

British Association of Dermatology

LONDON 1969

THE 49th Annual Meeting of the British Association of Dermatology was held at the Royal College of Physicians in London on July 17th-19th under the Presidency of Dr G. B. Mitchell-Heggs.

At the Annual General Meeting the following officers were elected for the session 1969-70:

President	Dr I. B. Sneddon.
Immediate Past President	Dr G. B. Mitchell-Heggs.
Vice President	Dr G. A. Grant-Peterkin.
Hon. Treasurer	Dr O. L. S. Scott.
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Executive Committee: Dr A. J. Barlow, Dr G. A. Beck, Dr H. T. Calvert, Dr R. H. Marten, Prof. J. A. Milne, Dr I. Sarkany, Dr P. A. J. Smith, Dr Clifford Stuart, Dr R. D. Sweet.

Prof. J. A. Capetenakis, Prof. H. Götz, Prof. A. Cordero, Dr Eugene M. Farber, Dr Jean Héwitt, Prof. A. Padilha-Gonzales, Prof. J. Piñol-Aguadé and Dr D. J. H. Vermeer were elected Honorary Foreign Members.

The following Ordinary Members were elected: Dr Suzanne Alexander, Dr Joseph Barnes, Dr Donal B. Buckley, Prof. R. A. Cawson, Prof. B. E. D. Cooke, Dr P. W. M. Copeman, Dr R. L. Cormic, Dr W. J. Cunliffe, Dr T. D. O'Connor Donelan, Dr R. B. Fountain, Dr P. W. Grant, Dr F. A. Ive, Dr P. E. Kilby, Dr C. Long, Dr F. O. Meenan, Dr D. M. Mitchell, Dr J. H. S. Pettit, Dr E. J. Raffle, Dr T. J. Ryan, Dr T. W. Stewart, Dr John Turk, Dr Henry Viani, and Dr R. S. Wells.

It was announced that the next Annual Meeting would be held in Sheffield on July 10th-12th, 1970 and that a one-day meeting would be held at the Middlesex Hospital, London, on March 7th, 1970.

The comfort and dignity of the new buildings of the Royal College of Physicians provided an ideal setting for an outstanding meeting. The many guests included members of the Dutch Dermatological Society, who made a notable contribution to the scientific programme and, together with their wives, an equally welcome contribution to the social activities.

The main theme of the first day's programme was paediatric dermatology, but the papers presented on that and the following day ranged widely. Many of the papers have been or will shortly be published in this Journal.

Ultrastructural Observations on Developing Human Skin — Prof. A. S. Breathnach and E. Jacqueline Robins.

Development of the Cutaneous Microcirculation in the Newborn — Drs P. Perera, A. K. Kurban and T. J. Ryan.

The Prognosis and Treatment of Histiocytosis "X" — Prof. R. K. Winkelmann and Dr E. O. Burgert.

Letterer-Siwe Disease, Report of Seven Cases. — Drs D. Burrows and A. M. T. Kelly

Immunity Deficiency Syndromes. — Dr N. R. Rowell.

A Case Allied to the Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome. — Dr H. Mawhinney.

Some Clinical and Fundamental Aspects of Erythropoietic Protoporphyrina in Children. — Drs D. Suurmond, J. van Steveninck and L. N. Went.

Juvenile Dermatomyositis Compared with the Adult Type. — Drs E. B. D. Hamilton, B. M. Ausell and Prof. E. G. L. Bywaters.

- Amphylectoid Purpura with Particular Relationship to Renal Involvement. Dr Barbara M. Ansell.
- Principles of Genetic Counselling. Dr R. S. Wells.
- Angiokeratoma Corporis Diffusum (Fabry). Dr W. P. De Groot.
- Morphological Varieties of Atopic Eczema. Dr R. H. Meera.
- Umbilical Granulomata With Particular Reference to Tale Granuloma. Dr D. I. McCallum.
- Molluscum Contagiosum—An Immuno-Histochemical Study. Dr G. L. Kulsbeck.
- Idiopathic Atrophy of the Nails. Dr P. D. Samman.
- Inflammatory Angiomatous Nodules with Abnormal Blood Vessels Occurring about the Ear and Scalp (Pseudo- or Atypical Pyogenic Granuloma). Drs E. Wilson Jones and S. S. Bleehen.
- A case of Hypersensitivity to Corticosteroids. Dr S. Comaish.
- Efficacy of Certain Topically Applied Light Screens. Drs W. Fram-Bell and T. M. MacLeod.
- The Effect of Locally Applied Barbiturates on the Oxygen Consumption of Skin. Drs P. F. D. Naylor and N. T. S. Evans.
- Cutaneous Leishmaniasis in the United Kingdom—A Ten Year Survey. Drs R. Workman Carslaw, L. Taylor and J. Duff.
- Nasal Sarcoidosis. Drs D. I. Porter, C. J. Stevenson and M. Munro-Black.
- Treatment of Porphyria by Metabolic Alkalization. Dr P. W. M. Copeman.
- Pustular Psoriasis in the Young. Dr D. Stevanović.
- Hair-Cysts. Dr R. Mason Bohm.

The Clinical Meeting was held at St Mary's Hospital.

The President's Reception at Chandos House and the Annual Dinner at the Royal College of Physicians were both highly successful occasions.

The Bowers-Sneddon Sailing Trophy was won by Dr J. W. Carslaw and the Dowling-McCaw Golfing Trophy by Dr P. W. Grant.

At the luncheon at St. Mary's Hospital which concluded the meeting Dr Tom Anderson in thanking the President and Dr Mitchell-Heggs and the local Secretary Dr Michael Feiwel and Mrs Feiwel for their hospitality and their efficient organization gave expression to the unanimous sentiments of members and guests.

Books

Essays on Tropical Dermatology. Edit. R. D. G. PIE SIMONS and J. MARSHALL (1969). Amsterdam: Excerpta Medica Foundation. Pp. 283 + vii. Illustrated. Price £8 7s. 0d.

The late Robert Simons planned a collection of essays to supplement his *Handbook of Tropical Dermatology* which was published in 1952. After his death Dr James Marshall was invited to edit the new volume. In his preface he outlines the principles on which he has replanned the book and selected his material; the emphasis has been placed on conditions not included in the 1952 volume or in which fundamental advances have taken place since that year. In his choice of topics and of authors he has shown excellent judgment for the 28 chapters, each on average less than 10 pages in length, effectively cover a very wide field and contain much that is of interest and of practical importance to every dermatologist in whatever latitude he practises.

Wassermann's chapter on melanin pigmentation provides a fascinating review of contemporary knowledge and hypotheses on the biological significance of melanin. Koop's account of sarcoidosis, with special reference to a tropical environment, is also of general interest. Four chapters are concerned with leprosy, 5 with mycoses, 7 with protozoal and other parasitic diseases. The remainder cover a wide variety of topics from Sabra dermatitis to kwashiorkor. Almost all the chapters achieve their object, but one is much too brief to be helpful and another, although it is devoted to a disease of great medical and economic importance, cites no reference more recent than 1954.

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