British Paediatric Association

Proceedings of the Forty-First Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the British Paediatric Association was held in Scarborough from 22–25 April 1970, at the Royal Hotel and the Spa Theatre.

The following members of the Association were present: 13 Honorary Members and 209 Ordinary Members.

Dr. Mabel Mitchell, Scottish Home and Health Department, and Dr. Mary Tate, Department of Health and Social Security, attended as Observers.

The following were present as guests of the Association: Mr. Hugh Greenwood, Dr. Sverre Halvorsen (Oslo), Professor C. Henry Kempe (Denver), and Dr. M. Rogers (Donald Paterson Prize Essay winner).

The President, Dr. W. Swoboda, and the following members of the Austrian Paediatric Society: Professor W. Falk, Dr. L. Hohenuer, Dr. E. G. Huber, Dr. E. Martischinig, Dr. E. Plochl, Dr. E. Rossipal, Dr. O. Thalhammer, and Dr. E. Zweymüller.

Sixty-six guests of the Association were present.

The Heinz Fellows for 1970, Dr. J. H. M. Axton (Rhodesia), Dr. F. E. A. Lesi (Lagos), Dr. Mercy Mlotywa (Lesotho) and Dr. V. Pushpa (India), and ten UNICEF Fellows also attended.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Spa Theatre on Thursday, 23 April 1970, with the President, Professor J. H. Hutchison, in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting, which had been published in the Archives of Disease in Childhood, were received and approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The following were elected:

PRESIDENT: Dr. R. H. Dobbs

PRESIDENT ELECT: Professor J. L. Henderson

HONORARY TREASURER: Professor J. D. Hay

HONORARY SECRETARY: Professor T. E. Oppé

HONORARY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES: Dr. W. Henderson, Dr. A. D. M. Jackson.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL 1970–73: Professor Charlotte Anderson, Dr. E. N. Coleman, Dr. J. W. Platt, Professor L. B. Strang.

HONORARY MEMBERS: Professor J. H. Hutchison, Mr. Hugh Greenwood, Dr. Victoria Smallpeice.

ORDINARY MEMBERS: Dr. W. A. Aherne (Newcastle), Dr. E. W. Brett (London), Dr. F. P. A. Capps (Shrewsbury), Dr. M. Curtin (Limerick), Dr. Barbara S. Davies (West Bromwich), Dr. P. M. Dunn (Bristol), Dr. M. Friedman (London), Dr. H. R. Gamsu (London), Dr. A. D. Griffiths (Abergavenny), Dr. B. L. Griffiths (Swansea), Dr. R. G. Hendrickse (Liverpool), Dr. E. R. V. Jones (Cardiff), Dr. A. P. Kenna (Liverpool), Dr. N. B. Kirkland (Southport), Dr. Anne V. C. Lloyd (London), Dr. T. F. P. Mackintosh (Basingstoke), Dr. A. S. McNeish (Birmingham), Dr. R. D. G. Milner (Manchester), Dr. A. N. Mobarak (Dartford), Dr. M. W. Moncrieff (Derby), Dr. D. M. Morgan (Leeds), Dr. E. S. Mucklow (Isle of Wight), Dr. Betty L. Priestley (London), Dr. P. H. W. Rayner (Birmingham), Dr. E. O. R. Reynolds (London), Dr. H. Simpson (Edinburgh), Dr. L. Sinclair (London), Dr. Jean Smellie (London), Dr. Margaret E. R. Stoneman (Medway and Gravesend), Dr. B. A. Wharton (London).

The Honorary Treasurer’s report and statement of accounts for 1969–70 were received and approved and the auditors reappointed for the following year.

The report of Council was received and approved and is printed below.

Report of the Council, 1969–70

1. OBITUARIES

The Association has suffered the loss of Dr. E. Bellingham Smith and Dr. W. G. Wyllie—Original Members; Dr. H. Stanley Banks, Dr. J. V. Braithwaite, Professor A. V. Neale, and Dr. Edwards Park—Honorary Members; Dr. Winifred F. Young—Ordinary Member.

2. COUNCIL

Membership. The following members of the Association have served on Council during 1969–70: Professor J. H. Hutchison (President), Dr. M. W. Arthurton, Dr. T. E. D. Beavan, Dr. J. A. Black, Dr. Christine E. Cooper, Dr. D. G. Cottom, Dr. R. D. G. Creery, Dr. R. H. Dobbs (President Elect), Dr. H. V. L. Finlay, Professor J. O. Forfar, Dr. R. M. Forrester, Dr. A. White Franklin (Immediate Past President), Dr. Muriel Frazer, Professor J. D. Hay (Honorary Treasurer), Dr. W. Henderson (Hon. Assistant Secretary), Dr. A. D. M. Jackson (Hon. Assistant Secretary), Dr. H. Jolly, Dr. J. N. Montgomery, Professor T. E. Oppé (Honorary Secretary), Professor S. D. M. Court, Chairman of the Academic Board (ex officio). Sir Wilfrid Sheldon, Adviser in Child Health to the Department of Health and Social Security, has attended.

Observers. The Association is grateful for the assistance given to it by Dr. Mabel Mitchell—Scottish Home and Health Department, Dr. F. Riley—Department of Health and Social Security, and Dr. T. K. Whitmore—Department of Education and Science, who have attended meetings of Council and advised in many ways.

3. Matters Concerning the Administration of the Association

Following analysis of a postal questionnaire to members, Council has reviewed the Constitution of the Association and recommends that there should be no change at the present time.

Miss Gina Milne replaced Mrs. Anne Green in May 1969 as the paid trained secretary to the Association.

Academic Board. The fourth Annual Report of the Academic Board has been received by Council and is published as an appendix.

Council nominated Dr. G. S. Dawes, Dr. June K. Lloyd, and Dr. C. H. M. Walker to fill the vacancies on the Academic Board resulting from the retirement of Professor K. W. Cross, Dr. J. W. Farquhar, and Professor O. H. Wolff.

The Chairman has become an ex officio member of Council.

James Spence Medal. Council approved the nomination of Professor D. V. Hubble for the award of a James Spence Medal in recognition of his 'outstanding contributions to the advancement of paediatric knowledge'.

Heinz Fellowships of the British Paediatric Association. Heinz Fellowships for 1970–71 have been awarded to Dr. J. H. M. Axton (Rhodesia), Dr. F. E. A. Lesi (Lagos)—Fellowship 'A', and Dr. Mercy N. Miotywa (Lesotho)—Fellowship 'B'.

Donald Paterson Prize. This has been awarded to Dr. M. Rogers for an essay entitled 'Early Recognition of Handicapping Conditions in Childhood: Theory and Practice'.

Meetings of the Association. The 40th Annual Meeting of the Association was held at Scarborough in April 1969.

A Joint Meeting with the Hellenic Paediatric Society was held in Athens in April 1969. The President, Dr. A. White Franklin, and 20 members attended.

A Joint Meeting was held in Oslo in September 1969 with the Norwegian Paediatric Society. Twenty-one members attended.

A Joint Meeting with the British Diabetic Association was held in London in October 1969. The President, Professor J. H. Hutchison, and 87 members attended.

A Meeting was held at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School in October as part of the joint meeting with the British Diabetic Association.

Council wishes to record its appreciation of the work of the Academic Board in organizing the scientific programme of these meetings, and to thank the many members who submitted and presented papers.

The 42nd Annual Meeting of the Association in 1971 will be held at Scarborough from 21 to 24 April.

Finance of the Association. The Association is grateful to the Institute of Child Health for continued provision of office accommodation and committee facilities at 30 Guilford Street.

History of the Association. Council has approved the publication of the second volume of the 'History of the British Paediatric Association' by the late Professor A. V. Neale. It is hoped that publication will take place shortly and Council is grateful to Dr. A. White Franklin for his work in this connexion.

4. Standing Committees of the Association

Accidents in Childhood. The Committee is undertaking a review of Accident and Emergency Services for Children and has sent representatives to the meeting of the Medical Commission on Accident Prevention in Edinburgh.

The Committee has become a Joint Committee with the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons.

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Mental Health Committee. The Committee has prepared two memoranda: (i) 'The Prophylaxis of Mental Defect and Associated Disabilities.'

(ii) 'The Training of Child Psychiatrists'—this is being discussed by the Academic Board as part of its review of the training requirements for doctors working in the child health services.

Dr. R. Wigglesworth and Dr. B. S. B. Wood have retired from the Committee.

Nursing Committee. The Committee has become a Joint Committee with the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons.

A memorandum has been prepared with the help of the Association of British Paediatric Nurses on the nurse staffing of children's wards and departments.

Overseas Committee. The Committee is revising its successful publication 'Paediatric Training in the United Kingdom'.

Professors S. D. M. Court and R. Jelliffe have retired from the Committee.

Paediatric Nomenclature. The 'Diagnostic Index of Paediatric Disease' has been published and has been favourably received. Some revision will be undertaken in order to make it more compatible with the 8th revision of the International Classification of Disease.

Scotland. Two memoranda have been prepared on the future of training for Sick Children's Nurses in Scotland, and these have been circulated to members working in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Joint with Society of Medical Officers of Health no report.

5. Ad Hoc Committees and Working Parties

(i) Adoption. (Professor J. O. Forfar, convener, Professor R. S. Illingworth, Dr. M. E. MacGregor, and Dr. B. Wolman) this committee has prepared a memorandum of evidence to the Home Office Departmental Committee on Adoption.

(ii) Hospital Paediatric Staffing. (Dr. A. D. M. Jackson, convener, Professor S. D. M. Court, Dr. E. W. Hart, Professor J. H. Hutchison, Dr. R. M. Mayon-White, Dr. J. W. Platt and Dr. F. Riley) Committee formed to examine present and future requirements for the paediatric staffing of the hospital service and to make recommendations.
(iii) Mental Subnormality. (Dr. Hugh Jolly, convener, Dr. F. S. W. Brimblecombe, Dr. Christine E. Cooper, Dr. Margaret Griffiths, Professor R. G. Mitchell, with the co-opted assistance of Dr. F. Riley, Professor Jack Tizard, Dr. T. K. Whitmore and Dr. Cyril Williams—a report has been prepared and approved by Council for circulation to members.

(iv) Royal College of General Practitioners—Joint (Dr. A. White Franklin, Dr. W. Henderson)—to examine the medical needs of children. An investigation is being planned.

(v) Special Care Baby Units. (Dr. J. A. Black, convener, Dr. H. Barrie, Dr. G. Neligan, Dr. J. Scopes and Dr. C. Walker)—the Working Party has obtained information on staffing.

(vi) Speech Therapy. (Dr. A. White Franklin, convener, Professor S. D. M. Court, Dr. K. Holt)—a memorandum of evidence has been submitted to the Department of Education and Science (Committee of Inquiry into Speech Therapy Services).

(vii) Green Paper. (Dr. A. D. M. Jackson, convener, Professor S. D. M. Court, Dr. W. Henderson)—to examine the second Green Paper and prepare a statement of the Association’s views.

6. The Council is grateful to the many members who have generously given of their time to serve the Association on its Committees and Working Parties, and who have helped the Association by giving advice and making suggestions.

7. Matters Concerning Government Departments

(a) Department of Health and Social Security. The Association has been represented at discussions on gastro-enteritis, and on screening for metabolic diseases. The Association has been consulted on matters pertaining to infant nutrition, prophylaxis of rheumatic fever, and the problems of long-stay children. Council is grateful to Dr. F. Riley for much assistance.

(b) Department of Education and Science. Invited evidence has been submitted to the Committee on Speech Therapy Services. Dr. T. K. Whitmore has given invaluable help to the Association.

(c) Scottish Home and Health Department. The Association has been consulted regarding the use of metric units, and discussions have been held regarding nurse training. Council acknowledges the assistance given by Dr. Mabel Mitchell.

8. Matters Concerning Other Associations and Official Bodies

(i) General Medical Council. Specialist Registration: The Association has been kept informed regarding proposals for specialist registration and its views have been invited.

(ii) Royal College of Physicians (London). (a) Specialist Registration. Representatives of the Association attended a meeting to discuss aspects of specialist registration and training. (b) Paediatric Committee. The Association’s representatives have attended meetings and there is a full interchange of information. (c) M.R.C.P. The Association both directly and through the Paediatric Committee has submitted views regarding the M.R.C.P. examination.

(iii) Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. Professor J. J. Hutchison and Dr. F. J. W. Miller represent the Association on a Subcommittee of the College which keeps under review matters of joint concern.

(iv) British Association of Paediatric Surgeons. The Association is pleased that three important Committees (Accidents, Hospitals, and Nursing), have become joint with the B.A.P.S. It is hoped that the combined views of those concerned with both the medical and surgical care of sick children will be more influential in directing policies than the individual views of the two Associations.

9. Donations

Council, on behalf of the Association, expresses its gratitude to:

(a) Dr. Cicely Williams for the gift of a silver pap boat.

(b) Dr. Bernard E. Schlesinger and Professor Charles Dent for the gift of a Cup for an annual Squash Competition.

(c) The Children’s Research Fund for financial assistance.

(d) The directors of Unigate Ltd. for an annual grant and support for the Windermere Lecture.

(e) The Directors of Glaxo Ltd. for financial help for the publication of the brochure on 'Paediatric Training in the United Kingdom'.

(f) The H. J. Heinz Company Ltd. for making possible the circulation to all members of the report of the A.S.M.E. Symposium (British Journal of Medical Education, December, 1969).

Council recommended that Rule 15 should be changed to read as follows:

"The subscription of each Ordinary Member shall be twelve pounds a year, to include the subscription to the Archives of Disease in Childhood. The subscription of Ordinary Members who have retired from active practice shall be six pounds to include the subscription to the Archives of Disease in Childhood, or three pounds for those not wishing to receive the Archives of Disease in Childhood. Honorary Members who wish to receive the Archives of Disease in Childhood shall pay a subscription of three pounds per annum'."

These changes were approved by the meeting.

A discussion took place regarding the Constitution of the Association, and the Report of the Working Party on Mental Subnormality, after which the President declared the Annual General Meeting closed.

Scientific Sessions

Scientific Sessions were held in the Spa Theatre, Scarborough, on Thursday and Friday 23 and 24 April, and the following communications were presented.

P. D. Moss (Blackburn). ‘Virus Infection in the Blackburn Area 1962–69.’ Virus infections have been investigated in the Paediatric Department of the Black-