

# College Affairs

## Obituary

JAMES DOUGLAS MILLER

Douglas Miller was recognised nationally and internationally as a leader in the field of surgical neuroscience. His work into the understanding of mechanisms of brain injury and the clinical management of head injury had benefited many patients and will benefit many more in the future. It will be not only for his academic contribution that he will be remembered, but also for his stimulus and encouragement to young training neurosurgeons and for his commitment to Edinburgh medicine.

He was born in Glasgow where, following his schooling, he entered Glasgow University initially to study modern languages but then changed to medicine. As an undergraduate he had time to enjoy other activities—climbing mountains and swimming at which he represented the University. He was always to maintain his interest in modern languages. He graduated in medicine in 1961 and as part of his early surgical career he rotated to the West of Scotland neurosurgical unit at Killearn Hospital and from that stimulus pursued his career in neurosurgery and his academic interest in head injury. In 1967 and 1968 he had the opportunity to work with Sir Andrew Watt Kaye and Professor Bryan Jennett as a Medical Research Council fellow to study the effects of hyperbaric oxygen. On completion of his clinical training he was awarded a Fogarty postdoctoral fellowship and spent 18 months with Dr T. W. Langfitt at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania undertaking both laboratory research and clinical studies into the pathophysiology of head injuries. He then returned to Glasgow in 1971 and was for 5 years senior lecturer in the Institute of Neurological Sciences working with Professor Bryan Jennett. In 1975 he returned to the United States as the Lind Lawrence professor of neurological surgery at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, working there with Donald Becker and with, what was at that time, a unique team of clinicians and scientists furthering the understanding of mechanisms of brain injury.

In 1981 he took up his appointment of the chair of Surgical Neurology in Edinburgh succeeding Professors F. J. Gillingham and N. Dott. He rapidly established a programme of laboratory research and clinical studies into head injury and its management and, in particular, the prevention of secondary insults (hypoxia, hypotension, pyrexia). He had a gift for identifying projects that would have an impact on the clinical management of patients. During his time in Edinburgh the head injury research programme continued to develop and indeed just before his death the Medical Research Council renewed this grant for the study of secondary insults. He was instrumental in developing academic medical neurology in Edinburgh and, with Professor Warlow's appointment to the chair



of medical neurology in 1987, the Department of Clinical Neurosciences has now a multi-million pound grant and employs nearly 100 people. The bond between medical and surgical neurology was strengthened with the move of medical neurology into the Western General Hospital in 1989. Professor Miller was active within the University and served as Vice Dean of the Faculty of Medicine between 1990 and 1991. He was appointed a non-executive director of the Western General Hospital's trust, representing the University of Edinburgh in 1994. His contribution to neuroscience and his work in Edinburgh was recognised with the election to the Fellowship of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.

He was a leader of British neurosurgery. This was recognised by his appointment to the Advisory Council of the Society of British Neurological Surgeons in 1988 and in 1992 to its Presidency. He received international recognition from many countries.

He was a prolific writer with over 80 invited chapters and articles, nearly 300 articles in peer reviewed publications and a similar number of abstracts, letters and reviews. In addition to this he was the editor and co-author of some 12 books. His excellent command of language made him much in demand as a speaker at meetings and he had an encyclopaedic memory of the neurosurgical literature.

He was though, most importantly, a doctor. The qualities that enabled him to excel as a surgeon also made him an understanding teacher and trainer of undergraduates and young neurosurgeons. His enthusiasm for his work was infectious, his council wise and sound and always practical, whether the advice was how to manage a patient or a difficult problem at the trust board. Helped by a wonderful sense of humour he had an innate ability to be a friend to all, and he knew everyone in his department.

Douglas Miller will surely be remembered as a major contributor to medical science as an academic clinician whose worth will continue to influence the world of neurosurgery both nationally and internationally for very many years to come. He is survived by his wife Margot and his two sons, Derek and Kenneth.

A. J. W. STEERS

## Deaths of Fellows

JOHN CAMPBELL STRATHIE ADAMS

Dr J. C. S. Adams died on 11 August 1995 aged 73. After graduating MB ChB at Edinburgh University in 1945 he joined the RAMC serving in the Parachute Regiment in Palestine. Returning to Scotland he worked in general practice. In 1954 he took the Membership of this College and later was a consultant in geriatrics at the Norwich Hospitals. He was elected a Fellow in 1971.

ZAKI YAHIA ALMALLAH

Dr Z. Y. Almallah died on 1 July 1995. He graduated MB at the University of Baghdad in 1955. He became a Member of this College in 1971 and was elected to the Fellowship in 1989.

## ANTOON KAREL PAUL CORNELIUS AMERY

Dr A. K. P. C. Amery, Professor of Medicine at the University of Leuven, Belgium, died on 1 November 1994. He was born on 12 September 1933. He graduated MD at the University of Leuven in 1959 and gained his PhD in 1969. He specialised in hypertension (particularly in the elderly) and from 1984 until 1990 was President of the World Hypertension League. He was elected a Fellow of the College in 1992.

## NEIL COLQUHOUN BEGG

Sir Neil C. Begg died on 25 June 1995. He was born in Dunedin, New Zealand on 13 April 1915 and graduated MB ChB at the University of Otago in 1940. After serving in the Middle East and Italy during World War II, he took the DCH in 1947 and became a Member of this College in 1948. He was a senior lecturer in paediatrics at the University of Otago from 1949 until 1976. He became a Fellow here in 1958. He was President of the New Zealand Medical Association in 1975. Dr Begg was awarded the OBE in 1973 and became a Knight Commander of the British Empire in 1986.

## PATRICIA MARIE BUCKFIELD

Dr P. M. Buckfield died recently in New Zealand. She was born there on 20 August 1934 and graduated MB ChB in 1958. She came to the United Kingdom and took the DCH and the Membership of this College in 1963. After working as a paediatric registrar at Hammersmith Hospital she returned to New Zealand as a lecturer in paediatrics. From 1974 until 1981 she was senior paediatrician in the Special Care Baby Unit at the Queen Mary Hospital and in 1976 was Vice President of the Paediatric Society of New Zealand. She was elected a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in 1978 and of this College in 1983.

## PERCY CYRIL CLAUDE GARNHAM

Dr P. C. C. Garnham died on 25 December 1994 aged 93. He qualified MB at London University in 1923. After taking the DPH and graduating MD London in 1928, he worked in the East African Medical Service until 1954. On his return to Britain he joined the staff of the London School of Hygiene. There H. E. Short and he first described the exoerythrocytic forms of malarial parasites in the liver. He was elected an Honorary Fellow of the College in 1966.

## JAMES LEITCH GILLORAN

Dr J. L. Gilloran died on 22 August 1995. He was born on 26 July 1916. He graduated MB ChB Glasgow in 1938 and took the DPH in 1940. Joining the RAMC, he soon became a prisoner-of-war in the Far East. After the war he worked in Dorset and Cumberland and came to the Public Health Department in Edinburgh in 1955. He later became Medical Officer of Health in Edinburgh and was an Honorary Physician to the Queen. He took the Membership of the College in 1971 and was elected a Fellow in 1981. Following reorganisation of the health service he was a specialist in community medicine with the Lothian Health Board before moving to Hastings in 1977 as a District Community Physician.

## HYMIE GORDON

Dr H. Gordon, born in South Africa on 20 September 1926, died on 5 February 1995. He graduated MB ChB in 1950 and MD in 1958 at the University of Cape Town. He became a Member in 1959 and worked at the Mayo Clinic until his retirement in 1990. He was elected to the Fellowship in 1966.

## ALEXANDER MAIR

Dr A. Mair, Emeritus Professor of Community & Occupational Medicine at the University of Dundee, died on 6 August 1995. Born on 9 September 1912 he initially followed a career in the fishing industry. After graduating MB in 1942 at Aberdeen he entered public health and community medicine becoming senior lecturer at St Andrews University and in 1950 James Mackenzie Professor of Public Health & Social Medicine at Dundee. There he established the Dundee and District Occupational Health Service, the first in Britain. He became a Fellow in 1966.

## JAMES DOUGLAS MILLER

Dr J. D. Miller, Forbes Professor of Surgical Neurology at the University of Edinburgh since 1981, died on 23 August aged 58. An obituary appears on p 174.

## EDGAR WAREING MOORE

Dr E. W. Moore died on 4 August 1995. He was born on 14 November 1919. After graduating MB ChB in 1942 at the University of Bristol he served with the RAMC and was awarded the Military Cross in 1944. He became a Member here in 1953 and took the DMRD in 1954 and became a consultant radiologist with Bath Health District from 1957 until 1980. He spent two years in Uganda as a radiologist and lecturer in radiology. He was elected a Fellow in 1971.

## MALCOLM STEWART MUIR

Dr M. S. (Callum) Muir, Director of Cancer Registration in Scotland since 1991, died on 20 June 1995. He was born on 23 April 1930 and graduated MB at Glasgow in 1952. From 1957 to 1963 he was a lecturer in pathology at the University of Malaya, followed by three years at the University of Singapore. Dr Muir then worked for 23 years at the International Agency for Research on Cancer in Lyon, France, where he was deputy director from 1986 until 1990. On return to this country he was appointed Director of Cancer Registration with the Common Services Agency and was an honorary lecturer Edinburgh and Glasgow Universities. He was elected a Fellow in 1993.

## RONALD ORMISTON MURRAY

Dr R. O. Murray died on 5 March 1995. Born in Glasgow on 14 November 1912 he graduated MB BChir in 1938 at Cambridge. During the war he served with the RAMC and was awarded the MBE in 1945. He specialised in radiology gaining the DMR in 1947 and for two years was an associate professor of radiology at the American University of Beirut. He was then appointed as a radiologist to the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital and became a senior lecturer at the Institute of Orthopaedics. He took the Membership of this College in 1961 and became a Fellow in 1966.

## HARRY GEOFFREY HOWELL RICHARDS

Dr H. G. H. Richards died on 1 May 1995. He was born on 27 February 1913 and graduated MB at the University of Birmingham in 1937. After serving with the RAMC as a pathologist until 1945 he held appointments in Sheffield and Newcastle-upon-Tyne. In 1948 he became pathologist to the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester. He took the Membership in 1947 and was elected a Fellow in 1960.

## WIKTOR TOMASZEWSKI

Dr W. Tomaszewski died on 22 June 1995. Born on 17 March 1907, he qualified MB ChB at the University of Poznan in 1931. He proceeded to MD in 1937 and was awarded his PhD the same year. When World War II broke out he was on his way home from the United States and so he enlisted in the Polish Army in Scotland. After service in France Dr Tomaszewski taught at the Polish Medical School which was established in Edinburgh in 1941 to allow Polish medical students to continue their studies. After the war he stayed in Edinburgh working in general practice until retiring in 1990 at the age of 83. He wrote many papers and also compiled the first Polish-English Medical Dictionary. He was elected a Fellow of the College in 1983 and received an honorary degree of Doctor of Medicine from Edinburgh University in 1991.

## JOHN GARRETT PASCOE WILLIAMS

Dr J. G. P. Williams died on 18 July 1995 aged 62. After qualifying in medicine in 1956 and house appointments, he specialised in rehabilitation and in 1965 became Medical Director of the Farnham Park Rehabilitation Centre in Slough and a consultant in rehabilitation medicine at Wexham Park Hospital. He was awarded a Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship in 1974 and the Gold Medal of the International Federation of Sports Medicine in 1980 and appointed consultant to the Royal Navy. He was a member of many sports medicine associations and contributed much to the literature on sports medicine and rehabilitation. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 1963 and a Fellow of this College in 1986.

## TING CHIU YU

Dr T. C. Yu died on 1 July 1995. He was born on 2 October 1933 and graduated MB BS at the University of London in 1960. After taking the Membership of this College in 1965 he was a lecturer at the University of Hong Kong from 1966 until 1969. He then set up a private practice in cardiology. He was elected a Fellow in 1980.

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## CORRIGENDUM

On p. 616 of vol. 25 line 2 should read: There is evidence that a lifetime's sexual exposure to HCV carries an overall 10% chance of transmission.