

NEWS LETTER

ANNUAL MEETING, CANADIAN ANAESTHETISTS' SOCIETY, 1956

THE Annual Meeting was held at Mont Tremblant Lodge, Mont Tremblant, Quebec, June 18, 19, 20 with the Quebec Division acting as host. The weather and accommodation were delightful, and a spirit of *joie de vivre* prevailed amongst the 225 registered persons. This registration included 123 doctors, various members of families, and exhibitors.

The Scientific sessions were well attended, and the viewing of exhibits was facilitated by having them all in the same hall. The majority of papers dealt with clinical trials of new drugs, Doltrone, Viadril, Pacatal, Ethyl Vinyl Ether, Fluoromar, Prestonal, Neraval. Other papers dealt with didactic subjects, anaesthetic techniques, and hypothermia. A very interesting film on a heart lung machine was shown, from Laval University. From the programme, it appears that Canadian Anaesthesia is practically all clinical, with little or no laboratory research in progress.

Two round table discussions were held, one on Anaesthesia for Caesarean Section, and the second, at the close of the meeting, on questions arising from preceding papers. These discussions were lively and provoked much comment from the audience. In contrast to the round table discussions, when the participants were brief and to the point, the majority of other papers exceeded the time limit, allowing little or no question period. It is suggested that at future meetings the time limit be strictly adhered to. It is also suggested that all papers be submitted prior to the meeting, so that there may be time for correction or rejection if necessary and for the Chairman of the session to have a copy to enable him to organize the discussion period.

Dr. Ralph Tovell, of Hartford, Connecticut, was the guest speaker at the annual dinner; Dr. Alan Noble, immediate Past President, displayed bilingual prowess, and introduced the President for 1956-57, Dr. Mel Bowering, Regina, Sask.

At the Annual General Meeting, the following points of interest arose:

1. There are 703 members in the C.A.S. of whom 429 are certified anaesthetists, and 26 are in countries other than Canada.
2. The *C.A.S. Journal* has a quarterly circulation of 1200, and copies are sent to 26 countries outside of Canada.
3. The C.A.S. has invited the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists to hold their next meeting in Canada, in 1960. If the invitation is accepted, tentatively the Meeting is to be held in Toronto, with Montreal as an alternative.
4. The Annual Meeting for 1957 will be held at the Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon, Sask., June 24, 25, 26.

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