Membership of the Queen Square Alumnus Association continues to grow and we now have 211 members. Pat Harris would be grateful to receive newsworthy items from members for the 'Alumni News' section.

QUEEN SQUARE NEWS:

DEATHS:

It is with sadness that we record the death of Dr. John Bates in July this year at the age of 75. Trained in physiology and medicine at Cambridge, he came to Queen Square after the War to join Dr. Arnold Carmichael's MRC Neurological Research Unit, and remained a member of the MRC's External Staff at Queen Square until his retirement in 1983.

RETIREMENTS:

PROFESSOR T. A. SEARS:

Professor Sears, first holder of the Sobell Chair of Neurophysiology in the Institute retired in September 1993 after 39 years at Queen Square. He read physiology and chemistry at University College, and joined the EEG Department at Queen Square in 1954. He joined the Institute in 1956, commencing a distinguished career in experimental neurophysiology, including two years spent in Sir John Eccles' laboratory in Canberra. He was subsequently promoted to Reader and then Professor in the new Department of Neurophysiology in the Institute, and in 1975 was appointed to the Sobell Chair of Neurophysiology. Throughout his career he placed great importance upon the training of talented young neurologists in the science underlying their clinical practice, and his personal achievements in science, and wide influence on the development of experimental neurophysiology, were amply demonstrated by the very successful and well attended three-day symposium arranged in his honour by his colleagues in the Department in July of this year.

PROFESSOR GERALD CURZON:

Professor Curzon also retired at the end of September, after 40 years at Queen Square. He obtained his first degree and doctorate in Leeds and then moved to London, firstly to the Institute of Orthopaedics, and in 1953 to Professor Cumings' Department of Chemical Pathology at the National Hospital, Queen Square. He was promoted Reader in 1968, and in 1971 joined the newly created Miriam Marks Department of Neurochemistry in the Institute under the Chairmanship of Professor Alan Davison. He received the conferred title
of Professor in Neurochemistry in 1975. His many contributions to an understanding of the chemistry of the brain, including latterly the many and various functions of 5-hydroxytryptamine, were celebrated in July with a one-day symposium organised by Dr. Richard Green of the Astra Neuroscience Research Unit, together with other former pupils and collaborators.

DR. RALPH ROSS RUSSELL

Dr. Ross Russell retired from the Consultant Staffs of the National Hospital, St. Thomas' Hospital and Moorfields earlier this year. A recent past President of the Royal Society of Medicine, he maintained a long-term and productive research programme concerned with cerebral blood flow and metabolism as a part-time Senior Lecturer within the Department of Clinical Neurology of the Institute. We are delighted that he will be retaining his links with the Institute as a Trustee of the Brain Research Trust.

MRS. BERYL BAILEY

Mrs. Bailey, after 27 years as Librarian of the Rockefeller Medical Library, retired this year. The high quality of the service she has provided to the Institute and Hospital, and in particular the highly effective use she made of her wide network of library contacts to obtain loans, has been highly appreciated over the years.

NEW APPOINTMENTS:

DR. ROGER LEMON of the Department of Anatomy at Cambridge, has been appointed to the Sobell Chair of Neurophysiology in succession to Professor Sears.

The University of London has conferred the title of Professor on Dr. D. M. Bowen of the Miriam Marks Department of Neurochemistry, and the title of Emeritus Professor in Neurophysiology and Neurochemistry on Professors Sears and Curzon respectively.

AWARDS:

The award by the Max-Planck Foundation of the Klaus Joachim Zulch Prize for 1993 for "outstanding basic research on the pathophysiology of focal brain ischaemia and the application of these results to clinical neurosurgery", jointly to Professor L. Symon and Professor David Ingvar of Lund.

Professor Symon's election as Honorary Member of the Academy of Sciences of Armenia, and his appointment as Honorary Academician of the Academy of Sciences of the Ukraine.

The invitation by the American Association of Neuropathologists to Professor McDonald to give the 1993 Fishman-Moore Distinguished Lecture at the 69th meeting of the Association.
The selection of Mr. Neil Kitchen of the Department of Neurological Surgery to receive one of the five "Young Neurosurgeons Awards given by the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies for a paper he presented at their meeting in Acapulco in October.

Dr. Michael Trimble has spent one month as Visiting Professor in the Free University of Berlin.

Professor Anita Harding has been elected overseas member of the Australian Association of Neurologists.

CHAIRMAN OF THE QUEEN SQUARE ALUMNUS ASSOCIATION.

Members of the QSAA will be sorry to learn that Professor Ian McDonald has resigned as Chairman. He has been Chairman since its inception and it is very largely due to his efforts that it is proving so successful an Association. We are fortunate that Professor Anita Harding, head of the Genetics Neurogenetics Section within the University Department of Clinical Neurology, has consented to be the new Chairman, and it is also excellent news that Professor McDonald has agreed to become President of the Association.

STUDY DAY TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THE NEW WING OF THE HOSPITAL.

This will be held on Thursday, 23rd June 1994 and NOT Friday 24th as originally stated. The programme for the day is as follows:

12.30 - 2.00 p.m. Buffet Luncheon in the Wedgwood Room.

2.00 - 4.00 p.m. Poster Demonstrations (Institute of Neurology) and visit to the new wing of the hospital

4.00 - 5.00 p.m. Clinical Conference (University Dept. Clinical Neurology) Wolfson Lecture Theatre followed by tea.

5.30 - 6.30 p.m. Lecture by Professor W. Ian McDonald (President of the Queen Square Alumnus Association) Wolfson Lecture Theatre

6.30 p.m. Reception for Queen Square Alumni and their partners in the new Out-patients department of the Hospital.

All Alumni are cordially invited to attend the Study Day. Please let Pat Harris know as soon as possible by returning the enclosed slip whether you will be attending.
RECEPTION FOR QUEEN SQUARE ALUMNI IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGY MEETING IN WASHINGTON DC.

A Reception will be held for members of the Queen Square Alumni Association on Tuesday, 3rd May from 7.00 - 9.00 p.m. Provisionally this will be held in the Garbo Room at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. Dr. Michael Finkel, founder member of the QSAA, has kindly agreed to organise the reception, and you should write direct to him if you would like to attend.

His address is as follows:

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733 West Clairemont Avenue
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ALUMNI NEWS

Dr. Aberlardo de Queiroz-Campos Araujo has been appointed Associate Professor of Neurology at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

ITEMS OF NEWS FOR THIS SECTION OF THE NEWSLETTER WOULD BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED BY PAT HARRIS.

In conclusion we would like to wish all Alumni a very happy and prosperous New Year, and hope that we will see many of you at the Study Day on 23rd June 1994.

TO: Pat Harris
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I would like to attend the Study Day etc. on Thursday, 23rd JUNE

My partner will/will not be attending the evening Reception.

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