

HOSPITAL ENGINEERING NEWSLETTER

Institute Annual Conference

Manchester 11-13 May 1983

The 39th Annual Conference of the Institute was held in Manchester from 11th to 13th May, and attracted the increasing support of members and their wives which reflects the growth, and strength, of the Institute. Indeed, the Annual Conference is so very much a 'family affair' that whilst its

prime purpose is the dissemination of technical information nonetheless it is the more happy occasion because it is an annual get-together of those involved in the Works Services aspects of Health Care.

The Conference was opened by Sir John Page, Chairman of the North Western Regional Health Authority.

The technical programme has received adequate publicity, and sufficient to say, here, that it was most well received. The Papers given will appear in *Hospital Engineering* in the months ahead. We should say however, that an addition to the programme was provided by Mr. Jim Turnour of the Institute of Hospital

The outgoing President, John Constable, replies to the Lord Mayor of Manchester at the Civic Reception.



Engineers (Australia), who has responsibility for the next Congress of the International Federation of Hospital Engineering to be held in Melbourne in 1984.

On the social side, delegates to the Conference and their ladies were received most kindly at the Town Hall, by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Greater Manchester. This proved to be a most splendid evening because, apart from the hospitality dispensed, guests were given an extended tour of the Town Hall and an insight into the workings of the Council.

The Annual Conference Dinner Dance was held on the Thursday Evening.

On the formal side the speakers, apart from the President of the Institute, were Sir John Page and Mr John Bolton, Chief Works Officer and Director General of Works, Department of Health and Social Security. Suffice it to say, perhaps, that the quality, and humour, of the speeches was such as to render those present almost incapable for the dancing which followed. Nonetheless, at the end of the day (or night?) *Auld Lang Syne* was performed with the customary excess of vigour.

During the evening there were two formal presentations. First Mr. Cor Sonius, President of the International Federation of Hospital Engineering presented to the Institute an engraved Annual General Meeting Minute Book to mark its 40th birthday. This allowed Mr Constable to air his Dutch in the most impressive way.

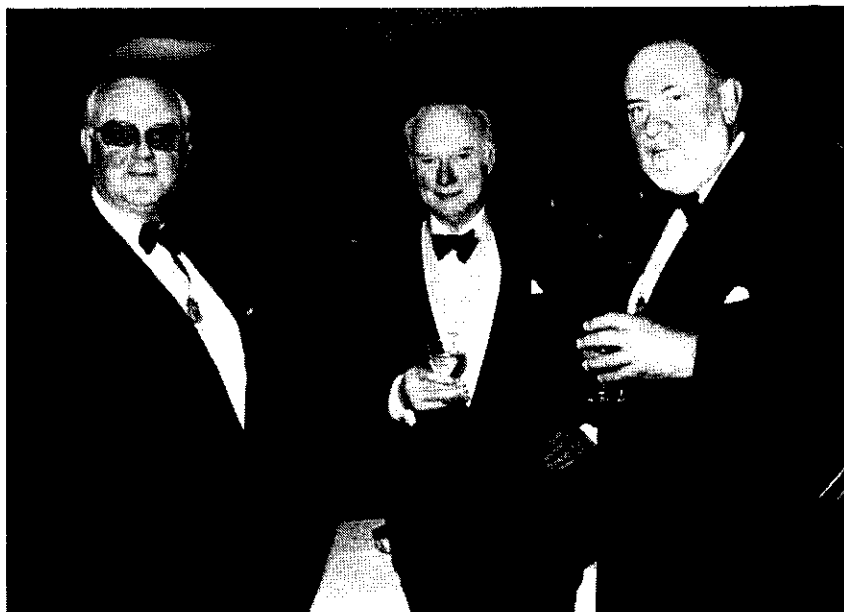
Then the Institute President presented the Northcroft Silver Medal for 1982 to Mr R. R. Morgan of the Welsh Health Technical Services Organisation. The Ladies programme, now an integral part of the total exercise, was well supported as usual, and very much enjoyed.

The Annual General Meeting of the Institute was held on the final morning of the Conference, when Mr Laurence Hadley was installed as President.

A Report of the AGM is published separately in this Newsletter. At the Conference Closure, the President presented bouquets to Mrs John Constable, to Mrs R. Richards and Mrs. J. Sunderland, as a token of appreciation for all they had done in connection with the Ladies programme, and to Mrs. Rosemary Flewitt for her indefatigable contributions leading up to and during the entire Conference.



Above: An informal group — left to right, Mr. and Mrs. R. Richards, Mr. J. Abbott, Mr. J. Moulton, Mr. E. Hateley, Mr. J. Sunderland, Mr. A. Barratt and Mr. W. Smith. Below: A trio of distinguished Past Presidents. Left to right, Hugh Howorth, Robin Manser and Doctor Bernard Lucas.



Annual General Meeting 1983

Report on the Sixteenth Annual General Meeting of the Institute held at the Hotel Piccadilly, Manchester at 9.30 am on Friday 13 May, 1983.

The President, John Constable Esq CBE presided, and there were 71 members present.

Apologies were received from B. J. Elliston Esq and G. A. Rooley Esq CBE (Past President).

1. The President commenced by calling on the Secretary to read the Notice to Members convening the meeting.
2. The President proposed 'that the Report of the Auditors be taken as read'. K. J. Eatwell seconded. Agreed 'nem con'.
3. The President moved "that the Report of the Council and the Audited Accounts of the Institute for the year

ended 31 December, 1982, be received and adopted. K. J. Eatwell seconded.

The President called for questions on the Report and Accounts. J. R. Harrison Esq CBE (Past President) referring to the surplus for the year that the audited accounts revealed suggested that, particularly having regard to the difficult financial climate, an expression of appreciation was due to the Chairman and members of Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee and to the Institute's Secretary for his indefatigable efforts.

K. J. Eatwell (Chairman, Council's F & GP Committee), in responding, drew attention to the steady improvement in the Institute's financial position and spoke of the ultimate aim of the Institute owning its own premises.

The President drew the attention of the meeting to that part of the Auditors' Report which spoke of the increase in the total of outstanding "members subscriptions".

On the President's calling for a vote the "Report of Council and Audited Accounts" were adopted "nem con".

4. Elections of Council Members for the ensuing year.

(a) The President reported that in accordance with the Articles of Association the following members of Council would retire at the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting:

J. B. Packer, *Nominated Member*
K. I. Murray, *General Member*
P. Jackson, *Area Member — Wales*
P. C. Vedast, *Area Member — London*
K. B. Worsell, *Area Member — North East and Yorkshire*.

(b) The President announced that the following being the sole nominee in their respective categories were elected to Council unopposed:

K. I. Murray, *General Member*
J. B. Packer, *Nominated Member*
P. Jackson, *Area Member — Wales*
M. H. Smith, *Area Member — North East and Yorkshire*.

P. C. Vedast, *Area Member — London*

5. The President moved "that Messrs. Moore Stephens and Co. be re-appointed as Auditors to the Institute and that Council be authorised to fix their remuneration".

Dr. B. G. B. Lucas (Past President) seconded. The meeting agreed unanimously.

6. Any other business. The President called for 'Any other business' but none was forthcoming.

7. The President spoke of his very considerable personal pleasure in

introducing his successor. Laurie Hadley was so very well known that there was absolutely no need to attempt to give his background. Apart from being the Senior Partner of a firm of Consulting Engineers with most considerable involvement in the hospital field he was, for example, a Past President of the Chartered Institute of Building Services, and his immense experience would be of the greatest value to the Institute, not least in these difficult times of the establishment of the Engineering Council.

In the absence, then, of the need for further introduction, the President suggested that the time had come to invest his successor with the President's Jewel of Office.

8. Mr. L. G. Hadley, in accepting office, thanked, Mr. Constable for his extremely flattering introduction and insisted that his first duty, and a most sincere one, was to offer heartfelt thanks to him for his very considerable contribution during his term as President. He had steered the Institute so well. During his term of office the Institute had enjoyed two highly successful Conferences, at Stratford and here in Manchester but, particularly, perhaps, he had contributed so much to that "coming togetherness" for which the Institute is so well known. The President then invested Mr. Constable with the Past President's Jewel, reiterating the debt owed to him by the Institute, which remarks were received with acclamation.

Mr. Constable, in responding, spoke of the responsibilities of the office of President, yet how very, very enjoyable it was. The Immediate Past President referred, also, to the tremendous support he had received from Past Presidents of the Institute and wished, also, to mention the substantial support the Institute received from the Department of Health and Social Security. Undoubtedly, DHSS received 'feed-back', but Mr. Constable asked that Mr. John Bolton and his Chief Officers be aware that the Institute recognised that the Department's contribution was very great.

Finally, Mr. Constable expressed his warm appreciation for the support he had received from the Institute Secretary, John Furness and from Mrs. Rosemary Flewitt.

9. The new President referred to the fact that his 'installation' was occurring on Friday, the 13th (perhaps the first time that this had occurred in the Institute's history)

and hoped that this had no particular significance. Whilst this was the 39th Annual Conference of the Institute there had been but 8 Presidents since Incorporation in 1967, which made him Number 9, which did have some significance, at least in the Senior Service if not, indeed in the others!

The President spoke of the great honour he felt on assuming office and his awareness of the responsibilities which he approached with a combination of eagerness and humility. It was noteworthy that the list of Past Presidents (those present were, in order of service, Robin Manser, Dr. Bernard Lucas, Hugh Howorth, Richard Harrison and Lawrence Turner — and George Rooley would have wished to be here, commitments allowing) embraced the expertise of Consultants, Industry, Medical Engineering and the National Health Service (in alphabetical order). This illustrated, perhaps, how the Institute drew together those who had a contribution to make to hospital engineering.

The President said that some 70% of the membership was drawn from within the NHS, but that there were considerable numbers 'without' who might have much to offer to the general store of knowledge, and experience, of the Institute.

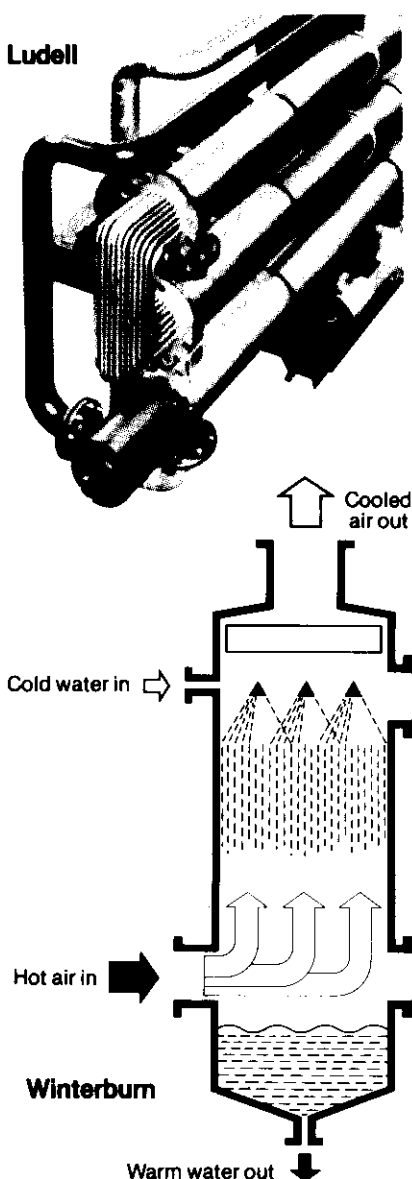
Mr. Hadley went on to speak of the newly formed Engineering Council and of the Institute's success in establishing a 'direct voice' within its Committees.

The President referred, also, to the Institute's role within the International Federation of Hospital Engineering, and of Basil Hermon's particular contribution in that sphere as its *Honorary Treasurer*. At the same time, Mr. Hadley said that he must take the opportunity to offer congratulations, and the Institute's pleasure, to John Bolton, Chief Works Officer and Director General of Works, DHSS, and Honorary Member of the Institute, in recently assuming the Presidency of the Chartered Institute of Building Services, and wished him success in that office.

Finally, on a sadder note, the President expressed regret that, due to ill-health, his wife had been prevented from coming to Manchester. Most fortunately Mrs. Hadley was recovering and would hope to join him in enjoying the companionship which was such a hallmark of the Institute, in the immediate future.

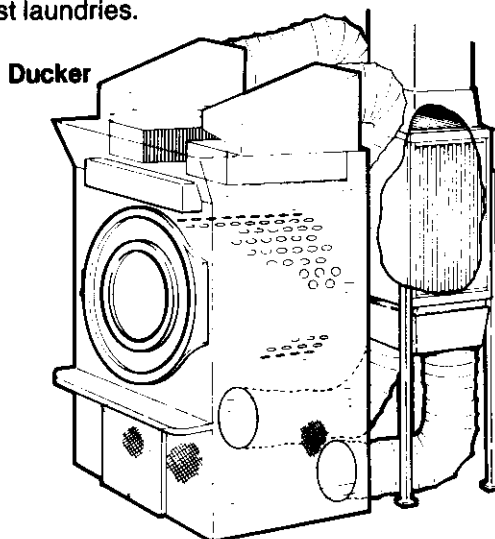
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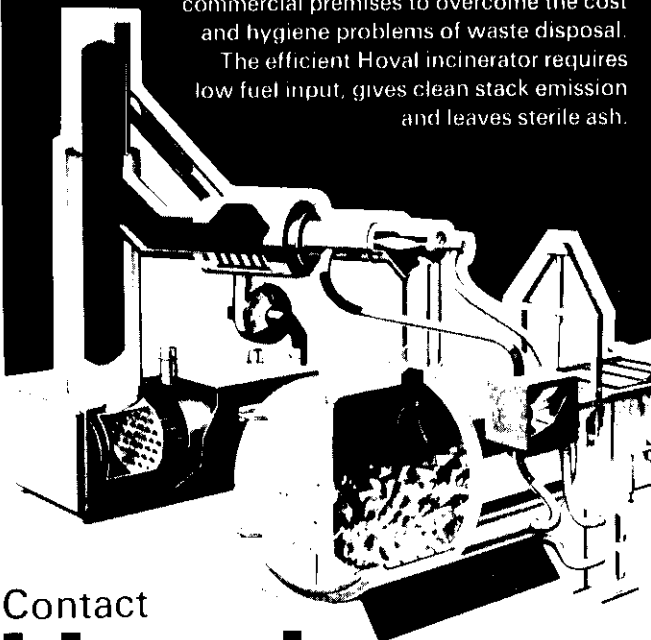
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