

SOCIETY NEWS

The 19th Annual meeting of the Aeromedical Society of India was held on 8th, 9th and 10th Nov. 76 at the Auditorium or National Aeronautical Laboratory, Bangalore. The Scientific session was inaugurated by Dr. B. N. Sinha, Emeritus Professor University of Lucknow, President, Medical Council of India, Honorary Brigadier and Consultant to Armed Forces Medical Services in Orthopaedic Surgery.

The Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee memorial oration on "The Dynamics of Brain Mechanism in Neurological dysfunction during flying" was delivered by Dr. Baldev Singh, Emeritus Professor All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, and Honorary Consultant to Armed Forces Medical Services in Neurology. The symposia on "Selection and maintenance of flying personnel" and "Safety in flight" and many other interesting scientific papers were presented during the meeting. In addition "Aircrew maintenance" workshop was held, where a large number of members of the society, exchanged their views and experiences on current aero medical problems. A panel of staff of IAM moderated the discussions.

It was decided to hold the 20th Annual meeting of Aeromedical Society of India on 22nd & 23rd Dec. 77 at New Delhi.

Honorary Fellowship of the Society

Honorary Fellowship of the Aeromedical Society of India was conferred on Dr. B. N. Sinha, Emeritus Professor University of Lucknow, President Medical Council of India, Honorary Brigadier and Consultant to the Armed Forces Medical Services in Orthopaedic Surgery, on 8th Nov. 76.

Fellows of the Society

The following members were elected as fellows of the Aeromedical Society of India.

- (i) Dr. K. S. Mani.
- (ii) Wing Commander K Rajan.
- (iii) Wing Commander PC Sharda.

Dr. K. S. Mani: Born to a professor of medicine on 18 Oct 29. He had his education in Madras, joined the all India Institute of Mental Health in 1957. He founded the Department of Neurology in that place and is now the professor and head of the department of Neurology and National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences, Bangalore. He has already 50 publications in both Indian and foreign bodies and is the founder member of the non-medical Indian Epilepsy Association. He is a recipient of International Ambassador for Epilepsy award in the year 1975. He is consultant in Neurology to Armed Forces Medical Services.

Wing Commander K Rajan: After obtaining his MBBS degree from Mysore University, he was commissioned in the Army Medical Corps on 14 Sep. 51. He qualified as Medical Para-trooper in Apr. 54. He successfully completed his Advance Course in Aviation Medicine and obtained his grading in Aviation Medicine in 1964. He is now a classified specialist in Aviation Medicine. He has also held various important appointments in Indian Air Force and at present he is posted as Principal Medical Officer HQ No. 1 (OPL) GP, IAF. He has a number of publications to his credit.

Wing Commander PC Sharda: Wg Cdr PC Sharda, a medical graduate from Gwalior was commissioned in Indian Air Force in 1959. He qualified as a Medical paratrooper and served in that capacity in his early service career. In 1963, he specialised in Aviation Medicine and visited West Germany for a short period. He served as an Instructor at the Institute of Aviation Medicine, Bangalore for over a decade. His significant contributions are in the field of Human Engineering

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and applied research particularly in relation to indigenous aircraft and survival packs. He is the author of many papers on Aircraft ejection systems and injuries. For his noteworthy contributions he was awarded Commendation by the Chief of the Air Staff in 1972. He has taken over the duties of Dy Director of Medical Services (Av Med) at Air Headquarters in Oct 76 and is also the Secretary of the Aero Medical Society of India.

NEWS OF MEMBERS.

Promotions and appointments :

(a) Group Captain Mulk Raj, PMO HQ Western Air Command, IAF, has been promoted to the rank of Air Commodore.

(b) Wing Commander DP Abrol has been promoted to the rank of Group Captain and posted as PMO, HQ Central Air Command, IAF.

(c) Wing Commander UC Sen, has been promoted to the rank of Group Captain and posted as Officer Commanding No. 5 Air Force Hospital.

We congratulate them on their promotions and new appointments.

Retirements :

Group Captain BN Kochhar, who was a member of the Society has retired from service.

We wish him a happy retired life.

Honours and Awards :-

Following Medical Officers have received honours and awards as mentioned against their names :

Wg Cdr (Mrs)

V Ramanan ... V S M

Wg Cdr K Rajan ... Commendation by AOC-in-C HQ No.1(OPL) GP, IAF.

Sqn Ldr SK Adaval ... Commendation by AOC-in-C HQ Maint Command, IAF.

Post Graduate Qualifications :

The following members of the Society have acquired post graduate qualifications mentioned against their names :

Wg Cdr SK Mitra	MD (Health & Admin)
Sqn Ldr KSV Mani	MD (Medicine)
Sqn Ldr MM Singh	MD (Medicine)
Sqn Ldr SS Iyengar	MD (Medicine)
Sqn Ldr US Tandon	DMRD, MD.
Sqn Ldr RN Diwan	DGP