

GENERAL NOTES

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF OTOLARYNGOLOGISTS

RUEDI TRUST FUND

THE British Association of Otolaryngologists has been entrusted with a sum of money to be devoted to the financial assistance of British postgraduates studying otolaryngology in Switzerland. Information can be obtained from the Secretary of the Association, 45 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2.

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

AND

THE INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY

OTOLARYNGOLOGY LECTURES AT THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS AT 5.30 P.M.

1952

March 6th. MR. P. R. ALLISON. "The Treatment of Carcinoma of the Oesophagus."

April 3rd. SIR CHARLES SYMONDS. "Intracranial Thrombophlebitis."

May 1st. DR. H. A. LUCAS. "The Histopathology of Sinusitis."

July 3rd. PROFESSOR DAVID SLOME. "The Physiology of the Nasal Blood Vessels."

SPECIAL LECTURES AT THE INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY, GRAY'S INN ROAD, AT 11.30 A.M.

1952

May 3rd. PROFESSOR S. PODVINEC (Zagreb). "Physiology and Pathology of the Soft Palate", with film on a Plastic Operation for Open Rhinophonia.

MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS IN OPHTHALMOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY, 1952-53

THE Medical Research Council invite applications for Travelling Fellowships in Ophthalmology and Otology for the academic year 1952-53, for which special provision has been made by the Alexander Pigott Wernher Memorial Trustees. Under the terms of the bequest from which these awards are made, the funds are to be applied "towards the prevention and cure of blindness and deafness in the United Kingdom and British Empire and in

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particular research in connection therewith by financing medical men and students within the Empire to study methods and practices in all countries of the world ”.

These Fellowships are intended for suitably qualified medical graduates who are likely to profit by a period of work in Ophthalmology or Otology at a centre abroad before taking up positions for higher teaching and research in these branches of medical science. Candidates will be required to submit an outline of their proposals for study or research and to indicate their preference as to place of work. The awards will, as a rule, be tenable for one year.

The Fellowships provide for the payment of stipend, together with an allowance for travelling and incidental expenses. The stipend will ordinarily be at the rate of £650 per annum for a single Fellow, and of £900 per annum for a married Fellow, subject to appropriate adjustment in the case of Fellowships tenable at centres outside the sterling area.

Forms of application for these Fellowships may be obtained from the Secretary, Medical Research Council, 38 Old Queen Street, London, S.W.1, with whom applications must be lodged by the *31st March, 1952*.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF OTOLARYNGOLOGISTS

ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1950-51

COUNCIL

THE Council has met five times during the year, and each meeting has been well attended.

Representatives of the Army and Royal Air Force Medical Services have in the past served on the Council as co-opted members. The Council has now decided to co-opt, in addition, a representative of the Royal Naval Medical Service.

MEMBERSHIP

The Council regret to have to report the death of Mr. G. A. Carter, Mr. C. A. Francis and Mr. Norman Patterson, members of the Association.

Sixteen candidates for membership have been proposed and seconded and after consideration by the Council have been nominated for election at the Annual General Meeting. During the year six members have resigned and two members have been removed from the list owing to the fact that they were in arrears with their subscriptions. The total membership is at present 302.

A request from the otolaryngologists in Southern Ireland that they should be eligible for membership of the Association and be represented on the Council has been considered. Owing to the terms of the constitution, however, it has not been possible to accede to this request. The Council hope that those Irish otolaryngologists who have retained their British nationality will join the Association.

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REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Mr. V. E. Negus has been co-opted to the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons for 1951-52 as the representative of otolaryngology.

Mr. W. A. Mill has been nominated to serve on the Committee of Management of the Institute of Laryngology and Otology in place of Mr. Mollison, who wished to resign.

CRITERIA FOR CONSULTANTS IN OTOLARYNGOLOGY

The Association was requested by the Royal College of Surgeons to draw up recommendations regarding the training of consultants in otolaryngology and the following memorandum was submitted :—

“ It is recommended that the training for consultant otolaryngologists should occupy not less than six years after qualification. All the appointments during this time should be adequately paid. It is recommended that the following appointments at approved hospitals should be held during this period, but not necessarily in the order set out :

“ 1. Eighteen months in house appointments, one period preferably being in an ear, nose and throat department.

“ 2. Two and a half years of general surgery and otolaryngology, probably in a registrar appointment, at the end of which time the trainee should have gained the Diploma of Fellowship of one of the Royal Colleges or equivalent degree of a University.

“ This should be followed by a further two years' experience in the specialty in a responsible post, preferably as a senior registrar to an ear, nose and throat unit, during which time he would carry out, under the supervision of consultants, the work of the clinic in the out-patient department, the wards and the operating theatre. He should also receive instruction in methods of research and should be encouraged to carry out investigations on his own account.

“ During some of this period he might be released from his duties at his own hospital to attend other clinics at home or abroad or to be interchanged with an officer occupying a corresponding appointment elsewhere.

“ Special consideration should be given to any registrar who has had extensive training in another specialty, should he wish to transfer to that of otolaryngology.

“ A higher degree or diploma of fellowship is an essential qualification for appointment as a consultant.

“ It is recognized that the practice of otolaryngology is and must be for some time carried on in certain instances by consultants who do not conform to the standard recommended, and it is not desired to interfere with the status of such practitioners. It is also realized that some research and other workers may well reach the status of consultant as a result of their special experience. It is recommended, however, that future consultants should possess the requisite qualifications.”

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The recommendations contained in the memorandum submitted by the Royal College of Surgeons to the Ministry of Health on the criteria for the training of consultants differed very considerably from those put forward by the Association and the Council felt that many of them did not apply to otolaryngology. The Council decided, therefore, that a copy of the Association's memorandum should be sent direct to the Ministry of Health.

OTOLARYNGOLOGICAL SERVICE

The Council is at present engaged in drawing up a report on the otolaryngological service throughout the country, with reference to the present and required establishment of consultants and registrars. It has been agreed that 1 consultant working 8 sessions or notional half-days can cover the needs of 100,000 population.

AUDIOGRAPHS

The report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider uniformity in audiograph charts in general and the memorandum on the subject submitted by the Medical Committee of the Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital has been approved by the Council and a copy of the report has been sent to each member of the Association. It has been suggested that there should be a gummed edge on the back of the form so that it can be easily attached to the patient's notes. Messrs. H. K. Lewis and Co. have agreed to undertake the printing of the forms.

JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN OTOLARYNGOLOGY

The Council has accepted the following recommendations of the Joint Advisory Committee :

1. That the bureau be known as "The bureau for post-graduate students in otolaryngology" and that the name of the Committee be changed to "The joint committee of the bureau for post-graduate students in otolaryngology".

2. That the following be substituted for paragraphs 2 and 3 of the original memorandum explaining the constitution and objects of the Committee :

"To establish and manage at the Institute of Laryngology and Otology, 330-332 Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.1, a bureau for the following purposes :

"(a) To advise post-graduate students in otolaryngology either by interview or correspondence in regard to courses and training facilities, and where possible to give guidance to such students in regard to posts as House Surgeons and Registrars in otolaryngological departments or hospitals.

"(b) To assist those departments and hospitals in obtaining and selecting suitable applicants to fill vacancies in posts of House Surgeons and Registrars."

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RECOGNITION OF POST OF HOUSE SURGEON TO EAR, NOSE AND THROAT DEPARTMENTS FOR THE PRE-REGISTRATION YEAR

The Council has recommended to the three Royal Colleges that the post of ear, nose and throat house surgeon should be considered as one of those recognized for the pre-registration year.

DIPLOMA IN LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY

Two advertisements recently appeared in the *British Medical Journal* for ear, nose and throat and eye house surgeons, which stated that the posts were recognized for the D.L.O. The Honorary Secretary took the matter up with the Examining Board in England as he was of the opinion that such a post to qualify for the D.L.O. had to be entirely in ear, nose and throat work. The Secretary of the Examining Board replied saying that a number of hospitals were recognized both for the D.O. and the D.L.O. and it was possible that the Committee of Management had in the past recognized a single appointment in charge of beds in both these specialties. When this had been the case, however, the Committee had satisfied themselves that the combined experience gained had been considered as sufficient to comply with the intention of the regulations even though the work had not been full-time in one department. The Council decided that no further action could be taken in this matter, but it was recommended that any member of the Council who was also a member of the Committee of Management of the Examining Board should be particularly vigilant in regard to the recognition of hospitals for the D.L.O.

JOURNAL OF LARYNGOLOGY

The Council has considered the possibility of making the *Journal of Laryngology and Otology* the official journal of the Association and the specialty combined. It was decided to enter into negotiations with the Directors of the *Journal*, and a special Committee was appointed for this purpose. A meeting of the Committee was held and a letter was subsequently sent asking whether the Directors would accede to the request to place the *Journal* under the control of the Association.

A reply has been received from the Chairman of the Directors saying :

- (a) that the Directors are not prepared to change the ownership of the *Journal* ;
- (b) that Mr. Scott Stevenson has been appointed assistant editor ;
- (c) that the Directors are prepared to arrange for the acquisition of shares in the *Journal* by members of the Association so that control of the *Journal* may be spread more widely amongst active otolaryngologists.

Fifty-six shares have subsequently been offered to members of the Association.

RUEDI TRUST

The Committee has reported that 500 National Savings Certificates have been purchased with £375 of the Trust money and after meeting legal expenses and advertising costs there is a balance of £209 2s. 11d. remaining in the Bank.

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During the past year a notice regarding the Ruedi Trust has been inserted in the *Journal of Laryngology* and the *British Medical Journal*. No application has been received for a grant. It has been decided to advertise again inviting applications for a grant.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY

The Council has decided to allocate £375 of the Association's accumulated surplus towards the cost of printing the Proceedings of the International Congress of Otolaryngology.

ASSOCIATION DINING CLUB

The Council has decided to limit the number of dinners to three during a session and that these shall be held in November, February and May. Mr. J. C. Hogg has been elected dinner secretary in place of Mr. Formby and Mr. Mill, who wished to resign.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF OTOLARYNGOLOGISTS

At the Annual General Meeting held at the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2, on Friday, December 7th, 1951, the following were elected Officers for 1951-52 :

<i>President :</i>	Mr. V. E. Negus.
<i>Vice-President :</i>	Mr. F. C. W. Capps.
<i>Hon. Secretary :</i>	Mr. Myles L. Formby.
<i>Hon. Treasurer :</i>	Mr. W. A. Mill.

The election of the following Members of Council to the six vacancies was confirmed :

<i>London :</i>	Mr. C. Gill-Carey.
<i>Northern England :</i>	Mr. J. Gray, Sheffield. Prof. V. F. Lambert, Manchester.
<i>Southern England :</i>	Mr. Philip Scott, Exeter.
<i>Scotland :</i>	Mr. I. P. J. McNaughton, Aberdeen.
<i>Wales :</i>	Mr. D. B. Sutton, Newport.

The report of Council was received and adopted.

The audited accounts for 1950-51, which showed a balance on the year's working of £62 2s. 4d., were approved.

The following were elected members of the Association on the nomination of the Council :

Alfred Bernard Alexander, London.
Philip Hulme Beales, Doncaster.
Alan George Gibb, Dundee.
Peter Harold Huggill, London.
Raymond Thomas Hinde, Exeter.
Colin McKie Johnston, Swindon.

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Peter Francis Kind (Squadron Leader, R.A.F.).
David Gerald Lloyd-Davies, London.
George Campbell McKinlay, Glasgow.
Stuart Radcliffe Mawson, London.
Reginald Thomas May (Surgeon Commander, R.N.).
Geoffrey Morey, Lincoln.
Walter John Ogilville Page, Carlisle.
Douglas Ranger, London.
Christopher Smallwood Savage, Chelmsford.
Alfred Geddes Tresidder, London (Lieutenant-Colonel, I.M.S. (ret.)).

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

REPORT, DATED THE 29TH NOVEMBER, 1951, OF THE COURT OF EXAMINERS.
THE Court of Examiners reports to the Council that on October 30th and 31st, November 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, 1951, 19 candidates presented themselves for the Final Examination for the Fellowship (Otolaryngology), 5 of whom acquitted themselves satisfactorily.

The following are the names of the 5 candidates who are, therefore, entitled, subject to the approval of the Council, to the Diploma of Fellow :

Name.	Address.	Qualifications.	School.
Bartlett, Denis.	20 Embercourt Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey.	L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., M.B., B.S. London.	St. Barts.
McNeill, Kenneth Augustus.	Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1.	L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., M.B., B.S. London.	St. Barts.
Zwiefach, Eliasz.	170 Holland Road, W.14.	M.D. Cracow, 1938.	Cracow.
Hadfield, Esmé Havelock.	Flat 23, 6-9 Charterhouse Square, E.C.1.	B.M., B.Ch. Oxford, 1945.	Oxford.
Freeman, Granville.	Stoneycroft, Slaithwaite, near Huddersfield, Yorks.	B.M., B.Ch. Oxford, 1947.	Oxford.

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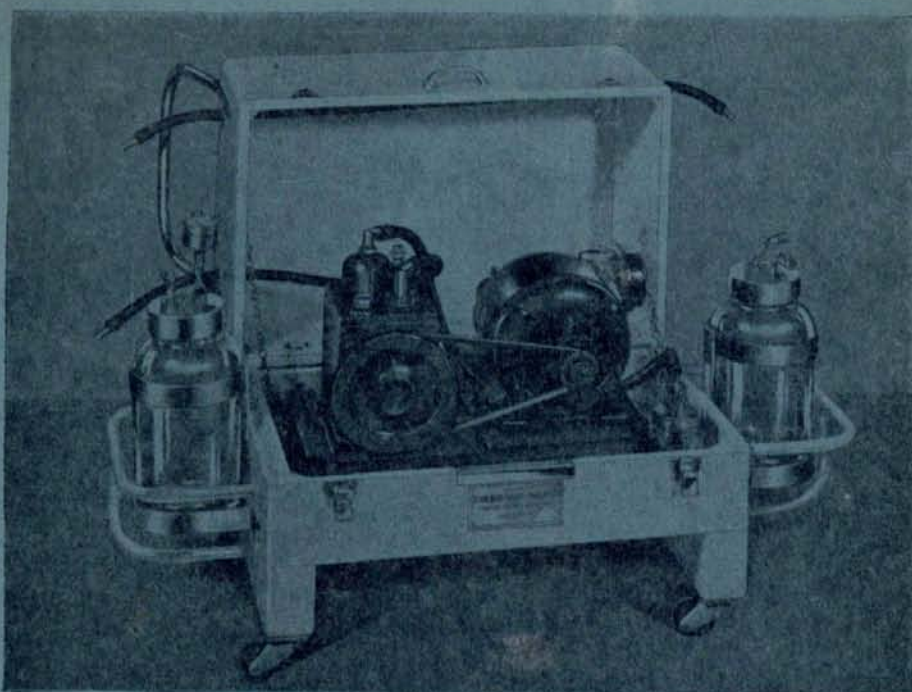
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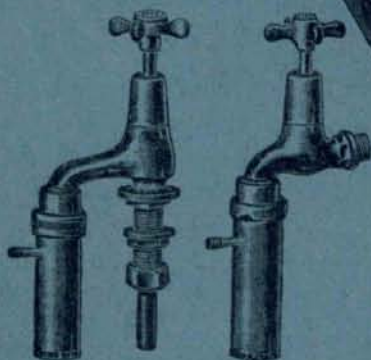
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