

Society News

The 20th Annual Meeting of the Aeromedical Society of India was held on 29th, 30th and 31st December, 1977 at the Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

The 20th Annual meeting, coincided with the Silver Jubilee of the Aero Medical Society of India and was conducted in a befitting manner at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. Air Chief Marshal H. Moolgavkar, Chief of the Air Staff, inaugurated the Annual Meeting in the presence of a very large number of distinguished guests and Scientists.

The Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee memorial oration on the "Incidence of Cardiovascular problems among flying personnel and their evaluation" was delivered by Lt Gen RS Hoon, PVSM, AVSM (Retd).

Scientific papers on a number of subjects were presented, including original work by eminent civilian scientists. Two symposia were arranged during the meeting on "Aircrew Maintenance and Flying Fitness" and "Civil Aviation and Flight Safety." Representatives of civil airlines and of the Director General of Civil Aviation took part in the symposium on Civil Aviation. Lively discussions followed the presentations.

Honorary Fellowship of the Society

Honorary Fellowship of the Aeromedical Society of India has been conferred on Dr BK Venkataraman and Dr GN Reddy this year.

Dr BK Venkataraman, MBBS, BDS, MS (Calif) FIED (USA), FDS (Edin), Principal, Dental College Bangalore.

He passed MBBS from University Medical College, Mysore in April, 1949 and BDS from Sir C E M Dental College, Bombay in May, 1961. He

obtained MS (Parh) from University of California (USA) in November 1961. He served in Medical College Mysore in a number of teaching posts from 1950 to 1954 and in the Mysore State service from 1956 to 1959. He became the Professor of Oral Surgery in Dental College, Bangalore in 1962. He was appointed Prof. of Oral Pathology and Vice Principal of Dental College, Bangalore in 1967. He has been the Principal of Dental College since 1974. He has been Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Bangalore University from May 74 to August 76. He is the President Elect of Indian Dental Association, Bangalore Branch, January 1978. He has a number of papers to his credit. He is a Member of Board of Studies and Board of Appointments of Aviation Medicine. He has rendered valuable service in starting various post graduate courses at the Institute of Aviation Medicine.

Dr GN Reddy, FRCP (Edin), Professor and Chairman Dept of Medicine, St John's Medical College, Bangalore.

Dr Reddy graduated from Mysore Medical College in 1951. Worked in KR Hospital, Mysore from 1954 to 1957 and was working as Lecturer in Medicine, Mysore Medical College in 1957 when he left for USA. After gaining experience as a Medical Resident for three years he was appointed Resident Physician in Cardiology at Pennsylvania Hospital, University of Philadelphia, USA in 1960. Later he worked at Central Middlesex Hospital, London, UK for one year and at Dundee Royal Infirmary, St. Andrew's University, Dundee, Scotland, UK for 9 months. On return to India in 1965 he was appointed Associate Professor of Medicine, St. John's Medical College, Bangalore. He has been the Prof. and Chairman of Dept of Medicine, St. John's Medical College, Bangalore since December 1975. He was awarded the FRCP (Edin) in 1976 and received the Rajyotsava Award for Medicine in 1976 from

the Karnataka Government. He is a member of the Executive Committee, Medical Council of India and Senate, Bangalore University. He is an Honorary Physician to His Excellency, Governor of Karnataka. He is a member of the Board of Studies in Aviation Medicine, Bangalore University and has been an examiner for the Diploma in Aviation Medicine. He has taken keen interest in teaching of Aviation Medicine and rendered valuable service in the formulation of various training Courses at the Institute of Aviation Medicine.

Fellows of the Society

The following members have been elected as fellows at the Aero-Medical Society of India:

Air Commodore S Krishnamurthi

Wing Commander Kuldip Rai

Squadron Leader G Gurusiddappa

Squadron Leader SK Dham.

Air Commodore S Krishnamurthi

Air Cmde S Krishnamurthi graduated from Madras University in 1947 with distinction, having won a Gold Medal and three other prizes. He was Commissioned in the AMC in 1948 and seconded to IAF in 1949. He specialised in Medicine in 1953 and obtained MRCP (Glasgow) in 1956. He has worked as a Medical Specialist in a number of service hospitals and Air Force Medical Establishments, including the IAM. He has been Associate Professor of Medicine at AFMC Pune. He has a number of original publications to his credit. Currently he is posted as Consultant and Professor of Department of Postgraduate Medicine at Command Hospital, Air Force, Bangalore. He is a fellow of American College of Chest Physicians and International College of Angiology.

Wing Commander Kuldip Rai

Wg Cdr Kuldip Rai graduated from Punjab University in 1959 and was Commissioned in the IAF in 1961. He passed the Advanced Course in Aviation Medicine in 1966. He was trained in Aviation Medicine at RAF IAM, Farnborough, UK in 1971. He passed the Diploma in Aviation Medicine of Bangalore University in 1975, standing first in the University. He was Commended by the Chief of Air Staff in August, 1977. He is currently head of the Department of Acceleration Physiology and has several publications to his credit. He has been Editor of the "Aviation Medicine" for the last 3 years.

Squadron Leader G Gurusiddappa

Sqn Ldr G Gurusiddappa obtained his MBBS degree from Mysore University in 1961 and AMD in 1971 from University of Bangalore. He was Commissioned in March 63 in AMC and was seconded to IAF. He became a Classified Specialist in Aviation Medicine in 73. He was Mentioned in Despatches during 65 operations and was Commended by AOC-in-C, Western Air Command in 75. He has worked as Squadron Medical Officer and also at IAM. He was till recently DPMO, HQ, Eastern Air Command. He is presently posted to IAM.

Squadron Leader SK Dham

Sqn Ldr SK Dham did his MBBS in 1963 and MD in 1973 from Pune University. He has varied experience of working in various Air Force Hospitals and Institute of Aviation Medicine, Bangalore. He has been on the faculty at Institute of Aviation Medicine for three years. Presently he is the Staff Surgeon to the Chief of Air Staff. He has published a number of papers and is a member of many Scientific Associations, including the Diabetic Association of India and the Cardiological Society of India. He is also a Fellow of the International College of Angiology.