Annual General Meeting

Annual Meeting of the British Association of Dermatologists

The 59th Annual Meeting of the British Association of Dermatologists was held in London from 4 to 7 July 1979 under the Presidency of Dr Stephen Gold; the Local Secretary was Dr K.V. Sanderson. The number of members and guests attending was 332 and in addition several wives were present. The official guests this year were from the Netherlands Dermatological Society and we were pleased to welcome ten members, some of whom were accompanied by their wives.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon, 4 July as it had been at the 58th Annual Meeting in Nottingham and there was considerable discussion about the future training of dermatologists and the staffing of consultant posts.

The scientific presentations were given at the Royal College of Physicians, Regents Park, and the accommodation in the lecture theatre was over-tested by the numbers attending. Twenty-five papers were presented and the three guest lecturers were Dr Martin Beare, Dr Richard Dobson and Dr Peter Richards.

The Librarian at the Royal College of Physicians arranged an exhibition of books of dermatological interest which was greatly admired.

Because of the large numbers of people attending, the official reception was held partly at the Royal Hospital Chelsea and partly at Chandos House.

The social events included a very successful 1-day visit to Leeds Castle on Thursday, 5 July, afternoon visits to Hampton Court and the Physic Garden at Chelsea on 6 July followed that evening by the annual dinner at the Savoy Hotel when 289 members and guests attended.

The Dowling McCaw Golf Cup was won by Dr J.A. Savin, Dr Paul August and Dr E.N.M. Johnson. The Bowers/Sneddon Sailing Trophy was won by Dr Peter Bowers.

There were eleven excellent entries in the scientific poster exhibition and the Bristol Cup was awarded to Dr Fenella Wojnarowska and her two collaborators.

The Clinical Meeting was held at St George's Hospital Medical School, Tooting on Saturday, 7 July where, in addition to the thirty-four cases, there was an outstanding exhibition of moulages and microscopic drawings and paintings by Miss Alice Gretener, together with a display of old dermatological books and atlases.

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