

NEWS LETTER

WORLD FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS

THE THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists was held in São Paulo, Brazil, on the occasion of the III^a World Congress of Anaesthesiologists in September 1964. Delegates of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society to the General Assembly were Dr. S. M. Campbell, Dr. R. A. Gordon, Dr. Léon Longtin, and Dr. John Poole. The Assembly adopted a revision of the Constitution of 1955 and considered and approved the reports of the Executive Committee and the standing committees on Finance and Membership. Dr. Geoffrey Organe of Great Britain was elected President of the Federation, succeeding Professor C. R. Ritsema Van Eck of The Netherlands; Professor Otto Mayrhofer of Austria was elected Secretary and Professor Henning Poulsen of Denmark became Treasurer, succeeding Dr. Organe, who has filled the combined office of Secretary-Treasurer since the founding of the Federation.

Dr. R. A. Gordon retired from the Executive Committee of the Federation on completion of a term of nine years. Dr. Léon Longtin of Canada was elected to the Executive Committee. Dr. Gordon continues as Chairman of the Membership Committee.

London, England, was selected as the site of the Fourth World Congress of Anaesthesiologists to be held in 1968.

The General Assembly authorized the creation of a Foundation under the World Federation to assist in the organization and financing of Anaesthesia Training Centres in those parts of the world where Anaesthetic services are underdeveloped. This Foundation is to be administered by a Committee responsible to the Executive Committee of the World Federation. The Chairman of the Committee is Professor Robert Hingson, U.S.A. Members of the Committee are: Professor John Bonica, U.S.A.; Professor R. A. Gordon, Canada; Professor Zairo Vieira, Brazil; Professor Luiz Cabrera-Guarderas, Chile; Professor Sir Robert Macintosh, Great Britain; Professor T. Cecil Gray, Great Britain; Professor Harry Grant-Whyte, South Africa; Dr. K. Odura, Ghana; Dr. R. Ghose, Ethiopia; Professor Quintin Gomez, Philippines; Professor Hideo Yamamura, Japan; Dr. Victor Hercus, Australia; Dr. J. R. Ritchie, New Zealand.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DIVISION

An additional meeting of the British Columbia Division, C.A.S., was held on June 26, 1964, in honour of Dr. H. C. Churchill-Davidson, who lectured on the use of curare in clinical anaesthesia. Special emphasis was given the use of electrical stimulation of a peripheral nerve to detect the presence and degree of neuromuscular blockade at the termination of surgery.

Harold Rice, PH.D., M.D., Director of Research, St. Paul's Hospital Clinical Investigation Unit, Vancouver, B.C., spoke to the British Columbia Division, C.A.S., at their regular monthly meeting, held September 25. Dr. Rice criticized

the manufacturers of medical equipment for producing operating room monitoring devices that were unnecessarily bulky and complicated. He emphasized that most doctors have little if any engineering knowledge and consequently were unable to operate and maintain this equipment. Dr. Rice demonstrated equipment made at St. Paul's Hospital to monitor arterial blood pressure end tidal carbon dioxide, blood $p\text{CO}_2$, and pH. All this equipment was portable, technically simple to operate, and relatively inexpensive.

ALBERTA DIVISION

Dr. Harry Churchill-Davidson of St. Thomas' Hospital, London, was a visitor to the University Hospital, Edmonton, following which he travelled to Calgary, to attend the Calgary Stampede.

Dr. Helen E. Gordon has returned to Canada from England and has established a practice in Anaesthesia in Calgary.

Dr. George Drummond, having completed his training at the University Hospital, Edmonton, has joined the staff of the Department of Anaesthesia of that hospital.

Dr. Fred Parney, having completed his training in anaesthesia at Liverpool, has returned to join the Department of Anaesthesia of the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton.

Considerable hospital construction is either planned or proceeding in Calgary. The 700-bed Foothills General Hospital is expected to be completed in 1966. During that same year a new 500-bed Holy Cross Hospital and a 200-bed Surgical Hospital should open. The Alberta Children's Hospital is planning a 170-bed addition. In Edmonton a 100-bed paediatrics wing is planned for the new Royal Alexandra Hospital.

SASKATCHEWAN DIVISION

Dr. C. J. Kilduff has left the full-time staff of the Department of Anaesthesia at the University Hospital, Saskatoon, to assume the position of Chief of Anaesthesia at the Saskatoon City Hospital effective August 1, 1964. Dr. Kilduff retains his academic affiliation with the University of Saskatchewan.

Dr. W. B. MacDonald, having completed his training at University Hospital, Saskatoon, joined the Staff of that Department on July 1, 1964. He holds the academic appointment of Instructor in Anaesthesia in the College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan.

Dr. G. M. Wyant has been appointed by the Provincial Government to the Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Commission, the public body which administers the Provincial Medical Care Insurance Act. He is one of three representatives of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan on the Commission.

Dr. Z. G. Zadvorny, having completed his training at the Vancouver General Hospital, entered the private practice of Anaesthesia in Saskatoon on October 1, 1964. He intends to practise predominantly at St. Paul's Hospital, Saskatoon.

MANITOBA DIVISION

Dr. Jim Daniels has moved to St. John's, N. B., where he will be associated with Dr. John Price at the Victoria Hospital in St. John's.

Dr. M. R. Bennett represented the Department of Anaesthesia, St. Boniface General Hospital, at the Third World Congress of Anaesthesiologists, São Paulo, Brazil, September 20-26, 1964.

An exciting, varied, and informative programme is being planned for the 20th Annual Meeting of the Western Division of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society which is being held in Winnipeg on March 3, 4, 5, and 6, 1965. Dr. M. Minuck is the programme chairman and would welcome any suggestions for the programme and entertainment.

Dr. David Kaan has returned to work after a brief honeymoon following his marriage to Miss Shirley Buckley.

Dr. Morris Erenberg is completing his formal training in anaesthesia as a resident at the Deer Lodge Hospital with Dr. Louis Loban.

Dr. S. Drulak of the Department of Anaesthesia, Misericordia Hospital in Winnipeg, scored a Hole-in-One on a 150-yard hole. Congratulations, Steve!

Dr. K. Fliger has completed his training at the Winnipeg General Hospital and has returned to Athens, Greece.

Dr. R. S. Lambie, Department of Anaesthesia, St. Boniface General Hospital, has been granted a year's leave-of-absence. Dr. Lambie has gone to the University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria, where he will head the Department of Anaesthesia.

Dr. M. Sebghatti and Dr. R. Guillermo have entered private practice with the Associated Anaesthetists of Winnipeg.

Dr. Patrick Murphy has left the Department of Anaesthesia, St. Boniface General Hospital, St. Boniface, Manitoba, to join with the Anaesthesia Associates of Corner Brook, Corner Brook, Newfoundland.

ONTARIO DIVISION

The annual Fall Meeting of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society and the Section of Anaesthesia of the Ontario Medical Association was held at Kingston on October 23 and 24. The successful programme was arranged by the Department of Anaesthesia of Queen's University. Dr. Robert M. Smith of Boston, Dr. Thomas McCaughey of Winnipeg, and Dr. Alan Noble of Montreal were guest speakers.

Refresher Courses in Anaesthesia for General Practitioners were held at Queen's University, Kingston, from October 20 to 22, and at the University of Toronto from November 16 to 20.

The Sixth Dr. Harry Shields Lecture in the University of Toronto was given by Dr. Leroy Vandam of Boston on November 13. Dr. Vandam's subject was "The Hazard to the Patient of Prolonged Anaesthesia." A reunion dinner of staff, residents, and former residents of the Department of Anaesthesia of the University of Toronto was held following the lecture, at which Dr. Shields was the guest of honour.

Dr. Shirley Fleming of the Department of Anaesthesia of the University of Toronto returned to Nigeria in October to continue for a third year in her appointment as Professor and Head of the Department of Anaesthesia of the University of Lagos Medical School.

QUEBEC DIVISION

Professor E. M. Papper of Columbia University, New York, was the guest lecturer during the annual Revision Course held at McGill early in September. Professor Papper delivered the first "Wesley Bourne Lecture" on "The Diseases and Disorders of the Heart," as well as other talks during the week-long session.

The congratulations of the Quebec Division are extended to Professor R. G. B. Gilbert, Chairman of the Department of Anaesthesia of McGill University, who has been promoted to the rank of full Professor in the Faculty of Medicine.