

The Secretary's Page

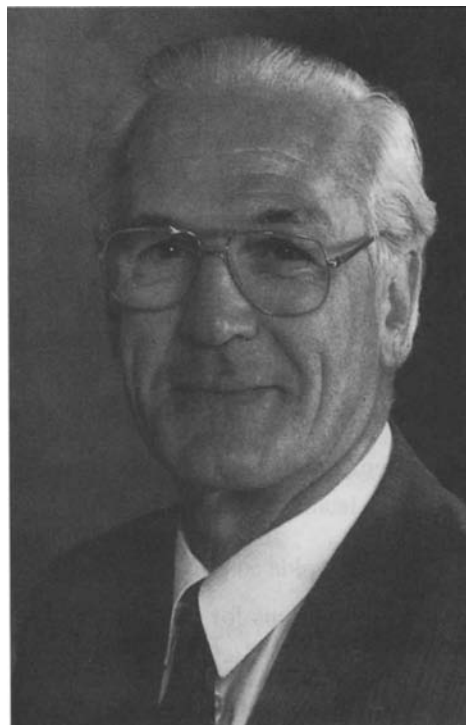
We have recently concluded a very successful meeting in Brighton, the details of which will be published in a future issue, with over 1200 people attending the Congress which was held in the historic Dome Theatre and Corn Hall.

At the Business Meeting of the Society important decisions were reached regarding three issues which have been debated by the Society for several years.

The first was the formation of the European Board of Orthodontists. After several amendments to the document, which had been sent to all members, it was agreed by the membership that the Board should be formed. Professor Berg and his Committee had drawn up some preliminary suggestions as to how the Examination should be conducted and orthodontists have been approached to examine on the first occasion in Valencia next June. Any members who wish to take the examination should apply to the Society before December 31st 1996. The fee for members is £350 and for non-members £500. The requirements for taking the examination are printed in this issue of the Journal.

The second issue that was discussed by the membership was the report of Professor van der Linden's Committee on the European Specialist Examination. It was agreed that this should be sent to all Societies in Europe, and that they should be encouraged to accept this as a standard for their own national examinations. Every effort should be made to get this accepted across Europe as the European standard. The text of this document is included in this issue of the Journal.

The third issue was the changes in the constitution suggested by Professor Linder-Aronson's Committee on Society Reorganisation. These changes were put forward at the Opening Business meeting of the Society and were voted on at the Closing Business meeting. There was considerable discussion about the changes but they were passed by the required majority and the new Constitution will be sent to all members as soon as it can be reprinted. Under the new



Constitution a call for the nomination of officers of the Society has to be published in the *European Journal of Orthodontics*, and they will be elected by Ballot of the membership as defined in the new Constitution.

Officers of the Society

The Officers of the Society, who must be Active members, shall be ratified annually at the Business meeting and shall not normally be re-elected to the same office.

President

The President of the Society shall be the Chairman of the Council and his appointment will be for one year.

Presidents Elect

Presidents Elect will automatically, and in order,

advance to the offices of President and Past President.

Councillors

The Councillors will be elected for a period of three years and shall be elected from countries other than those represented by the appointed members of the Council.

Honorary Officers

The Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Auditors will have a term of office of five years.

Honorary Editor

The Honorary Editor will be appointed for seven years by the Scientific Council and the appointment ratified annually by the membership. At the end of seven years a Committee will be set up to advise the Council on the Editorship. The Committee will consist of the President, one Past-President, one Councillor and the Honorary Secretary.

Election of Officers

A call for nominations for office in the Society will be made in the *European Journal of Orthodontics*.

The nomination must be supported by four active members, one from the proposed country

and three from other countries in Europe. It must be signed by the nominee and include the name and *curriculum vitae* of the nominee.

Nominations must be received by the Office of the EOS by December 31 of the preceding year.

The list of nominees will be circulated to members and a postal ballot of active members undertaken. Ballot papers will be sent with the Spring newsletter and must be returned at least six weeks before the annual congress. In the event of only one nomination no ballot will be made.

In connection with the reorganization of the Society it was also agreed at the Business meeting that the Committee, chaired by Professor Linder-Aronson, should be asked to look at the possibilities of forming a Professional wing to the Society with representation from all the orthodontic societies in Europe. It was suggested and agreed that the Committee should reconvene and include a member from the German, French and Spanish orthodontic societies. The Committee already has two ordinary members from Belgium and Denmark. The Council Members are from Sweden and Denmark, with the Honorary Secretary from the UK. They are to meet and report back to the next Business meeting of the Society.

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