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This Newsletter is circulated through the internet, and through all WOC Regional Secretaries in the hope that they will be able to download and distribute it to those "concerned" who may not be connected through the "Net." It is addressed to all interested in orthopaedic surgery, particularly those who work in areas of the world with great need, and very limited resources.

The death of friends is always shattering, but WOC too has suffered from the departure of two of its warmest supporters; -- one a few months ago and one yesterday (4/11/15).

In reverse order, **Frank Horan** died suddenly, a week after major surgery for a rupturing aortic aneurysm. A major contributor to British Orthopaedics, he held together the Editorship of the British Edition of the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery for four years, and then as assistant to his successor (James Scott) for three more years preserving the style and content of that most prestigious Journal.

He dominated editorial discussion through difficult times leading eventually to the rupture from the parent American Edition. The editorial meetings were always exciting, contentious and basically blunt. Many were the vigorous exchanges between Frank and his close friends, including Leslie Klenerman, which Frank often lost, - all in very good part.

Frank always ascribed his ability with words, to the example given him by John Crawford Adams as his registrar at St Mary's (before the days of incessant rotation) and by George Bonney, whom he half-consciously imitated. Never did he allow the complexity of our subject to separate the reader from the obscurity of scientific jargon; but his respect for those who were special experts encouraged them to seek the pages of JBJS; - and then he would rewrite them into clarity. He considered that anything that was not clear might as likely be false.

The major Orthopaedic Societies of the world have been entertained and instructed by his teaching on how to marshal surgical facts and convey them to the page. Constantly he was the champion of those who struggled without the most modern equipment; always he was a loyal and generous friend.

Just a few months earlier, Britain lost **Leslie Klenerman**, again suddenly, from vascular accident. In contrast with Frank, who wrote very little (except of course other people's submissions to the Journal), Leslie was a prodigious writer on his special subject, the "Foot and Ankle" (of which specialty, he was a founder member in UK); and also on the physiology of the circulation, on tourniquets, and on the broad subject of the history of orthopaedics. As Professor of the famous Liverpool Department of Orthopaedics, he maintained its reputation with the M.Ch.(Orth) examination and degree, which was the prototype for the FRCS(orth), qualification in recent years.

After his retirement it proved not possible to keep him from teaching; he moved to Cambridge to instruct in surgical anatomy – a subject of which the deletion from curricula, he often criticised. He was proud of his origin in General Orthopaedics, and the relevance of basic science to all inventive progress in the subject.

At his funeral it was clear the breadth of orthopaedic surgeons who expressed their appreciation of his influence as a teacher. His family opened a fund to support WOC, to which contributions have reached several thousand pounds.

The recollection of these modern UK giants serves well to maintain the link with our roots, our training in General orthopaedics – so much in need today, but too often, not taught in Centres of (overspecialised) Excellence.

Dr. Sylvain TERVER writes; (Franco-ponic Orthopaedic philosopher, and Central African luminary.)

“I assume that most of us receive the WOC Newsletters regularly. I sometimes tell Mike my feelings about the news he is transmitting in his letters and I am in full accordance with him about the problem of the hyperspecialisation of Orthopedists. The trend in developed countries does have the effect of making even deeper, the gap between the “haves” and the “have-nots” in this world.

“This is also the reason why I have a hard time understanding programs which come from very dedicated surgeons, recommending that "trauma care should be upgraded" in the LMICs (or less developed countries). I wonder if these programs are not too ambitious to be realistic; not because of any lack of scientific basis, but the lack of an understanding of "countrywide realities" in the LMICs.

“In a reverse way I am concerned about the need for our young trainees to follow these trends, while neglecting the appropriateness of other surgical options than “replacement arthroplasty” for joint disease!! There is a danger that debate might divide, leading to the impression that our advocacy of that which is historical and safe, might be mistaken for rejection of that which is modern and progressive. Far from that; those who have been trained in the West, feel a responsibility that modern medicine is open to abuse in conditions that are less than safe.”

World Orthopaedic Concern.

The Program for the **60th Annual Meeting of IOACON 2015**, in the City of **JAIPUR**.

2nd Day – Hall No. 6, December 13th @ 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

in the **Birla Auditorium**. <www.ioacon2015>

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Chairpersons:

Dr. H. R. Jhunjhunwala, Dr. Sudhir Kapoor & Dr. D. K. Taneja

12:00 – 12:05pm WOC & its activities –

Dr. D. K. Taneja

The following short papers (7 minutes each) have been selected specifically as essential to address the common clinical problems confronting hospitals with restricted resources.

1. Training the orthopaedic man-power Dr. Hardas Sandhu
2. Looking for New Horizon - Dr. R. K. Bhargava
3. Nonunion fracture NoF – Solutions for developing world –
Dr. Sameer Gupta
4. Neglected fracture NoF – role of valgus Osteotomy - Dr. M. K. Sherwani
5. Neglected fracture femur - Dr. Subir Mukherjee
6. Antibiotic Cement impregnated IM nail in infected long bones
Dr. Dinesh Sonkar
7. Management of Fracture/Dislocation of Talus – Dr. P. Choudhary
8. Short term results of Recurrent Anterior Glenohumeral Instability treated
by Latarjet Procedure - Dr. Sachin Chhabra
9. Upper limb tuberculosis; not so uncommon – Dr. Vijay Khariwal
- 10 Vitamin D Issues, in the developing world - Dr. V. K. Gautam