dr Roberta B. Trieschmann (USA). Ten Members of the Board and retired: Dr Y. Borel (USA), Mr I.P. Cast (UK), Dr P.J. Delwaide (Belgium), Professor A. De Troyer (Belgium), Dr J. Hanrahan (Australia), Dr E.H. Kass (USA), Professor V. Paeslack (Germany), Dr B.T. Shahani (US), Dr P.W. Skerritt (Australia), and Dr Young Soo Kim (Korea). They were warmly thanked for their assistance with the Journal.

The '*Paraplegia*' Prize was awarded to Dr P. Daverat for his paper 'Initial Factors Predicting Functional Performance in Traumatic Paraplegia'.

The Editor is delighted to announce that his recommendation to increase the number of issues of the Journal from 9 to 12, that is, making the Journal a monthly scientific publication, was approved by the Council and the A.G.M. of the Society, so that from the beginning of January 1992 there will be 12 issues per year.

Other main points discussed were the new Information Leaflet for the Journal; the Report from the Publishers, Churchill Livingstone; the backlog of manuscripts; Dr Dollfus's request for Basic Research papers to be published as soon as possible after the IMSOP Meeting in May 1991; the question of Abstracts and the rejection rate of Journal papers.

The next Editorial Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday 14 May, 1991 in Stoke Mandeville Hospital prior to the Annual Scientific Meeting of IMSOP.

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Editor