

## NEWSLETTER

S E L A M A T H A R I R A Y A I

The First Malaysian Radiological Society Annual General Meeting was held on 17/6/78 and this was followed by a Radiological Seminar together with a dinner at the Hotel Equatorial. The whole programme was a thundering success! The new list of office bearers for the Society for the years 1978/79 and 1979/80 is

President:	Dr. Hussain b. Abdul Ghani
Vice-President:	Dr. Perdamen Singh
Secretary:	Dr. Joginder Singh
Treasurer:	Dr. Ahmad Kamal
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A Radiological Session on 27/9/78 at 6 p.m.

A Radiological Session will take place on 27/9/78 at 6.00 p.m. and the venue of this will be at the Lecture Theatre, General Hospital, Kuala Lumpur. The speakers will be Dr. Louis Kreef from London and Dr. Hylton B. Meire also from the United Kingdom. The topics for this session will be announced later. This session is to be followed by a dinner which has tentatively been arranged at the Royal Selangor Golf Club. This dinner will be by subscription and the cost will be determined later. It is expected that most radiologists will be present so that we can make this Society's presence felt with these two well-known radiologists. It is hoped that Professor Middlemas will be around at the same time and he too will be invited to this dinner. The Radiological Society is making arrangements for Dr. Kreef and Dr. Meire to visit Penang and Kota Bharu. This part of the programme will be notified at a later date. Two film sessions of one hour each are to take place at the General Hospital, Kuala Lumpur and the University Hospital, Kuala Lumpur between 27/9/78 and 4/10/78. The time fixed is 6.00-7.00 p.m. and this will be followed by a dinner.

Third Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology in Singapore 28/10/79-3/11/79

Enclosed is a pamphlet (for members only due to limited copies) of the Third Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology to be held from 28/10/79 to 3/11/79. Members are requested to submit any suggestions or topics they have for this Congress. The Malaysian Radiological Society has suggested the following topics to our counterparts in Singapore. They are Buerger's Disease, Primary Arteritis and Long-standing Congenital Hearts.

Clinico-Radiological Congress to be organised by M.R.S. on 26/10/79 and 27/10/79

The Council at its meeting held on 21/8/78 discussed that we should take advantage of the Radiologists and others coming for the Asian Oceanian Congress and that we should organise a Clinico-Radiological Congress on a large scale on Friday, 26/10/79 and Saturday 27/10/79. The Congress in Singapore is due to start off on Sunday 28/10/79. Members are invited to put forward any views or suggestions on this matter.

Consent for Intravenous Urogram Examination

This was discussed at length and it was felt that this should not be made compulsory for as yet consent for the IVU examination is still not taken in the hospitals in the United Kingdom, though some hospitals in the States do practise this procedure. We feel that the doctor who is requesting for this examination feels the need for such an investigation and that if consent is persisted upon, this may frighten the patients from the examination which may thereafter lead to improper patient care and diagnosis, particularly in those patients with serious illness of the urinary tract.

Pretesting for IVU Examination with Potassium Iodide

It was strongly felt that the present system employed by the government hospitals, that is, using potassium iodide as a screening test for iodine sensitivity, serves no purpose and provides a false sense of security as regards contrast reactions. A letter to this effect would be sent to the Ministry of Health explaining that pretesting for an IVU with potassium iodide is out-of-date and that patients are unnecessarily warded for this unreliable "test dose". Full resuscitative measures are to be made available whenever an IVU examination is carried out at any hospital or private radiological practice. We feel that the radiologists in this country must collectively agree to the practice of radiological procedures which can be dangerous to the public. Your views on this matter for any procedure are welcome. The Malaysian Radiological Society is also establishing a Central Monitoring System for Radiation and this would be made known to you as soon as facilities for this have been looked into.

Enclosed for those who have as yet not become members, but are practicing radiology, are application forms for membership and we shall be pleased if you would become a member of our Society.

Our membership now stands at 5 life members, 12 ordinary members, 2 associate members and 4 trainee members.

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Dr. Joginder Singh  
SECRETARY