

QUEEN SQUARE NEWS

DEATHS

It is with sadness that we report the deaths of the the following:

**PROFESSOR VALENTINE LOGUE** on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2000. An obituary will be included in the next Newsletter.

**DR. W.A.COBB** in August 1999..Dr. Cobb was the first Consultant in Neurophysiology at the NHNN and Head of Department from 1948 until 1979

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

During the year Personal Chairs were awarded to **Dimitri Kullman** and **John Rothwell**. A personal Readership was awarded to **Cathy Price** of the Wellcome Department. **Marjan Jahanshahi** was awarded an Honorary Readership. It was pleasing that **Professor Chris Frith** of the Wellcome Department of Cognitive Neurology, was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in May 2000.

**Professor Ray Dolan** and **Professor Karl Friston**, were elected Fellows of the Academy of Medical Sciences.

OTHER NEWS

As part of a new academic initiative between the Institute and Hospital and with the support of the Development Foundation, a new UCL Chair of Neuroradiology, tenable at Queen Square, has been established. It is intended that the Chair will be filled and the new Academic Unit up and running during the 2000 – 2001 academic year. This initiative characterizes the increasing cooperation and collaboration between the Institute and Hospital.

Some 22 major programme grants are now held at Queen Square, awarded by the MRC and medical research charities. These include renewal of programme grants by the Wellcome Trust to the Wellcome Department of Cognitive Neurology and its Leopold Muller Functional Imaging Laboratory. Professor Karl Friston was awarded a Principal Research Fellowship of the Wellcome Trust. The Wellcome Trust also renewed Professor Peter Goadsby's programme grant and his Senior Research Fellowship in Clinical Science. Professor Roger Lemon and Dr. Peter Kirkwood obtained a programme grant from the Wellcome Trust, and Dr. Daniel Wolpert received a grant under the Human Frontier Science Programme in a collaborative research effort with colleagues around the world. This strength in research funding continues to be matched by academic output. In the academic year, Institute staff published 711 journal articles, 159 book chapters and 15 books.

## **LECTURES**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Carmichael Memorial Lecture was given by Professor Mario Wiesendanger of the University of Berne, Switzerland. He spoke on 'Manual skills and the Brain'. Professor Semir Zeki gave the 3<sup>rd</sup> Swithin Meadows Memorial Lecture in December on 'Representations, knowledge and the Brain'. Professor Martin Brown gave his inaugural lecture in March following his appointment to the new National Society for Epilepsy Chair of Epilepsy, speaking on 'A journey up the carotid artery', and Professor J.W.S Sander delivered his inaugural lecture in March on 'The prognosis of epilepsy: past, present and future. The First David Marsden Memorial Lecture was given in June by Professor Stanley Fahn of Columbia University, New York. He spoke on 'Active versus sham neural transplantation in Parkinson's disease: results, surprises and dilemmas'.

**PROFESSOR SIMON SHORVON** has been seconded for one year to the National Neuroscience Institute, Singapore in order for him to take up the post of Director from 1st December 2000. Dr. Nick Wood will be acting as Head of the Department of Clinical Neurology in his absence.

## **WORLD CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGY JUNE 2001**

The National Hospital, in collaboration with the Institute of Neurology, will be holding an Open Day on the afternoon of Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2001. This is timed to co-incide with the above Congress taking place in London that week. All Departments in the hospital and Institute are being encouraged to make themselves available to see interested visitors on that afternoon.

Delegates to the World Congress of Neurology are to be invited to sign up for this Open Day. Those that do will get a programme asking them to indicate which particular department/s they would like to visit. Tea will be in the new Wedgwood Room (a restored chapel from a nunnery that was next door to the hospital), and in the evening there will be a Champagne Reception in a marquee in Queen Square itself. Numbers are limited to 150 people, and a £23 charge will be made to cover expenses.

There will be a QSAA/Development Foundation/NHNN/IoN stall at Earls Court where the Congress is being held and various Queen Square Memorabilia will be on sale, including the new Queen Square ties, tendon hammers and, hopefully, postcards!

## **WORLD CONGRESS OF NEUROSURGERY 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2001 IN SYDNEY AUSTRALIA**

No further information about the above is available at the moment.

## **ALUMNI NEWS**

### **PROFESSOR C.J.MATHIAS**

Professor Mathias is the Foundation President of the European Federation of Autonomic Societies. The Federation has chosen Clinical Autonomic Research as its official journal.

Professor Mathias edited the new edition of **AUTONOMIC FAILURE: a textbook of clinical disorders of the autonomic nervous system**, published in 1999 by Oxford University Press.

**DR ETHAN TAUB** was appointed Oberarzt in charge of functional neurosurgery at the University of Berne, Switzerland in September 1999. He can be reached at [ethan.taub@insel.ch](mailto:ethan.taub@insel.ch)  
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**PROFESSOR ADELOLA ADELOYE** : At the May 2000 14<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Pan African Association of Neurological Sciences held in Blantyre Professor Adeloye was elected President for the years 2000-2002.

#### **DR. SHAHPAR NAHRIR**

Dr. Nahrir who was on the 1999 Diploma Course and, in fact, won the "Pat Harris" prize wrote to say that she is now working as an Associate Professor in Neurology at USTC (Chittagong , Bangladesh.

#### **RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL**

This is just a reminder that if you would like to receive the Newsletter by E-mail and have not already informed us, you should let Pat Harris ([p.harris@ion.ucl.ac.uk](mailto:p.harris@ion.ucl.ac.uk).) know so that this can be arranged.

The next Newsletter will be issued later this year and I would be delighted to receive Newsworthy items

I very much hope I shall have the opportunity of seeing many of you at the Congress at Earls Court in June. May I also take this opportunity of thanking those of you who sent me Christmas cards; it was much appreciated.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

Good quality colour prints taken at conferences etc. during the year would be much appreciated for insertion in the Institute of Neurology's Annual Report under the QSAA section.