

EDITORIALS

THIS Journal, which is the Official Journal of the International Medical Society of Paraplegia (I.M.S.P.) reports the Proceedings of the Society, and publishes a selection of the papers read at the Annual Scientific Meeting, and also papers, review articles, case reports, correspondence, notes on new procedures and devices, and other items concerning both the basic science and the clinical aspects of the spine and spinal cord both from those who are members of the I.M.S.P. and from non-members.

The Editorial Board is representative of the major specialties concerning the spinal cord, and there are geographical Regional Editors, and associate members with particular expertise in certain of the special basic science and clinical spheres.

With the steady development of Spinal Injury Centres in many countries throughout the world new spinal associations and societies are appearing, and some of the papers read at their meetings are being offered for publication in PARAPLEGIA. Thus, the Abstracts of the American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA) have been kindly offered for publication and have been accepted. It is hoped that reports of other meetings, conferences and symposia concerned with the spine will also be submitted.

A series on Spinal Units and Centres is being published, and should prove to be both interesting and instructive. The first will be from Dr Meinecke on his new Spinal Centre in Hamburg, then Dr Frankel on the recently opened new Spinal Centre at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, and Mr McSweeney and Professor Rossier have offered to submit articles on the Spinal Units in Oswestry and in Boston (U.S.A.) respectively. The articles will include information on the staffing, policies, physical facilities, and will include some statistics and photographs.

At the Annual General Meeting of the International Medical Society of Paraplegia, held in Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, Bucks, England in May, 1983, Professor Alain Rossier became President Elect, and will take up office during the 1984 Meeting. Professor Y. Nakamura resigned from the Vice Presidency because of illness but will continue to give his invaluable support to the Society. According to the Constitution, Dr Alan Hardy, Dr M. Maury, Professor Albert Tricot and Dr J. J. Walsh resigned from the Council. Professor I. Ikata of Japan was elected to the Council. The Society's Medal was awarded to Dr Hans L. Frankel, the Honorary Secretary of the society, and a profile of Dr Frankel is included in this issue of the Journal.

Meetings of the Society are:

- 1984 20th-22nd June,—Champaign, Illinois, U.S.A. Details have been published in PARAPLEGIA and full information can be obtained from Dr John Young, Spinal Cord Injury Consulting Services, Good Samaritan Center, 1130, E. McDowell Road, Suite A6, Phoenix, Arizona 85006-2675, U.S.A.

- 1985 September—Edinburgh, Scotland.
 1986 A Scandanavian country.
 1987 Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

The I.M.S.P. has been most fortunate in having Presidents renowned for their work in spinal injury and disease, and Sir George Bedbrook the present President, is extremely active in advancing the Society's aims and purposes. A clinical scientist of international repute, he is a prolific writer and a much travelled President.

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