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QUEEN SQUARE ALUMNUS ASSOCIATION  
NEWSLETTER

Number 8

Membership of the Queen Square Alumnus Association stands at 280 and continues to increase slowly but steadily.

QUEEN SQUARE NEWS:

DEATHS:

It is with sadness that we record the death early in December of Dr. Ronald Henson. He will be best remembered by those Alumni who trained at Maida Vale Hospital where he had his beds. An obituary will be included in the next Newsletter.

HONOURS AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITION:

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, Professor Lindsay Symon was awarded the CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, and has also been awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Academy of Sciences of Armenia and of the Portuguese Society of Neurosurgery, and appointed an Honorary Corresponding Member of the Rumanian Neurosurgical Society; Professor A.H.V. Schapira was awarded the Buxton Browne Medal for 1994 by the Harveian Society; Professor W. Ian McDonald was awarded the Jean Hunter Prize of the Royal College of Physicians; Professor R.S.J. Frackowiak has been made an Honorary Foreign Member of the Société Française de Neurologie; and Emeritus Professor G. Curzon has been appointed Historian and Archivist for the International Society for Neurochemistry.

NEW APPOINTMENTS:

Professor Francesco Scaravilli has been appointed to the established University Chair of Neuropathology in succession to Professor Leo Duchon. Professor Scaravilli, who has been a member of the Department since 1977 and already holds a personal Chair in Neuropathology, was trained at Padua and Geneva, and came to Queen Square following a period as Senior Registrar in the Department of Neuropathology at the Institute of Psychiatry.

A further new appointment is that of Dr. D.J. Brooks to the newly created Hartnett Chair of Neurology, a joint appointment between the Royal Postgraduate Medical School and the Institute, further consolidating the valuable links which already exist between the School, the MRC Cyclotron Unit and Queen Square.

A major new development mentioned in a previous Newsletter is the award by the Wellcome Trust of £20 million to the Institute to construct, equip, and support a Functional Brain Imaging Laboratory to be directed by Professor Richard Frackowiak. This grant will be supplemented by a further £3.6 million donation from the Leopold Muller Trust for the purchase of equipment. The new laboratory will be sited in a purpose built new building on the site of 12 Queen Square, currently being demolished, and the thirty or so clinical and scientific staff will be integrated into the academic structure of the Institute by the creation of a new, sixth, Academic Department of Cognitive Neurology.

The University of London has agreed to recognise the headship of the department as a new established Chair of Cognitive Neurology, and to the appointment of Professor Frackowiak as the first holder of the Chair. This new laboratory, which is unique in the United Kingdom, and which the Wellcome Trust indeed hopes will be a national facility, should be ready for occupation at the end of 1995.

#### DEANSHIP OF THE INSTITUTE

Professor C.D. Marsden has been appointed Dean-Elect from October 1994 and Dean of the Institute for five years from 1st October 1995, succeeding Professor D.N.Landon.

#### OTHER NEWS

The latest new development to report has been the award by the Wellcome Trust of a major grant to enable Dr. Peter Goadsby to bring his clinical and experimental research on migraine from Sydney to Queen Square. The Institute has been extremely fortunate in being able to attract one of the leading research teams in this field, and it is hoped that the work will move here in the New Year.

The coming year opens a new chapter in the history of the Institute as the ground is prepared for formal affiliation with University College London and its Medical School. This follows a recommendation that the London postgraduate medical institutes should be linked to one or other of the multifaculty colleges of the University as part of the current wholesale reorganisation of London medicine; a recommendation which has been accepted by Government and the University of London. We are fortunate that the most natural geographical association is also, in terms of science, education and health care, the most appropriate for the future development of the Institute, which it has been agreed will continue as a distinct entity, in fact as well as in name.

#### DAY SURGERY UNIT

A day surgery unit will be opening to patients in the Spring of 1995. The new unit will be headed by Mr. Michael Powell, consultant neurosurgeon, and surgical procedures such as muscle biopsies and other straightforward operation will be performed on a day care basis.

#### AMERICAN ACADEMY MEETING IN SEATTLE FROM 7th-14th MAY 1995.

An Alumnus Reception will be held on the evening of 9th May This is being organised by Dr. Michael Finkel and further information may be obtained direct from him. His address is as follows:

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#### MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN NEUROSURGICAL SOCIETY IN MUNICH FROM 17th-21st JUNE 1995.

The above meeting will take place at the Sheraton Munchen Hotel and Towers, Arabellastr. 6, 81925, Munich. A Drinks Party will be held at the above hotel on Monday 19th June at 19.00 in Atrium III/IV for Queen Square Alumni. This is being organised by Professor Karlheinz Reiners and is sponsored by Glaxo Germany. In order to have some idea of numbers, it would be helpful if members wishing to attend would complete and return the attached slip to either Pat Harris at Queen Square, or Professor Reiners, whose address is as follows:

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May we take this opportunity of wishing all members of the QSAA a very happy and peaceful New Year.

