IS YOUR ADDRESS CORRECT?

A new members address book is going to be published later on this year. Please check your address label shown here. If you have changed your address or are planning to in the near future please let the Secretary know so that the Society's records can be kept up to date.

DR JUDY DOMER FOR MEMORIAL LECTURE

Dr Domer has accepted an invitation from the Committee to give the Ian Murray Memorial Lecture at the Society's Annual Meeting in York next year. She is Professor of Microbiology in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Tulane University Medical Center, New Orleans. Dr. Domer has kindly offered to speak about cell-mediated immune responses to pathogenic fungi. Judy Domer is well known to medical mycologists in the UK, having spent a sabbatical year in London in 1971, working in the Immunology Division of the Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology in Hammersmith. During this time she spent some time working with Roland Davies and attended the Annual Meeting of the BSM held at Cambridge in 1972.

Dr Domer is well known for her earlier work on biochemical studies of the cell wall of Histoplasma capsulatum and Blastomyces dermatitidis and more recently her fundamental studies on cell-mediated immune responses to Candida albicans and in particular the immunomodulatory effect of cell wall components of Candida albicans.

Dr. Domer has received many honours and recognition for her work in medical mycology and currently she is active in various capacities representing medical mycology in the American Society for Microbiology and is President of the Medical Mycological Society of the Americas.

It is hoped that Dr Domer's talk on the ever expanding field of cell mediated immunity to fungi will be of particular interest to BSM members working in this area.

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ANNUAL MEETING 1990

The Society's next Annual Meeting will be held in Wentworth College, University of York on 9-11 April 1990. The local organiser is Dr. Glyn Evans. The University is set two miles from the City with an attractively landscaped park surrounding a large artificial lake. Wentworth College (named after Wentworth, Earl of Strafford, the last great President of the North (1593-1641)) is one of the University's six colleges where conference residents are accommodated in single study bedrooms. Some twin-bedded rooms are available. The bedrooms are arranged in blocks attached to the nucleus of the College. For exhibitors, the University is able to provide a variety of areas suitable for a commercial exhibition.

Members will have easy access to the City and its historic atmosphere, if there is any free time within the scientific programme! Major attractions include York Minster, the famous Jorvik Viking Centre, the Castle Museum, and of course the National Railway Museum, which is a first-class presentation of trains and railway memorabilia that ought not to be missed.

It is proposed to hold the Society's Annual General Meeting on the evening of Monday 9 April followed by a social event in Wentworth College. The Society's Annual Dinner is planned to be held on Tuesday, 10 April in Kings Manor, a magnificent brick-built building dating back to the 15th Century. Once a royal palace and the headquarters of the Council of the North set up by Henry VIII it has since been acquired by the City of York and leased to the University.

In addition to the Ian Murray Memorial Lecture to be given by Dr Judy Domer (see item "Dr Judy Domer for Ian Murray Memorial Lecturer") it is proposed to run a symposium on molecular and biochemical aspects of pathogenic fungi with a guest speaker and the opportunity for open papers related to the symposium theme. Following the success of the BSM one-day symposium on 'Molecular Mycology' held in London last November it is hoped that a similar symposium as part of the Annual Meeting will be equally successful.

Further details of the York meeting will appear in forthcoming Newsletters and in the first notice of the meeting later on this year. However, now is the time to start planning your presentation(s) for the York meeting as part of what should be an exciting scientific programme!

CANDIDA AND CANDIDAMYCOSIS

More than 150 mycologists from around the world travelled to Alanya in Turkey for the recent FEMS Symposium on "Candida and candidamycosis". They were rewarded with a busy scientific programme and the blazing sunshine of the Mediterranean coast. The BSM was particularly well represented. Eight of our members gave invited lectures, and three more contributed to the free papers. Topics ranged from molecular genetic aspects of Candida albicans to problems of diagnosis and treatment of candidosis. The standard of many of the presentations was high.

The venue for the Symposium was the Club Alantur hotel - a tree-lined establishment with three swimming pools and more than a hint of the Club Mediterrane style. (We never quite got used to having to pay for food and drink with plastic beads purchased from the hotel reception desk, but the system at least provided a focal point for discussions when the topic of candidosis ran dry).

The Symposium was conveniently arranged so that the scientific sessions did not overlap with organized visits to surrounding points of interest. The Hellenic and Roman ruins near Side were particularly impressive: to see two remarkably well-preserved, classical amphitheatres in one evening was a unique experience. The social programme of the symposium was a lively one: generous receptions were provided by Hoechst, Bayer and Pfizer.

It was distressing to learn of the deplorably under-funded state of microbiology in Turkey. There were cases where Turkish mycologists didn't even have a microscope in their laboratories. With such meagre resources there was little chance for Turkish mycologists to do novel experiments; nearly all of the work they presented reflected their economic difficulties.

The running joke of the Symposium was the local travel agency, Tur Antik, who turned the overpriced incompetence one normally associates with travel agents into a kind of art form. Their high spot was a "romantic sunset cruise" which turned out to be a trip round the bay in a pair of small motor boats and ended as a water battle between the tired and emotional mycologists on board.

Frank Odds
SUBSCRIPTION ARREARS

The majority of members of the Society pay their annual subscription by Banker's Order. Others prefer to pay by cheque, but still manage to remit their payment promptly each year. Some members, however, show a marked disinclination to pay, even when sent a personal reminder.

Under the terms of the Society's Constitution, any member whose subscription is two years in arrears may have their membership cancelled. However, the cost of administering the Society's affairs is rising and it is no longer reasonable to provide defaulters with newsletters and notices of meetings for this length of time. The Committee has therefore decided that members whose subscriptions have not been paid by June 30th each year should be removed from the mailing list until such time as their arrears have been settled.

If your 1989 subscription has not been paid in full, this newsletter may be the last communication you receive from the BSM!

Finally, two largely unnecessary tasks which the Treasurer has to perform each year are requesting additional payments and making refunds to members whose Banker's Orders are incorrect. May I ask all members who pay their annual subscription by this method to check the details with their bank. The correct amount is £5.00.

David Warnock

CONFERENCES AND COURSES

12 October 1989. Bristol. Association of Clinical Microbiologists Update Course No. 3: Medical Mycology. Contact: Dr D W Warnock, Department of Microbiology, Bristol Royal Infirmary, Bristol BS2 8HW.


2-6 April 1990. Leeds. British Society for Mycopathology Course on Diagnostic Medical Mycology. Contact: Dr. E.G.V. Evans, Regional Mycology Laboratory, Department of Microbiology, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT.

WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

At the meeting of the Committee held on 14 June 1989, the following were admitted to membership of the Society:

Dr Frances M Dewey
Department of Plant Sciences
University of Oxford

Miss Jennifer L Sherwood
Department of Microbiology
University of Aberdeen

Mr Stephen G Smith
Sandoz Pharmaceuticals
Frimley
ANNUAL MEETING 1989

The 1989 meeting of the Society was held at new College Oxford, 3-5 April 1989. It was an atmospheric setting for our 25th Annual Conference.

The scientific sessions were held in the Long Room where we listened to illuminating and well-presented papers. For those members who were unable to attend the meeting a copy of the scientific programme is enclosed with this Newsletter. The format of the meeting varied slightly from previous years with the Ian Murray Memorial Lecture by Professor Harry Smith being given on the final day (a copy of the text of Professor Smith's lecture is enclosed with this Newsletter) and the inclusion of a special lecture by Professor Dame Rosalinde Hurley, which provided a interesting insight into the workings of the work of the U.K. Medicines Commission.

The social aspects of this friendly meeting were enjoyable. A visit to the Hell Fire Caves for a buffet on the Monday night was a novel experience and the dining hall of New College with its solid oak refectory tables and gleaming silver was a splendid setting for the Annual Dinner.

The Annual General Meeting did not raise any contentious issues and dealt with the business of the Society in record time. A well deserved vote of thanks was extended to the local organiser, Nigel Blatchford, and his helpful team for an efficiently run and enjoyable meeting where the warmth of hospitality more than made up for the chill of the weather.

Gillian Shankland

NEW BOOKS

The following is list of some of the books devoted to various aspects of medical mycology. The Editor would be grateful if readers could inform him of additional titles that have been published recently. The prices given are current as of July 1989.


TRAVEL AWARDS

The Committee have decided to grant travel awards to Dr. Valarie Hopwood, Regional Mycology Laboratory, General Infirmary, Leeds and Dr. Gillian Shankland, Medical Mycology Unit, University of Glasgow in support of their attendance at the forthcoming joint meeting between the BSN, the Danish Society for Mycopathology and the Swedish Society for Clinical Mycology.

ANNUAL MEETING 1989

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

For those members who were unable to attend the last Annual Meeting in Oxford a copy of the Scientific Programme is enclosed with this Newsletter so that you can see the scope of work being carried out by our members.