

SOCIETY NEWS

The 17th Annual Conference of the Aero Medical Society of India was held during October/November 1974. A number of interesting papers were presented during the Session.

The 18th Annual Scientific Session of the Society will be held during October, 1975 at Bangalore. Papers for presentation must reach the Secretary by 31st July, 1975.

News of Members

New Appointments — Group Captain M. S. KHERA, Principal Medical Officer, Headquarters Eastern Air Command took over as Joint Director Medical Services (Admin) in the rank of Air Commodore with effect from 10th February, 1975. Group Captain J. M. RAO, AVSM has been promoted to the rank of Brigadier and has taken over as Command Dental Adviser, Central Command. We congratulate them on their promotion.

The following officers have been the recipients of Honours and Awards—

Air Vice Marshal LM Budhbraja — AVSM
Air Commodore DN Gupta — AVSM
Wing Commander KC Sinha — VSM
Squadron Leader B Prasad — VSM

The following officers have been commended by the Chief of Air Staff—

Squadron Leader BB Saha.
Squadron Leader LS Bhatnagar.
Flight Lieutenant RK Mehta.

The undermentioned officers who were members of the Society from its inception have retired from the Service.

Air Commodore MK Mookherjee
Group Captain HN Dutta
Group Captain DM Marker

We wish them a happy retired life.

The following members have acquired Post Graduate Qualifications mentioned against their names—

Sqn Ldr P Das	(7455)	— DPM
Sqn Ldr VM Alurkar	(9098)	— MD (MED)
Flt Lt Chadda	(11186)	— DLO
Wg Cdr BV Acharya	(4841)	— DGH

Squadron Leader SK Dham MD has been elected a Fellow of the International College of Angiology (FICA) of USA.

Institute of Aviation Medicine-News Letter

The Institute of Aviation Medicine Bangalore has made steady progress during last year. The following are the high lights of the Unit's activities—

- TRAINING—Dr. CA Verghese, Biophysicist, proceeded to the Institute of Aviation Medicine, RAF, UK for a period of eight weeks for Aero Medical Training.
- The following officers have successfully completed Advanced Course in Aviation Medicine and have also obtained Diploma in Aviation Medicine from Bangalore University.

Squadron Leader Randhir Singh
Flight Lieutenant MN Gupta
Flight Lieutenant Ranjit Kumar
Surg. Lt. DK Bose
Surg. Lt. PS Hulyalkar

The undermentioned officer has passed Advanced Course in Aviation Medicine.

Squadron Leader V. Kumar

During 1974, 61 Medical Officers of Air Force were trained in Aviation Medicine, 20 Senior

Officers and 119 Officers of flying branch of the Air Force were indoctrinated in Aviation Medicine. 11 Civil Air-crew and 22 Medical Assistants were indoctrinated in Aviation Medicine. Two pathologists completed the course in AVIATION ACCIDENT PATHOLOGY during 1974.

(c) **New Simulator**—A new roll simulator has been installed in the Institute. The addition of this versatile equipment to the Vestibular laboratory will be of great help in indoctrination and research in the field of Disorientation.

(d) **MD in Aviation Medicine**—The syllabus for the MD in Aviation Medicine has been finalised and approved by Air Headquarters. It has been submitted to the BANGALORE UNIVERSITY authorities for finalisation. It is hoped that the MD course in Aviation Medicine will start shortly.

(e) **Expansion Plans**—The Institute is acquiring more land to expand its activities over a phased programme. Some more departments are being

started and the existing departments expanded to meet the increasing commitments. The Institute is acquiring an X-Ray plant. It will start functioning shortly. With this, all cases for Medical Evaluation can be investigated completely at the Institute itself.

(f) **Addition of Photo Section**—A photo Section is being constructed at the Institute. This will facilitate in making teaching slides and micro films.

(g) **Library**—During the last year many new volumes have been added to the library. In addition, a micro film reader has been installed.

(h) **Research Activities**—The Institute has completed many research projects of applied and immediate value to the Air Force. Particular mention should be made of ANTHROPOMORPHIC DUMMIES which have been designed and fabricated as per the guide lines laid down by the Institute. These dummies have been supplied to various Service Organisations.

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