Isaac Nuseibeh

Isaac Nuseibeh was awarded the Society Medal for 1994. The Medal was bestowed on him by the president at the society's annual dinner held in Kobe, Japan on 2nd June 1994 during the Annual Scientific Meeting of IMSOP.

Isaac was born in Hebron, Palestine and studied medicine at Alexandria University, qualifying in 1960. He came to England in 1963 and after completing his general surgical training he became registrar at the Regional Spinal Injuries Unit in Southport from where he subsequently came to the National Spinal Injuries Centre at Stoke Mandeville Hospital as a senior registrar and was appointed a consultant in spinal injuries to that centre in 1975.

In addition to his general clinical work in spinal injuries, he has specialised in spinal urology and the treatment of pressure sores. He is the leading exponent of the direct surgical closure of pressure sores without the use of flaps. His research work has mainly concentrated on the mechanisms of stone formation in paraplegia in association with RG Burr, and on the mechanisms underlying the causation and recurrence of pressure sores, in association with KM Bogie and DL Bader. He is in great demand throughout the world, not only to lecture in his chosen subjects, but also to demonstrate his operative techniques on pressure sores. He has lectured widely in the United Kingdom, Europe, North America, the Mediterranean area, the Middle East and the Far East. He has been an acknowledged force in establishing spinal injuries centres in the Middle East.

He became honorary treasurer of the International Medical Society of Paraplegia in 1975 and continued in that post until he became honorary secretary in 1986. He has been an outstandingly effective honorary secretary and has loyally assisted each of the presidents in the development of the society.

He is married to Sandra and has four children. He loves good company and good food. In the little time that he has away from work he interests himself in gardening and supports medical charities.

Hans Frankel