

FOREWORD

**to Section on the Activities of the
Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society**

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I take great pleasure in writing this Foreword to the Section on the activities of the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of the Singapore Medical Association.

Although the annual reports and statements of accounts are submitted yearly to the Singapore Medical Association, there is no medium by which proceedings of the Society meetings and the more interesting lectures given under its auspices may be recorded. With the revival of the Kandang Kerbau Hospital Bulletin, however, such a means now becomes possible, so that the subject matter of our meetings will be available to a wider audience.

For this privilege, the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society Committee would like to thank the Kandang Kerbau Hospital Post-Graduate Committee, especially the Chairman, Mr. T. H. Lean, who is also Editor of the Bulletin.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing the rejuvenated Kandang Kerbau Hospital Bulletin every success.

**Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of the
Singapore Medical Association**

Annual Report for 1963

At the last Annual General Meeting of the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society held on 3rd April, 1963 at the Kandang Kerbau Hospital Lecture Theatre the following were elected to the Committee:—

President - - -	Dr. Goon Sek Mum
Vice-President - -	Mr. Lean Tye-Hin
Hon. Secretary - -	Dr. Yeo Oon Hook
Hon. Treasurer - -	Dr. Khew Khoon Shin
Committee Member -	Dr. Harold Lai
Hon. Auditors - -	Dr. Un Hon Hing
	Dr. G. Loughran

Dr. Yeo Oon Hock tendered his resignation as Secretary in May, 1963, as he was leaving the State of Singapore. The Society would like to express its appreciation to Dr. Yeo for the services he rendered to the Society. Dr. Khew Khoon Shin took over the function as Secretary and Treasurer for the Society, with the assistance of Dr. Harold Lai. Dr. T.A. Sinnathuray was co-opted to assist in the secretarial work.

Membership Drive and Affiliation to the I.F.G.O.

A membership drive was launched to stir up enthusiasm and support for the Society when the Committee took office. The membership at present stands at 66. Arrears in the subscriptions were brought up to date.

Each member of the Society is also an affiliated member of the International Federation of Gynaecologists and Obstetricians. Subscriptions for each member have been paid to date ending on 31st December, 1963. In view of this, our Society is now placed on the International Map and we will be informed of any International function which arises.

Meetings and Functions

1963 had been a busy and active year for the Society. Many important personalities in the field of Obstetrics and Gynaecology visited the Society and contributed much to enrich the thoughts and knowledge of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in this region.

In April 1963 Prof. W.G.W. Nixon, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G., Professor of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, University College Hospital, London, lectured to us and was honoured by a cocktail-barbecue party at the end of the lecture.

In May 1963 the Society was represented by three speakers who contributed papers to the Malayan Medico-Surgical Congress held on 5th May at the Alumni Centre.

"Megaloblastic Anaemia"—by Major C. R. Whitfield, R.A.M.C., M.R.C.O.G.

"The Place of Vaginal Hysterectomy in Modern Gynaecological Survey"—by Dr. A. C. Sinha, F.I.C.S., M.M.S.A., M.R.C.O.G.

"Molar Pregnancy"—by Dr. S. H. Tow, M.R.C.O.G.

Dr. A. P. Chakravorty and Dr. S.S. Ratnam were also present at the Congress.

On 24th May, 1963 a farewell dinner was organised by the Society in honour of the departure of Professor and Mrs. J.L. McKelvey. Prof. McKelvey had been in Singapore as a Visiting Professor in Obstetrics & Gynaecology, University of Singapore, and while he was here he contributed generously and stirred up much enthusiasm in "OBGYN". His departure was felt by many of us who came in contact with this magnetic personality.

In July 1963 two prominent persons lectured to the Society. Prof. E. Page of the University of California lectured to us on "The Evolution of the Human Placenta". He stayed for about four days in Singapore and made personal acquaintances with many of our members and the Staff at the Kandang Kerbau Hospital. At about the same time Sir A.C.H. Bell, the President of the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecolo-

gists visited the Society and lectured to us. A cocktail was organised in his honour at the end of the lecture.

Our next visitor was Prof. W.I.C. Morris of St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, who delivered stimulating and recent impressions on "Pelvic Measurements" and "Blood Coagulation Defects in Obstetrics". Members of the Society gave a makan kechil party in his honour.

Summary of Meetings held during the Year

DATE	SUBJECT	SPEAKER
26. 4.63	"Preventive Aspects in Obstetrical Practice" - - -	Prof. W. C. W. Nixon
21. 5.63	"Megaloblastic Anaemia of Pregnancy" - - -	Maj. C. R. Whitfield
11. 6.63	"Vaginal Cytology" - - - - -	Dr. C. S. Seah
11. 6.63	"Vaginal Cytology as a Screening Aid for Cervical Cancer" - - - - -	Dr. T. A. Sinnathuray
11. 6.63	"Carcinoma of the Fallopian Tube"—a Case Record - - - - -	Dr. Y. Salmon
12. 7.63	"The Evolution of the Human Placenta" - - -	Prof. E. Page
16. 7.63	"The Avoidable Factor in Obstetrics" - - -	Sir A. C. H. Bell
30. 8.63	"Pelvic Measurements" - - - - - "Blood Coagulation Disorders in Obstetrics"	Prof. W. I. C. Morris
17. 9.63	"Maternal Mortality in the State of Singapore—1960 to 1962. A Recent Survey" - - - - -	Mr. T. H. Lean
8.10.63	"Some Aspects of Surgical Induction of Labour" -	Maj. C. R. Whitfield
8.10.63	"Neonatal Orthopaedics" - - - - -	Lt. Commander Hesketh
8.10.63	"Presentation of Examples of Shock in Obstetrics" -	Capt. Gardner
12.11.63	"The Experience in the Establishment and Maintenance of a Cancer Screening Service" -	Dr. H. Rees
3.12.63	"Hypnosis in Obstetrics & Gynaecology"—Case Demonstrations - - - - - Film: "Hypnosis as the sole Anaesthesia for Caesarean Section" - - - - -	Dr. Chong Tong Mun

Visitors Book and Society Record Book

Mr. Lean had kindly donated a Visitors Book to the Society. It will be used to autograph prominent personalities visiting our Society.

The Society had also acquired a record book and the names of the members of the Society and its office-bearers will be recorded in the book each year.

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Hon. Secretary-cum-Treasurer