

# OBITUARIES

## **D CAPPON**

Daniel Cappon, Psychiatrist: b. 6.6.1921; d. 2002. MB Lond 1944, MRCS Eng, LRCP Lond 1944, FRCP Edin 1963, LMSSA Lond, DPM Eng, FRCPS Can 1957.

After graduating from the University of London, Dan Cappon received medical training at St Mary's Hospital, London. From 1945–8 he worked in the Far East, commanding a Psychiatric Hospital and Medical Division and working with repatriated Allied Prisoners of War in Burma and India. Thereafter he was a registrar at the Maudsley Hospital and at Guy's Hospital, both London. In 1950 he emigrated to Toronto where he became a staff member at the Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto.

Professor Cappon spent ten years on research on paleontological, brain (PET) scan and psychometric aspects of intuitive and creative intelligence. He published many scientific and clinical papers on these subjects and lectured and gave papers worldwide. He was a prolific writer of books and articles, and a columnist in a number of newspapers and periodicals. He also invented the sensory profile test, two board games (Intuition and the Gaia Game), the IQ2 (intelligence quotient test) and the CIP (Cappon Intuition Profile).

## **DA SMITH**

Desmond Allen Smith, Radiologist: b. 20.12.1921; d. 15.10.2002. MB Edin 1947, MRCP Edin 1955, DMRD 1961, FRCR 1964.

After graduating from Edinburgh in 1947, Dr Smith worked at the Mayday Hospital in Croydon until 1952 when he moved to the London Chest Hospital, becoming Senior Registrar and entering the field of radiology. He moved to St Thomas's Hospital, London, where he was Senior Registrar until 1965, and then became Consultant Radiologist at the Salisbury Group of Hospitals where his major task was improving the radiology service and introducing new procedures to a modern District General Hospital. Dr Smith fostered close contacts with the Southampton Medical School and had a part-time appointment in the Southampton General Hospital. He played a leading role in the expansion of postgraduate medical education in Salisbury and was Chairman of the Medical Staff Committee for two years. Dr Smith retired in 1986.

## **T OGADA**

Thomas Ogada, Physician: b. 12.1.1936; d. 18.2.2002. MB East Africa 1965, MRCP 1972, FRCP Lond 1982, FRCP Edin 1983.

Dr Ogada qualified in 1965 and completed his residency training at the Kenyatta National Hospital, Nairobi. He then travelled to the UK, working at the Royal Northern

Hospital in London and the Royal Infirmary in Edinburgh where he pursued a special interest in haematology. He was appointed Lecturer in the University Department of Medicine at Nairobi in 1973 and was offered the opportunity both of servicing as first assistant to Professor Hill from McGill University as well as experiencing a fellowship year in Canada enhancing his experience in haematology. In June 1975 Dr Ogada was appointed Consultant Physician and Chief of the Section of Adult Haematology at the Kenyatta National Hospital and was a member of the oncology section at the same hospital. Dr Ogada had extensive teaching experience and also acted as an external examiner and was a member of the Medical Practitioners' Board of Kenya.

## **BS YAP**

Boh Seng Yap, Oncologist: b. 21.7.1943; d. 1.12.1999. MB Bristol 1968, FACP, FRCPS, FRCP Edin 1984.

Dr Yap graduated from the University of Bristol Medical School in England in 1968 and thereafter trained as house surgeon at the University of Birmingham and house physician at the University of Leicester. He then spent five years at the University of London where he became Senior Registrar and Lecturer in Haematology. Dr Yap was an Associate Internist and Associate Professor of Medicine in the Department of Development Therapeutics and Internal Medicine with the University of Texas System Cancer Center. He was a member of several medical societies and was involved in a varied of clinical studies in cancer chemotherapy and supportive care. He published extensively and presented papers both nationally and internationally.

## **G FOUBISTER**

Glenn Foubister, Geriatrician: b. 20.1.1935; d. 5.11.2002. MB Aberdeen 1959, MRCP Edin 1967, FRCP Edin 1986, FRCP Lond 1994.

Dr Foubister graduated from Aberdeen University in 1959 and after several house posts he undertook two years of National Service and was Regimental Medical Officer at the Catterick Garrison, Yorkshire. He occupied various posts in Cambridge, Lincoln, Oxford and London when in 1970 he became a Consultant at the Department of Geriatric Medicine in Reading. Dr Foubister was involved in a great many committees and various working parties and was appointed Honorary Secretary to the Oxford Region Branch of the British Geriatrics Society and went on to become Chairman and in 1984 was elected Chairman of the Division of Medicine (West Berkshire Health Authority).

## **GW REID**

Grainger Wilson Reid, Physician: b. 24.3.1917; d. 8.11.2002. MB Edin 1939, MRCP Edin 1952, FRCP Edin 1978.

Dr Reid graduated from Edinburgh University in 1939 and went on to serve various appointments during the Second World War and continued a prominent medical career for the next 26 years. He attained high rank and responsibility in the Services and prior to resigning his commission, held the important appointment of British Army Medical Liaison Officer to the Surgeon-General of the United States Army. He then worked for Ontario Ministry of Health until 1988. Dr Reid published many reports related, initially, to army medicine and to the development of healthcare services in Canada.

## **MJ WOOD**

Martin John Wood, Infectious Diseases Physician: b. 16.6.1945; d. 15.12.2002. BM Oxon 1970, MA Oxon 1970, MRCP Edin 1984, FRCP Lond 1987, FRCP Edin 1994.

Dr Wood graduated from the University of Oxford in 1970, going on to hold a variety of posts throughout the UK and becoming Consultant Physician and Honorary Senior Lecturer in Medicine in 1978 at the Department of Infection and Tropical Medicine at the East Birmingham Hospital, England. He became Clinical Director of Infectious Diseases in 1991 and was recognised as an international authority on the management of viral infections and by 1993 had more than 100 published papers in peer-reviewed journals.

## **W GORDON**

Walter Gordon, Dermatologist: b. 30.11.1917; d. 8.9.2002. MB Cape Town 1939, MRCP Edin 1949, MD Cape Town, FRCP Edin 1970.

Walter Gordon was born in Cape Town and attended school and university there. After doing his housemanship in Pretoria, he practised in Mafikeng and Namibia and was then asked to move to Thaba Nehu, where he worked in family medicine for several years. After medical practice in the army he developed a large practice and became known as a kind and devoted doctor. In 1963 he decided to specialise in dermatology and in 1967 was appointed head of the department of dermatology at the Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town a position he retained until his retirement at the end of 1982. In 1973 he was promoted to the grade of Associate Professor for his contribution to academic dermatology. After his retirement he continued to teach students and registrars at New Somerset Hospital for 20 years until shortly before his death.

## **MM DESHMUKH**

Madhukar M Deshmukh, Cardiologist: b. 16.10.1929; d. 21.1.2003. MB Nagpur 1955, MRCP Edin 1961, FACC 1973, FACCP 1973, FRCP Edin 1982, MCCSNA 1986, Cardio., InstMed NY 1987, FCGC 1996.

Dr Deshmukh graduated from the University of Nagpur in India in 1950 and became a house physician and surgeon at the Medical College Hospital in the same city. He went on to work in New Jersey and Philadelphia, US, before becoming Senior Resident at the Preston Hospital in North Shields, England where he carried a great responsibility as the unit was rapidly expanding. He returned home to Bombay, India, where he remained for several years before returning to England for a short while, thereafter settling in the US. He was the Director of the Intensive Care Unit at St Barnabas Hospital, New York and in 1980 was appointed Chief, Section of Cardiology at the same hospital.

## **KC PATEL**

Kantilal Chaturbhai Patel, Physician: b. 8.9.1928; d. 15.12.2002. MB Bombay 1953, MRCP Edin 1960 (Child Life), MD Bombay, DCH Lond, FRCP Edin 1994.

Kantilal C Patel, fondly known by his friends and patients as 'KC', was one of the first post-graduate qualified physicians and paediatricians to enter Kenya in 1961, where he practised until his retirement in 1998. He practised medicine with much passion, always maintaining an up-to-date approach and was avid for new knowledge. Even into his retirement he sustained an appetite for clinical knowledge. He was known for his philanthropy and generosity and was respected by all his colleagues and patients

Born in Tanzania from humble beginnings, he was sent to his native village in India at the age of four and was brought up by his grandmother. Through perseverance and determination he taught himself English and excelled at his studies in the village. He declined a placement to study atomic physics and instead pursued a career in medicine following his father's wishes to attain fulfilment by helping society thus. His training began at the Grant Medical College and JJ Group Hospitals, Bombay, where he developed a keen interest in clinical medicine and subsequently completed post-graduate studies. In 1959, through the benevolence of a friend, he came to the UK to gain further post-graduate experience.

He was senior registrar in paediatrics at the City General Hospital in Sheffield and in 1961 migrated to Kenya. In Nairobi, he was appointed consultant physician and paediatrician initially at the Aga Khan and Nairobi Hospitals. Subsequently he restricted his practice to the Aga Khan and MP Shah hospitals where he was to lead his departments intermittently. He then decided to concentrate mainly on adult medicine and sub-

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specialised in cardiology, fuelling his latter interests from further training in England and Canada. He excelled at his work, and practised to the highest moral and ethical standards.

Dr Patel built a wide circle of friends and was held in high esteem by both his medical colleagues and society. He will be sadly missed by all and leaves a wife, brother, a daughter, two sons and five grandchildren.

## JF McHARG

James Fleming McHarg, Psychiatrist: b. 18.8.1917; d. 10.3.2003. MB Edin 1940, DPM Lond 1948, MRCP Edin 1950, MD Edin 1959, FRCPsych 1970.

After graduating in Medicine at Edinburgh University in 1940 he served in the Royal Navy, first on an Atlantic convoy destroyer and then as Senior Medical Officer for a submarine base, achieving the rank of Surgeon-Commander.



**Dr James McHarg  
1917–2003**

In civilian life his professional career was spent in three Scottish Royal Psychiatric Hospitals – the Royal Edinburgh, Gartnavel Royal (Glasgow), and Royal Dundee Liff. In Edinburgh he was strongly influenced by Sir David Henderson and also by Professor Jan Rostowski – an impressive refugee professor of neurology from Poland – and from these years evolved a particular interest in neuropsychiatric syndromes that persisted throughout his career. He was no narrow specialist, however; on the contrary, he was an avowed general psychiatrist, and indeed sceptical of the formal specialisation which marked the development of psychiatry in recent decades.

From Edinburgh he moved to Gartnavel as Deputy Physician Superintendent. He graduated MD with a thesis on Schilder's Disease (Diffuse Sclerosis), and he published *Childhood Mania*, an important contribution to the literature on affective psychosis in children. He began to collect cases of torsion dystonia, a condition not infrequently misdiagnosed as hysteria in his view, and he became a valuable adviser to the Dystonia Society. He was highly regarded by his colleagues as a clinician and a stimulating adviser of junior staff.

After Glasgow he moved to Dundee, where he was Consultant and Honorary Senior Lecturer in the Department of Psychiatry of Dundee University until his retirement in 1981: by then he was a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh and a Foundation Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. His interest in the latter led him to found the McHarg Essay Prize, awarded to a trainee psychiatrist for an outstanding research paper.

In his latter working years James encountered patients who reported 'paranormal' experiences and he explored this material with characteristic tenacity and rigour. He became a member of the Society for Psychical Research and corresponded widely with fellow members – abroad as well as in the UK. As recently as last year he presented a well-received paper on poltergeists to the Senior Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.

Mention must now be made of James McHarg as a historian. In researching his family tree he encountered ancient documents which he realised were of hitherto unrecognised relevance to the early history of the College of Physicians of Edinburgh. There followed years of painstaking research, crowned in 1997 by the publication of his book *In Search of Dr John MakLuire: Pioneer Edinburgh Physician, forgotten for over Three Hundred Years*. His researches were, however, not only into medical history. For example, just this year he published his successful identification of a 17th century warship depicted in an obscure painting in Aberdeen Maritime Museum, showing it to be in fact the flagship of the pre-Union Scots Navy.

James was a devout man, widely read in theology, theological history and philosophy, and his participation in the life and councils of the Scottish Episcopalian Church was one of the key influences in his life and was widely appreciated. He will be remembered as a quietly humorous and kindly man, a generous and loyal friend and a compassionate doctor. He did not marry but was a devoted uncle to his nephew and three nieces, the four children of his deceased sister.

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## M THOMAS

Molly Thomas, Clinical Pharmacologist: b. 6.10.1938; d. 22.3.2003. BSc 1956, MBBS 1961, MD 1968, PhD 1981 Madras, FRCP Edin 1999.

Dr Molly Thomas was born in Kerala, South India. She joined the Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore in 1956 after completing her BSc degree at Madras Christian College. She then joined the Department of Pharmacology at CMC Vellore in 1962 and went on to complete her MD and PhD in Pharmacology and became a Professor in 1977.



**Dr Molly Thomas  
1938–2003**

She was the Head of the Department of Pharmacology from 1991 to 1998 and was the Vice Principal of the College for two terms. She started the Clinical Pharmacology Unit in 1976 and the Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR) monitoring programme in 1983. Her special area of interest was rational drug

use and she organised several workshops on rational drug use in various parts of India and neighbouring countries. She was a member of various professional societies in India and abroad including the executive committee of the International Union of Clinical Pharmacology. She published more than 90 papers in national and international journals.

Charming and affable, Dr Thomas contributed effectively to the academic, extra-curricular and social aspects of life in CMC. She was the Secretary and President of the CMC Alumni Association and Secretary of the Chapel Committee. She retired from CMC in 1998 after a distinguished career. She died of disseminated cancer and is survived by her husband Dr Thomas Bhanu, retired Head of ENT Department CMC, Vellore, and her three children who are all doctors.

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#### **NOTE**

The Obituaries Editor has been informed of the death of the following Members and Fellows about whom information is very limited. We would welcome reader contributions on these individuals, which we will endeavour to publish in a future issue.

#### **WLH JACKSON**

William Lumley Hughlings Jackson, General Practitioner: b. 7.10.1914; d. 15.11.2002. MB Otago 1940, MRCP Edin 1950.

#### **HC FALCKE**

Harold Cyril Facke, Paediatrician: b. 19.1.1914; d. 2.3.2003. MB Wits 1939, DCH Lond 1947, MRCP Edin 1948.

#### **AK BLACK**

Albert Kanagasingham Black, Dermatologist: b. 13.6.1913; d. unknown. LMS Sri Lanka 1940, MRCP Edin 1955, MD Sri Lanka.

#### **EOL HOSKINS**

Evan Osmond Leyshon Hoskins, Radiologist: b. 11.11.1924; d. 5.12.2002.

#### **A TORSOLI**

Aldo Torsoli, Gastroenterologist: b. 5.12.1924; d. 19.12.2002.

#### **RS MORTON**

Robert Steel Morton, Genito-Urinary Medicine Physician: b. 5.7.1917; d. 4.5.2002. TQ 1939, MRCP Edin 1953, MD Sheff 1982, DHSA 1984.

#### **IHL GILLIES**

Ian Hunter Lockhart Gillies, Psychiatrist: b. 4.1.1911; d. 11.9.2002. MB Glasg 1934, DPM 1936, MD Glasg 1938, MRCP Edin 1947, MRCP Glasg 1968, FRCPsych 1971.

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#### Informal enquiries:

Enquiries about the nomination procedure should be made either in writing to the Secretary, Dr Roger H Smith FRCP Edin, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JQ, or by telephoning: +44 (0) 131-225 7324 ext 608, or by e-mail to: [l.lockhart@rcpe.ac.uk](mailto:l.lockhart@rcpe.ac.uk).

#### Formal nominations:

Completed nominations should be sent to the Secretary at the above address to arrive by the deadline of Monday 8 December 2003.