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Eighth Annual General Meeting, Adelaide, 1964

The Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Australian Rheumatism Association was held in Adelaide from October 1 to 3, 1964. The President, Dr. S. C. Milazzo, was in the chair. The scientific sessions were held at the B.M.A. Memorial Hall, North Adelaide, and a clinical meeting was held at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woodville. This was the first occasion on which the Association had met in Adelaide, and the attendance of almost fifty members, from all States and New Zealand, was most gratifying.

At the scientific sessions, the following papers were presented:

Anti-rheumatic compounds and the stomach, by Dr. K. D. Muirden.

Indomethacin in rheumatic disease, by Dr. R. G. Robinson.

Trial of an anti-inflammatory drug in rheumatoid arthritis, by Dr. R. F. A. Strang.

A further report on Indomethacin, by Dr. S. G. Nelson.

Nephrotoxic effects of gold in rheumatic disease, by Dr. I. R. Ferguson.

Anti-malarial therapy of rheumatoid arthritis with particular reference to toxic effects, by Dr. F. May.

Phenylbutazone—an association with leukaemia, by Dr. W. Inglis.

Changing attitudes in the application of surgery in rheumatoid arthritis, by Mr. R. G. White.

The importance of posture in the treatment of rheumatoid disease, by Dr. N. Wing.

Rheumatoid arthritis, by Dr. J. B. Webb.

Acromegaly, by Dr. R. G. Robinson.

The significance of arterial CO₂ tension in musculoskeletal pain, by Dr. D. T. Burke.

The arterial disease of rheumatoid arthritis, by Dr. W. Douglas.

Haemolytic anaemia in rheumatoid arthritis, by Dr. B. A. Latham.

ACTH in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, by Dr. R. W. Dungan.

Rheumatoid or ankylosing spondylitis? by Dr. K. D. Muirden.

Joint manifestations of gluten-induced jejunal enteropathy, by Dr. I. R. Ferguson.

At the clinical meeting, cases of interest were presented by Mr. R. G. White, Dr. S. C. Milazzo, and Dr. A. F. Clarkson.

After the Association's most successful year in 1963, during which we saw the inauguration in Sydney of the South-East Asia and Pacific Area League against Rheumatism, 1964 has been considerably quieter. However, members of the Association and the Executive have continued to make every effort to advance the objects of the Association. A number of clinical meetings have been held by the Association in each State, while individual members have given lectures and demonstrations. It has become customary in most States for consultants from the cities to undertake weekend lecture tours to country centres. Rheumatic diseases are among the lecture subjects for which there is considerable demand, and members of the Association have been asked to speak frequently.

No new arthritis clinics have been founded during 1964, but the Association noted with pleasure that the Spurway Fellowship in Rheumatology at North Shore Hospital, Sydney, has been filled by Dr. B. A. Latham. Dr. E. T. Owen, of Perth, is shortly leaving Australia to take up a travelling fellowship during 1965.

The membership of the Association has increased during the year and there are now over 100 contributing members in the Commonwealth, as well as two in the Dominion of New Zealand.

During the year, the deaths of Dr. W. J. Hull, of Sydney, and Dr. R. R. Anderson, of Perth, were noted with regret.

The Annual Meeting of the Association for 1965 will be held at St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, from May 10 to 12, 1965. Details may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary of the Association, at 55 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria.

JOHN B. WEBB,
Honorary Secretary