

## Report

# The International Medical Society of Paraplegia

The Annual General Meeting was held on 15th May 1991, in Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Bucks, England, with the President, Dr Edward Carter in the Chair.

The following changes and appointments were made: President elect- Dr Paul Dollfus; Vice-President—Dr J. J. Wyndaele (Dr Frankel retires but remains an ex-officio member of Council); Council Members—Dr F. W. A. van Asbeck and Dr D. Apple (re-elected), Dr W. Donovan (USA), Dr J. R. Ditunno (USA), Dr U. Botel (Germany), Dr G. Exner (Germany), Dr M. Hamza (Egypt) and Dr R. Jones (Australia) were elected. Dr H. Gerner and Professor A. Ohry retired. Mr I. Nuseibeh was re-elected Honorary Secretary and Mr B. P. Gardner was re-elected Honorary Treasurer. Emeritus Member—Dr Alan Hardy. Senior Members: Dr J. Ducassou (France), Dr B. Eskesen (Denmark) and Dr J. Stoop (Netherlands). 1991 Society Medallist—Dr R. Edward Carter.

The President, the Hon. Secretary (Mr I. Nuseibeh), the Business Manager (Mr D. Clay) and the Hon. Treasurer (Mr B. Gardner) gave their Reports. Members had received copies of the revised Constitution, the Annual Accounts, the Society's Newsletter, and information about the 1991 Scientific Meeting.

There were reports from the Scientific, the Membership and Finance Sub-Committees.

### **These subjects for the 1992 Scientific Meeting of the Society were decided upon:**

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 reviewers on: Advances in the prevention of molecular secondary post-traumatic spinal cord lesion (Steroids, Lazoroids, Vitamin E, TRH, Ca Channel Blockers, etc.) This Meeting will take place in Barcelona, Spain from 8th to 10th September 1992 and the Organiser is Dr M. Sarrias, Institut Guttmann, Barcelona, Spain.

### **The proposed subjects for the 1993 Scientific Meetings of the Society to be held in Gent, Belgium are:**

1. The prevention of spinal cord injuries—traumatic and non-traumatic.
2. Metabolic effects and spinal cord lesions.
3. Early management of the paralysed male and female urinary bladder.
4. Post-traumatic syringomyelia.
5. Autonomic nervous system pharmacology—including the lower urinary tract.

**The proposed subjects for the 1994 Meeting, which will most likely to be held in Japan, are:**

1. After care of spinal lesions: needs and solutions in developed and developing countries.
2. Long term effects and problems of intermittent self-catheterization.
3. Advances in the bio-mechanics of the spine, including spinal stabilization.
4. Sexuality and fertility in spinal cord lesions.
5. Recent advances in the prevention and management of pressure sores.

**The venue of the 1995 Meeting will be Austria.**

A Regional Meeting will be held in association with ASIA (The American Spinal Injury Association) in Toronto, Canada: 8th–12th May 1992.

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