

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER OF THE LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE & TROPICAL MEDICINE



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CELEBRATING THE SCHOOL'S CENTENARY!

In October the year long programme of activities to mark the School's Centenary culminated in a two-day programme of celebrations. The centenary events were an opportunity to bring together the achievements of the past, the strengths of the present and the strategic vision of the future. In addition to events in London, no less than 15 reunions have been held worldwide since the last issue of the *Alumni News*.

The events began on Friday 1 October with a double party for staff and for the new intake of students to mark the 100th anniversary of the School's opening. The Dean cut centenary cakes and launched the month of intense celebration in style.

The Open Day on 29 October featured an extensive exhibition in the Library where demonstrations by individual units and research activities were viewed and discussed by alumni, colleagues and special guests.

In the afternoon a thought-provoking and lively debate took place in a packed Goldsmiths' Lecture Theatre. The debate, entitled "Contributing to health worldwide?", was organized by **Professor Geoffrey Targett** (PhD 1961), Professor of Immunology of Protozoal Diseases and Chair of the Centenary Committee, and led by Professor John Cleland, Professor of Medical Demography, Professor Virginia Berridge, Professor of History, Professor Eleanor Riley, Professor of Infectious Disease Immunology and **Professor Michel Coleman** (MSc Epidemiology 1981, PhD 1985), Professor of Epidemiology and Vital Statistics.



Mr Chris Grundy, Environmental Epidemiology Unit, talking to Dr Georges Meilland (DTM&H 1959, Diploma in Public Health 1962) at the exhibition.



The Platform Party at the Fellows Ceremony.

Each gave their views on the future, sprinkled with anecdotes, criticisms and milestones from the past. Lively discussion followed, curtailed only by the need to move on to the next event, the Centenary Honorary Fellows Ceremony which took place in the newly refurbished Beveridge Hall in Senate House.

Details of our seven newest Honorary Fellows are on page 15. After conferment of their fellowships by The Rt Hon Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Chair of the Board of Management, Mr John Smith CBE (former Treasurer and Chair of the Board of Management) gave an acceptance speech on behalf of the Fellows.

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The School's Centenary Symposium on 30 October saw a distinguished group of experts addressing some of the public health challenges facing the developing and the developed world at the start of the 21st century, to which the School will have to respond. Excellent addresses were given by **Dr David Nabarro** (*MSc Community Health in Developing Countries 1979*); **Professor Paul Fine** (*MSc Medical Parasitology 1971, PhD 1974*), Professor of Communicable Disease Epidemiology; **Dr Coluthur Gopalan** (*PhD 1949*); Professor Tony McMichael, Professor of Epidemiology; Sir Alan Langlands, Chairman and Chief Executive, NHS Executive; **Professor Richard Feachem**, (*Dean of the School from 1990-1995*), Director of the Institute for Global Health, University of California; and Dr James E Nield, Executive Director, Science and Technology, GlaxoWellcome plc. Chairing the Symposium were **Dr Diana Walford** (*MSc Epidemiology 1987*), Director of the Public Health Laboratory Service and **Professor Adetokunbo Lucas** (*DTM&H 1960, Heath Clark Lecturer 1978*), President of the Alumni Association. At the end of the Symposium the Dean unveiled a painting of the Keppel Street building by Graham Cole.



From left: Professor Geoffrey Targett, Mr Graham Cole, artist and the Dean.

"Centenary Celebration at the Banqueting House" was the the billing for a very festive and special evening. In the most elegant and prestigious surroundings of the Banqueting House in Whitehall 300 guests, in the presence of our Patron HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, enjoyed a champagne reception accompanied by a steel band. Dinner in the magnificent Banqueting Hall was followed by dancing to music from jazz, Latin American and African bands. Those with real stamina ended the evening with a final disco until the early hours!

We would like to thank all those who organized and took part in the celebrations, including our colleagues, friends and alumni throughout the world.

FROM THE DEAN

The celebrations of the Centenary have been wonderful. I was particularly delighted with the number of special alumni events held throughout the world although disappointed at not being able to attend more. These six months have emphasised to me the uniqueness of this special place, the respect and affection for it felt by our graduates and the strong global network of the School community.

Again this year we have the largest number of students in the School's history. Applications have similarly increased. We have 500 MSc students, 257 Research Degree students and 382 students in our distance-based courses. They come from more than 100 countries and have an enormous range of experience and interests.

Renovations are continuing in the Keppel Street building as we try to provide new offices and laboratories. This should finish in the summer. We are all excited about the the new opportunities these changes will provide.

The Centenary Appeal is moving forward. We have reached about 25% toward our goal of £10 million. This is good progress in about 1.5 years but there is more to do. The Appeal for scholarships, centres of excellence, endowed chairs, capital improvements and programmes is vital to our future. Mr Tony McClellan, Chairman of the Appeal Committee, recently climbed Mt Kilimanjaro and Mt Meru in Tanzania to sponsor scholarships for African students. This is just one example of the commitment of the many people involved in the Appeal with us.

I believe the School is well positioned for the future. However we continue to depend on, and need the support of, our alumni and friends worldwide.

I look forward to seeing you in London or elsewhere.

Best wishes
Professor Harrison C Spencer

HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Dr Clyde Lanford (Lanny) Smith (*DTM&H 1999*) worked for over six years with the French humanitarian association Médecins du Monde (MDM) as the Mission Co-ordinator in El Salvador. In 1995 he helped to form an all-volunteer association to help raise funds for the Salvadoran project and promote health and human rights around the world - Doctors for Global Health (DGH) - which is based in the US. DGH has attracted more than 500 active supporters, including doctors and other healthcare workers, students, educators, attorneys and engineers, most of whom work within their own communities, with some spending from a week to over a year working in El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico (Chiapas), Nicaragua, Peru or Uganda. Its Mission Statement stresses the aim of promoting health, education, social justice and human rights, and an underlying principle of the organization is its belief that it is better to do a few things very well and with strong local participation than to undertake many projects without proper participation by the communities affected.



In El Salvador DGH works mainly with Medicos Por El Derecho A La Salud (MDS), the Salvadoran counterpart of MDM, in the Morazan area, helping to provide primary health care services and offering training and support in order to extend critically-needed basic health care to thousands of people each year; educational projects are incorporated into the overall programmes. DGH and Medicos Por El Derecho A La Salud (MDS) are also conducting a community mental health programme in the area, and have jointly, along with the British Embassy in El Salvador, facilitated the construction of a multi-purpose brick community building housing a medical laboratory, physical rehabilitation reference centre and dental centre. DGH has also been involved in the provision of access to healthcare of a more directly practical nature, by means of the Jaime Solorzano Memorial Bridge. This bridge across the Rio Chiquito in Morazan was recently completed through a project initiated and conducted by MDS, MDM and DGH with much of the funding provided by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the French Embassy in El Salvador; the fact that it was built almost exclusively through the labour of local citizens makes it not only a practical resource, but also a powerful symbol of community action and a source of local pride.

In Mexico, the work of DGH has focused around Chiapas where conflict and political tensions have made community health work difficult to maintain. Working with the small rural Hospital San Carlos in Altamirano, DGH has been providing financial support as well as volunteers to help strengthen work in the communities. The Urarina people of the Chambira river basin in northeast Peru face a specific problem: during the last seven years they have suffered from the introduction, by oil workers, loggers and traders entering their territory, of epidemic illnesses such as measles, cholera, pertussis and drug-resistant malaria. The Amazonian Indigenous People's Health Project (AIPHP) set up a primary health care scheme in villages in 1992 and has subsequently, after incorporation with DGH in January 1999, been collaborating on health and legal projects for the Urarina, including the undertaking of a full census which will help them to claim legal rights to their traditional lands.

For further information please see website <http://www.dghonline.org>

HEALTH AND DIET IN SCOTLAND

Dr Long Jian Liu (*MSc Epidemiology 1993*) is Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology at Chongqing University of Medical Sciences in China, and is currently involved in co-operative studies in the WHO Collaborating Center for Research on Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease at Kyoto University in Japan, in particular with the WHO Cardiovascular Disease and Alimentary Comparison (CARDAC) Study. He travelled to the UK last summer to join a WHO survey, working for a fortnight in Stornoway in the Western Isles, and Portree on the Isle of Skye. During a 20-day survey a total of 260 subjects aged 50-54 were investigated, with a view to gaining an understanding into the reasons for Scottish people having one of the highest mortality rates of coronary heart disease in the world. Possible genetic and lifestyle risk factors were examined, and compared with other populations; a previous study had found extremely high cholesterol levels in the Western Isles of Scotland, its death rates from heart disease are amongst the worst in the world, and poor diet is considered to be a major factor. The research group has recommended an increase in the diet of fish, fresh fruit and vegetables, together with soya products.



Dr Liu at the Western Isles Hospital in Scotland.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

Professor D P Banerjee (*Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellow 1977-78*) has recently taken over as Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences in Calcutta. With his vast experience in teaching and research, Professor Banerjee is engaged in strengthening the academic activities and giving a new direction to the teaching and research programmes of the Faculty.

Dr Esther Amarasekera (*Diploma in Tropical Public Health 1974*) retired from local government service in Sri Lanka in 1993, and undertook a WHO project on Health and Development for Displaced Populations (HEDIP). This involved very challenging work in the borderline villages and refugee camps and settlements. She moved from this to a part-time project for UNICEF in the Eastern Province working with young widows and children, as the armed conflict continues.

Mrs Joan Matji, née Kolane, (*MSc Human Nutrition 1990*) returned to Lesotho after her studies and was appointed Nutrition Programme Manager within the Family Health Division of the Ministry of Health. Since mid-1995 she has been the Nutrition Project Officer for UNICEF South Africa; she is now married with a daughter of nearly 3, and has become a 'naturalised' South African.

Dr German Tenorio Vasconcelos (*MSc Medical Demography 1997*), from the southeastern state of Oaxaca in Mexico, was among many who sent congratulations on the occasion of our centenary year. Dr Tenorio is a medical doctor as well as a demographer, specialising in laparoscopic surgery. He also has a diploma in Public Administration and has been a member of the state parliament since 1998, so his activities are extremely varied.

Dr Ahmadu Yakubu (*MSc Public Health in Developing Countries 1993*) from Nigeria (on the left in the photograph) visited his friend and classmate **Dr Daouda Mallé** in Bobo-Dioulasso in Burkina Faso in December last year. Dr Yakubu is now working for WHO in Nigeria as a Surveillance Officer on the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. He works in one of the four Zonal offices in Nigeria, covering ten states with a population of 30 million. They are currently trying to integrate surveillance for other diseases of public health importance into the now well-established Acute Flaccid Paralysis Surveillance.



Since March 1997 Dr Mallé has been the Co-ordinator of the European Union Technical Support Unit of a regional project to support the strengthening of vaccine independence initiative in eight Sahelian countries, including Burkino Faso, Cape Verde, Chad, The Gambia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal. In this capacity, Dr Mallé interacts with the main partner agencies involved in the implementation of immunisation programmes in Africa, such as UNICEF, WHO, USAID, BASICS, CDC and GAVI. He facilitates dialogue within and between the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Finance in the countries involved for adequate financial resources allocation in the health recurrent budget to cover all routine EPI vaccines and consumables requirements. He also facilitates co-operation and exchanges between the eight countries in terms of exchange of vaccines and technical expertise, and the publishing of a Bulletin on the Vaccine Independence Initiative.

Both Dr Yakubu and Dr Mallé are married with three children each, and they are entirely devoted to Maternal and Child Health!

New Year's Honours

Congratulations to the following, who were awarded honours in the first New Year's Honours of the new millennium:

Professor, now **Sir Michael Marmot** (*Staff 1990-92*), Knighthood for services to Epidemiology and Understanding Health Inequalities; **Dr**, now **Dame Beulah Bewley** (*MSc Social Medicine 1971*), DBE for services to the Advancement of Women in Medicine; **Professor John Ashton** (*MSc Social Medicine 1977*), CBE, Regional director of Public Health, NHS Executive, Department of Health; **Professor Richard Gilbert** (*Diploma in Bacteriology 1967*), OBE for services to Food Safety; **Miss Sian Griffiths** (*MSc Community Medicine 1982*), OBE for services to Public Health.

ALUMNI IN GERMANY

KIEL

The 4th course in "Tropical and Preventive Military Medicine" held in the German Navy Institute for Maritime Medicine in Kiel brought together five alumni, four of whom had been fellow-students on the MSc in Clinical Tropical Medicine in 1995-96: **Dr Reinhild Strauss** from Austria, EPIET Fellow in the Stockholm Institute for Infectious Diseases; **Dr Pedro Albajar** from Brazil who worked at the Manaus Institute for Tropical Medicine in the Amazon; **Dr Gina Ka-Gina**, Manager for STD projecting with AMREF in Tanzania; and **Dr Gerhard Boecken**, head of the division for Tropical Medicine at the German Navy Institute and course organizer, who had initiated the course in 1995. The course was created for medical officers of the German Armed Forces to train them for humanitarian and peace-keeping missions in tropical countries. By chance, a meeting of scientists from the German Navy Institute of Maritime Medicine and the US Navy Medical Research Center took place at the same time, and the group was joined by **Dr Dan Carucci** (MSc Clinical Tropical Medicine 1991, PhD 1995), Commander in the US Navy Medical Corps, who is working in their Malaria Vaccine Development programme.



From the left: Dr Ka-Gina, Dr Boecken, Dr Strauss, Dr Carucci and Dr Albajar.

MÜNSTER: CONFERENCE AND CENTENARY REUNION

The centennial celebrations of the school extended into Germany. Early in November last year the Institute of Public Health NRW (Iögd), together with the School, organised a conference in Münster on Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance. This meeting hosted the German reunion for the School's centenary, and the overall theme was, of course, "100 years of improving health worldwide". **Dr Helmut Brand** (MSc Community Medicine 1988), Director of the Iögd, and **Dr Ralf Reintjes** (MSc Public Health 1995) welcomed all participants and pointed out that the School had made a strong contribution to Public Health in Germany as a number of Germans who are now working in Public Health were trained in London.



From left: Dr Grosskurth, **Dr Frank Nelles** (DTM&H 1986), **Dr Paul Dietrich Scheffel** (DTM&H 1995), Professor Brand, **Dr Karsten Wegner** (MSc Communicable Disease Epidemiology 1998), **Dr Hannes Winterer** (MSc Public Health 1996), **Dr Jorg Hennig** (DTM&H 1991, MSc Community Medicine 1994), Dr Reintjes and **Dr Gerhard Boecken** (MSc Clinical Tropical Medicine 1996).

The conference focused on an important subject in Public Health, the "Surveillance of Infectious Diseases". The first day concentrated on international perspectives. Dr. Thomas Grein (WHO, Geneva) spoke about the global importance of Infectious Disease Surveillance and the role of WHO. Activities in Europe were presented by **Professor Julius Weinberg** (MSc Community Medicine 1991), from the City University and Public Health Laboratory Services in London and **Dr Heiner**

Grosskurth (PhD 1997), from the School's Infectious Disease Epidemiology Unit, then reported on experiences from international studies on STD and HIV in Africa. Dr. Grosskurth also read the welcoming words of the Dean, Professor Harrison Spencer, who was unable to attend in person.

The reception which followed the scientific programme provided a good opportunity for alumni to meet and exchange experiences from their time at the School and thereafter. Ten alumni, together with friends and partners, spent an exciting evening in the beautiful historic centre of Münster, the city of the Westphalian peace of 1648.

On the second day experiences on surveillance and outbreak management in Germany and the Netherlands were the focus of the conference. The meeting was enormously successful in bringing alumni together and provided the starting point for further meetings and collaborations which will certainly follow.

BERLIN



A number of alumni and current students met up at the 9th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases in March 1999 in Berlin. Back row, from left: **Dr Thomas Hanscheid** (MSc Medical Microbiology 1995), **Dr Frank Struyf** (MSc Clinical Tropical Medicine 1995), **Dr Martin Grobusch** (MSc Clinical Tropical Medicine 1996), **Dr Robert Badura** (MSc Clinical Tropical Medicine 1995); front row, from left: **Dr Silvia Bino** (current PhD student), **Dr Emilia Valadas** (MSc Immunology of Infectious Diseases 1995, PhD 1999), **Dr Adriana Tami Hirsch** (MSc Applied Molecular Biology of Infectious Diseases 1994), **Dr Hans-Jochem Grundmann** (DTM&H 1989, MSc Communicable Disease Epidemiology 1997).

CENTENARY REUNIONS

SCOTLAND

The Centenary of the School was celebrated at the Annual Summer Meeting of the Nutrition Society held in 1999 at Glasgow University. The celebration took the form of a lecture followed by discussion, chaired by Dr Christine Edwards of the University, under the auspices of the Education Group of the Nutrition Society. Professor Prakash Shetty, Professor of Human Nutrition, speaking on "Training needs in International Nutrition: the experience of the School", outlined the history of nutritional training by the School and the outstanding contributions it had made to building manpower, infrastructure and other resources globally, and more specifically in the developing world. The audience of approximately 75, not all of whom were alumni, agreed that the School had played a unique role, both nationally and internationally, in the development of nutrition as a discipline, as well as providing a unique environment that should be nurtured and cherished. The meeting was followed by a drinks reception attended by a large number of alumni, and present and former staff of the School.

MYANMAR

In Yangon five decades of alumni spent a happy evening reminiscing about their School days when they hosted a dinner for the Alumni Association's Regional Honorary Vice-President for South-East Asia, **Dr Sultana Khanum** (*MSc Community Health in Developing Countries 1983, PhD 1994*) from WHO-SEARO, and two members of School staff from the Public Health Nutrition Unit, **Dr Ann Ashworth Hill** and **Ms Claire Schofield** (*MSc Human Nutrition 1979*). The visitors were in Yangon to participate in a training workshop to improve hospital treatment of severely malnourished children organized by the Ministry of Health and WHO-SEARO.



Before the meal, each alumnus was invited to say a few words. All had happy memories and often funny stories about their student days, and a remarkable fondness for, and loyalty to, the School pervaded these conversations, clearly demonstrating the very special relationship that exists between the School and its alumni.

SEOUL

Professor Prakash Shetty and Dr Sultana Khanum, organized a small gathering of alumni at the 8th Asian Congress of Nutrition in September last year. From left to right: **Dr Swapan Roy** (*MSc Human Nutrition 1984*), **Professor Richard Orraca-Tetteh** (*PhD 1964*), Dr Khanum, Professor John Waterlow, Emeritus Professor of Human Nutrition at the School, **Dr Coluthur Gopalan** (*PhD 1949*), who was recently awarded Honorary Fellowship of the School and Professor Shetty.



VENEZUELA

Seven alumni in Venezuela shared in the centenary celebrations at a meeting last October, organized by **Dr Yasmin Rubio-Palis** (*MSc Medical Parasitology 1984, PhD 1990*) in Maracay. The alumni met for lunch at a restaurant, and afterwards at the School of Malariology and Environmental Sanitation, where each made a short presentation on current activities. Alumni travelled from Caracas, Valencia and Trujillo for the meeting, and it was an excellent opportunity to get to know each other; some were also able to plan collaborative work together.

The photograph shows, from left: **Dr Renzo Nino Incani** (*MSc Medical Parasitology 1977*), Dr Rubio-Palis, **Dr Felix Toro Alvarez** (*MSc Virology 1988*), **Dr Iris Villalobos de Chacón** (*MSc*

Community Health in Developing Countries 1985), **Dr Benito Díaz Díaz** (*MSc Health Planning & Financing 1992*), **Dr Alberto Aché** (*MSc Epidemiology 1990*) and **Dr Hernán Carrasco** (*PhD 1997*). **Dr Erick Suarez** (*PhD Medical Statistics 1986*) from the University of Puerto Rico also visited the School of Malariology and met with Dr Rubio-Palis; Dr Suarez has been a regular visitor there since 1988, first as a PAHO consultant and from last year as a collaborator in the teaching programme for their MSc in Epidemiology of Vector Borne Diseases.

PERU

Alumni in Peru met for lunch in Lima last October. The reunion was organized by **Dr O Jaime Chang Neyra** (*MSc Community Health in Developing Countries 1988*) and was timed to coincide with the Centenary Celebration Dinner in London, demonstrating beyond doubt that our celebrations were not only global, but also simultaneous!

The photograph shows, seated from left: **Dr Norma Noe Mocetti** (*Diploma in Bacteriology 1973*), **Dr Elsa Chea-Woo** (*Short Course in Intensive Medical Statistics 1990*), **Dr Alejandro Llanos-Cuentas** (*PhD 1993*), **Dr Percy Cupen Arneo** (*MSc Health Planning & Financing 1998*), and **Dr Claudio Lanata** (*Visiting Research Fellow 1991-92*); standing: **Dr Carlota Baca**, Project Officer at the British Council, and **Dr Chang**.



ITALY

A reunion was organized by **Dr Silvana Castaldi** (*MSc Health Planning and Financing 1989*), our Country Co-ordinator for Italy, during the VI Italian Public Health Conference last November, in Milan.

Also invited were Professor Gaetano Maria Fara of the University "La Sapienza" in Rome, Professor Nante of the University of Siena and Dr Vittorio Carreri, Director of Regione Lombardia Prevention Board. The alumni were very pleased to have the opportunity of meeting with others who shared the same interests and background.

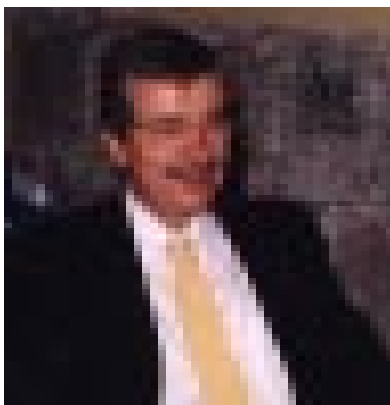
From left: **Professor Francesco Auxilia** (*MSc Community Medicine 1987*), **Dr Gianmarco Guaitoli** (*Short Course in Travel Medicine 1999*), **Dr Elena Righi** (*MSc Environmental Epidemiology 1996*), **Dr Castaldi**, **Professor Carlo Signorelli** (*MSc Epidemiology 1989, PhD 1993*), **Dr Felice Vitullo** (*MSc Epidemiology 1992*), **Dr Sofia Cattaruzza** (*MSc Medical Demography 1991*), **Dr Cesira Pasquarella** (*Short Course on Epidemiology of Ageing 1989*) and Professor Nante.

MEXICO

In June last year Dr Fatima Juarez, Centre for Population Studies, Dr Hazel Dockrell, Immunology Unit, Professor Bo Drasar, Professor of Bacteriology in the Disease Control and Vector Biology Unit, and the Dean, **Professor Harrison Spencer** (*DTM&H 1972*) attended the celebrations organized by the School's Mexican alumni. Headed by **Dr Manuel Ruiz de Chavez** (*MSc Social Medicine 1976*), the organizing committee had arranged a full programme of visits, activities, talks and discussions, and their efforts and solicitude ensured that the two-day celebration was a great success.



An alumni reunion at the British Council offices was followed by lunch, and discussions with alumni about their ideas regarding the future role of the School. On the evening of the first day a gala dinner was held at the Palace of Medicine, and Dr Ruiz de Chavez was formally presented as the President of the Mexican alumni group. On the following day a Symposium had been arranged, and Dr Juarez, Dr Dockrell and Professor Drasar addressed an audience of alumni and members of the medical and university community about different aspects of the School's activities. In the evening, the Dean addressed a formal meeting of the National Academy of Medicine.



Dr Ruiz de Chavez

Visits had also been arranged around Mexico City which, thanks to the attention of **Dr Roxana Valdes Ramos** (*MSc Human Nutrition 1989*), enabled the School party to meet with members of staff from Mexican national institutes to discuss possible collaborations. A further visit to the National Institute for Public Health in Cuernavaca was co-ordinated by **Dr Mario Henry Rodriguez** (*MSc Medical Parasitology 1979, PhD 1983*), during which the possibilities of joint teaching and research were discussed.

JAPAN



Seated, from left: **Professor Shunichi Araki** (Diploma in Industrial Health 1976, MSc Occupational Medicine 1977), President; **Professor Akira Ishii** (MSc Medical Parasitology 1970), Vice-President; back row, from left: **Dr Shunsaku Mizushima** (Visiting Research Fellow 1995), liaison; **Dr Rie Ogiwara** (MSc Public Health in Developing Countries 1994) on a visit home from Cairo; **Dr Kyoko Imamura** (PhD 1995), external affairs; **Dr Kazuya Shimmura** (MSc Health Planning & Financing 1987); **Dr Satoshi Honjo** (MSc Epidemiology 1996), one of the two auditors, the other being **Dr Takeshi Kasai** (MSc Community Health in Developing Countries 1996, DTM&H 1997); and **Dr Toshio Ogawa** (MSc Health Services Management 1994), accounting.

Our alumni group in Japan, which has been in existence since 1995, has steadily expanded its membership as well as its activities, to the point where it has decided to set up a Board (above) to facilitate representation of, and communication with, all its members. At the

initiative of Dr Kyoko Imamura, the group has also taken steps to meet with graduates from other London colleges, with the aim of promoting friendship between the various alumni associations and encouraging new students to study in London. Their proposal over two years ago to establish the 'London Daigaku Kai' (London Alumni) was warmly accepted by the British Embassy in Tokyo, and they have met regularly once a year. The meeting usually attracts as many as 100 participants, who talk and talk for hours, until the Embassy finally announces the closure of the party!



In September last year the alumni gathered for a reunion on the occasion of a visit to Japan by Professor David Bradley, Professor of Tropical Hygiene at the School, who gave a keynote speech at the Joint Conference of the 40th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Tropical Medicine - chaired by **Professor Nobukatsu Ishikawa** (MSc Social Medicine 1976) - and the 14th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Association for International Health. Talk was of the history of the School and of the centenary events in London; alumni also proposed an increase of exchange programmes with Japanese institutions in the future.

From the left: **Dr Kazuya Shimmura**, **Dr Tokuaki Shobayashi** (MSc Public Health in Developing Countries 1997), **Dr Kyoko Imamura**, **Dr Shoji Tokunaga** (MSc Medical Statistics 1997) and **Dr Toshio Ogawa** at the gathering in Tokyo of Japanese Alumni Associations.

IRAN

Iranian alumni have been actively celebrating the School's enormous success and achievements during the first century of its existence. Group reunions were held last summer in the capitals of provinces in Iran, where School alumni are active in development of local and district health services or in academic research and teaching activities. These were followed up by a joint meeting early last September hosted by the Iranian Society of Infectious Diseases, during a seminar on cystic hydatid disease - which is of great significance to public health in Iran and in most Middle East countries. This meeting also received the support of the Tehran University of Medical Sciences, the Iranian Public Health Association and the Iranian Parasitological Association.

Dr Reis-Sadat welcomed all participants: Professor Amini reviewed the School's development and accomplishments during the last century, with particular reference to health systems development and disease control in Iran and other developing countries; and Dr Holakouie Naieni reviewed the important role of School graduates in health services research and development, focusing especially on Iran's own health priorities; Dr Holakouie was later elected Secretary of the School Alumni group in Iran. The meeting then turned to the subject of hydatid diseases.



The photograph shows, standing from left: **Dr Bahram Yeganeh** (Short course in Reproductive Health Research 1993), **Dr Ghafari**, **Dr Kouros Holakouie Naieni** (MSc Public Health in Developing Countries 1994), **Dr Hassan Hodjati** (PhD 1998), **Dr Abdolsamad Mazloumi Gavvani** (PhD 1998), **Dr Ghorbanali-Shahibi Ghafarkouhi** (PhD 1996), **Dr Mohammed Hassan Davami** (PhD 1997); seated from left: **Professor Mansour Motabar** (PhD 1974), **Professor Fereydoun Amini** (DTM&H 1962, PhD 1965-70), **Dr Seied Abolghasem Reis-Sadat** (MSc Clinical Tropical Medicine 1979), **Professor Jafar Massoud** (Diploma in Applied Parasitology and Epidemiology 1967, PhD 1971) and **Professor Gholam-Hossein Edrissian** (MSc Medical Parasitology 1969).

DEAN'S VISIT TO EAST ASIA . . .



The Dean visited East Asia last summer to meet with health officials and university departments, and to celebrate the School's Centenary with alumni. He was particularly pleased, on these visits, to be able to meet prospective students who are invited to alumni reunions so that they can learn first-hand what awaits them in London, from those who are in the best position to offer help, information and advice.

His first call was Taiwan, where he attended meetings with the President of the National Taiwan University, members of staff from the College of Medicine and the College of Public Health, representatives from the British Trade and Cultural Office, and the Director and

Deputy Director of the Department of Health. Twelve alumni met for an excellent dinner at the Lai Lai Sheraton Hotel, where they were also able to offer help and advice to two potential PhD students who hope to be able to study at the School. The Dean presented to **Professor Hsien-Chen Hsieh** (*DTM&H 1955*), Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Taipei Medical College, a framed photograph, taken in London in 1864, of Dr Patrick Manson, the "father of tropical medicine", who lived and worked in Takau (now Kaohsiung) from 1866-71. The original photograph is held in the Library at the School, which also holds Manson's medical diary of his years in Taiwan.

The Dean moved on to Hong Kong, where he was pleased to meet with the Dean of the Medical Faculty of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the Head of the Department of Health and the Head of the Hospital Authority, soon to assume responsibility for Health and Social Welfare. Thirteen alumni gathered for dinner, and again two potential students were able to benefit from the advice and experience of those who had already studied and lived in London. The dinner was organized by **Dr Bella Ho** (*MSc Medical Microbiology 1982*).

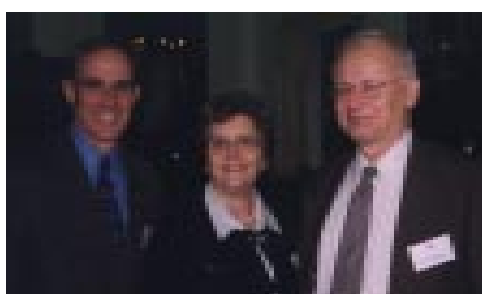
In Singapore, his final port of call, the Dean visited Singapore General Hospital, and the Departments of Microbiology, and of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine at the National University of Singapore. At a ceremony attended by the British High Commissioner and the Head of the British Council, he signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Institute of Environmental Epidemiology of the Ministry of the Environment which affirmed our mutual commitment in the sharing of expertise and research findings; this, it is hoped, will provide a valuable foundation on which to build possible future collaborative research, and has already resulted in two Master's students undertaking their research projects there under the guidance of Dr Goh Kee Tai, Head of the Department of Quarantine and Epidemiology.

The alumni dinner, organized by **Dr Lim Juay Yong** (*MSc Health Policy, Planning & Financing 1995*), was held at the Shangri-La Hotel, and attended by eight alumni, a soon-to-be Medical Statistics student, and the 1998-99 holder of the Linda Hoon Fellowship, **Ms Flora Tanudyaya** (*MSc Health Services Management 1999*).

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CHICAGO

The Dean, with Ms Alice Dickens, Administrative Officer (Press and Short Courses) and Mr Brian Furner, Librarian and Director of Information Services, hosted an Alumni Breakfast during the American Public Health Association's Annual Meeting in Chicago in November. Among the guests were **Dr Debbie Bettels** (*MSc Communicable Diseases Epidemiology 1999*), ex-classmates **Dr Abiola Tilley Gyado** and **Dr Julia Walsh** (*Diploma in Tropical Public Health 1978*) who meet regularly at School reunions, **Ms Elizabeth Ransom** (*MSc Public Health in Developing Countries 1996*), **Dr Patricia Haggerty** (*PhD 1991*) and **Dr Susie Foster** (*PhD 1996*). Among other alumni who visited the School's booth at the APHA exhibition were **Professor Lindsay Edouard** (*MSc Social Medicine 1980*), **Dr Eduardo Simoes** (*MSc Community Health in Developing Countries 1987*) and **Dr Richard Laing** (*MSc Community Health in Developing Countries 1985*); and three of the School's US distance learning students.



From left: **Dr Anthony Brandling-Bennett** (*DTM&H 1974, Diploma in Tropical Public Health 1976*), The Rt Hon Baroness Chalker of Wallasey and **Dr Karl Western** (*Diploma in Tropical Public Health 1972*).

WASHINGTON

To mark the end of the School's Centenary year, a special reception was held in Washington DC at the end of November to coincide with the annual meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. Sir Christopher Meyer, the British Ambassador, and Lady Meyer graciously offered the British Ambassador's Residence for the occasion, a magnificent Lutyens house in Massachusetts Avenue. In his speech the Ambassador spoke of the School's outstanding achievements, its high standing as one of the UK's leading institutions of higher education and its many links with the United States. Guests from Washington included representatives from USAID, PAHO, The World Bank and the Surgeon General's Office. Alumni, delegates and other visitors also met the Dean, Baroness Chalker, Mr Tony McClellan, Chairman of the Centenary Appeal, and Dr Neal Vanselow, President of the American Friends of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

The last six months or so of our Centenary year have seen more reunions and alumni meetings than ever before - indeed, they run into over four pages! We have also been delighted to receive many visits from alumni during the October celebrations and at other times. **Dr Indiana Torres Escobar** called in to the School last summer for the first time since studying here for the MSc Community Health in Developing Countries in 1986-87; **Dr John Owen** (*Diploma in Contents & Methods of Health Education 1956*) has become a regular summer visitor; **Dr Jaime Montoya** (*MSc Clinical Tropical Medicine 1989*) and **Dr Muslima Iman Salim** (*MSc Occupational Medicine 1990*) both visited during July.



Dr Karim Shamshudin (*MSc Medical Parasitology 1987*) is currently Director of Veterinary Supplies Ltd in Kenya, a company involved in animal health and nutrition in Eastern Africa. His special interest is in developing the poultry industry in Kenya, particularly the smallholder farms, run mainly by women who obtain disease prevention information from Veterinary Supplies Ltd. The organization's work includes organizing seminars, carrying out disease surveillance (mainly of parasitic and viral diseases), and advising on the right treatment.

Dr Idrissa Talla had worked with Health District Management in Senegal, and later on research and control of schistosomiasis in the Senegal Riva Basin, before coming to the School in 1994-95 to study for the MSc in Epidemiology. On his return to Senegal, he was involved in management of the Health District of Bambey, and in 1997 was appointed Chief Medical Officer of the Region of Thies. He would like to return to research, especially on schistosomiasis.



SANA'A UNIVERSITY

Members of staff from the Faculty of Medicine and Health Science at the University of Sana'a, in the Yemen, visited the School in September. Professor Hussein Al-Iryani, Deputy President, **Professor Ahmed Al-Haddad** (*MSc Medical Demography 1991*), Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Dr Ahmed Al-Qieri, Associate Professor of Biochemistry and **Professor Ali M Fadl** (*PhD 1970*) met with the Dean and Professor Bo Drasar, and presented the School with a framed shield from the University.



Dr LeVuAnh (*MSc Community Health in Developing Countries 1990*) visited the School, together with a colleague of his from the School of Public Health in Hanoi, to see **Dr Roger Webber** (*Diploma in Tropical Public Health 1973, Community Health in Developing Countries 1980, Staff 1985-99*), Dr John Ackers, Teaching Programme Director, and Mrs Julie Targett, Deputy Registrar. On completion of his course he returned to his post as Lecturer in Epidemiology at the Hanoi School of Medicine and then, at the end of 1995, was asked to move to the School of Public Health to develop a programme of training for the new Master's course in Public Health (MPH). With support from the Rockefeller Foundation, they have developed a programme entitled Public Health School Without Walls, and are now running three courses of this kind, each programme lasting for two years. Dr Anh is now Dean of the School of Public Health in Hanoi.

Mr Gerry Coles (*Diploma in Occupational Hygiene 1966*) visited the School in September. Mr Coles is still a member of the Physical Agents Threshold Limit Values (TLV) Committee of the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH), primarily because of his long-standing interest in heat stress (following being hospitalized with salt-depletion heat-exhaustion as a chemist in Iran in 1946!) and called at the School on his return from a meeting in Washington, at which a recommendation was made to the ACGIH Board for a revision of the heat stress TLV. This has long been based on the Wetbulb Globe Temperature Index, which is retained only as a screening assessment: priority in more stressful situations is now given to human responses, both physiological and behavioural. Nevertheless environmental measures needed for the screening remain part of the data on which the essential outcome of the assessments - decision on control measures - will be made.



Dr Hazra with Dr Simon Croft, Immunology Unit.

Another September visitor was **Dr (Mrs) Banasri Hazra**, a regular visitor to the School, who is currently Senior Research Scientist, University Grants Commission, New Delhi, working at the Department of Pharmacy at Jadavpur University, Calcutta. Dr Hazra's major field of interest concerned the development and design of antitumour and antiparasitic drugs through synthetic modifications of naturally occurring bioactive compounds, and she was recently awarded the Silver Jubilee Award of the International Foundation for Science (IFS).

Dr Hyam Bashour (*MSc Community Health in Developing Countries 1987, PhD 1991*) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Medicine, Faculty of Medicine at Damascus University. Since 1992 she has been heavily involved

in teaching and research in the department, but has also found time to undertake consultancies for the Ministry of Health in Syria, UNICEF and WHO. Her research interests have focused on Infectious Diseases Epidemiology and Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology.



Dr Bashour spent several weeks at the School last summer on a British Council Summer Scholarship, working with the support of **Dr Roger Webber** (*Diploma in Tropical Public Health 1973, Community Health in Developing Countries 1980, Staff 1985-99*) she found her visit both useful and interesting, and was pleased to be able to meet many members of staff and many alumni.

OBITUARIES

DR MUSIKIR OLUSESAN ANDU 1961-1999

Musikir Olusesan, known to his friends as Sesan, was tragically killed last summer in a road traffic accident in Nigeria only a year after completing his MSc in Public Health in Developing Countries. Sesan cared deeply about public health and preventive medicine, and their central role in the improvement of health in Nigeria; he was investigating links between poor health indicators and factors such as civil unrest.

PROFESSOR BILL BRASS 1921-1999

Bill Brass was one of this country's most distinguished population scientists; he will be remembered particularly for devising a series of ingenious answers to the problem of obtaining reliable estimates of death and birth rates in developing countries. From 1965 until his retirement in 1988 he worked at the School and was awarded a personal chair in Medical Demography in 1972. He created, and became the first Director of, the Centre for Population Studies, which is still flourishing. He became an Honorary Fellow of the School in 1997. His contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field of demography was publicly recognized many times, and he was universally admired - for his integrity, for his kindness, for his simplicity and for his good humour.

PROFESSOR AHMED GHANDOUR 1942-1999

Professor Ahmed Ghandour died last September after a long battle with cancer. After his studies at the School based at Winches Farm Field Station under Professor Gerry Webbe, Professor Ghandour (*PhD 1974*), returned to the University of Khartoum as Assistant Professor. In the late 1970s he moved to Saudi Arabia, becoming Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at King AbdulAziz University in Jeddah, before moving finally to King Faisal University in Dammam. The major focus of his research throughout his career was schistosomiasis, on which he published a great number of studies. He remained a staunch friend and supporter of the School.

DR ANNABEL JOYCE-JENKINS 1963-1999

Annabel Joyce-Jenkins died last October after several months of illness. After completing her MSc in Public Health in Developing Countries in 1995, Annabel and her husband Ciaran worked for Tearfund in Tanzania. We extend our sympathy to Ciaran and their two small children.

DR KHAWAR TAUHEED 1954-1999

Khawar Tauheed was amongst those who lost their lives in the Paddington rail crash in October last year. His studies at the School for his Master's in Medical Microbiology in 1989-90 were very much a family enterprise, supported and encouraged by his wife and son. After graduation he worked as a microbiologist in the UK and in Pakistan. He will be greatly missed.

PROFESSOR GERALD WEBBE 1929-1999

Gerry Webbe, Emeritus Professor of Applied Parasitology, died in July last year after a three-year battle with cancer. Gerry worked as a medical entomologist and medical parasitologist for the Colonial Office in East Africa, then in the clinical trials division of Bayer AG in Germany, before joining the School; he was also, throughout his career, continually involved as a consultant for WHO, the World Bank and other agencies to advise on disease control programmes throughout the world. He was appointed to the School staff first as Reader in 1967, and later as Professor of Applied Parasitology and Head of the Department of Medical Helminthology. He became Director, and later Sub-Dean at Winches Farm Field Station, which flourished under his leadership, relocating to the Keppel Street site on its closure in 1992 where he remained until his retirement five years ago. Gerry was an outstanding scientist and practitioner in the areas of helminthology research and control, an excellent teacher and administrator, a devoted family man, and a warm, witty and much-valued friend.

CENTENARY APPEAL

The School launched its Centenary Appeal in October 1998 in the presence of HRH The Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh KG KT, who graciously agreed to be Patron of the Appeal. The Centenary Appeal has a target of £10 million to raise funds to

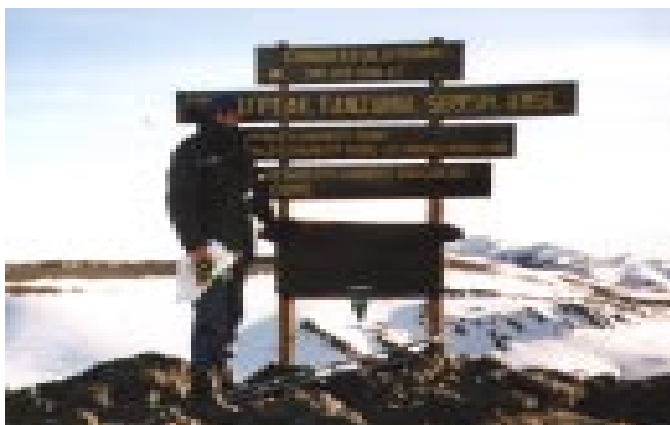
- establish a scholarships endowment fund;
- improve accommodation;
- advance research in nutrition, vaccine development, cancer & public health, health policy, maternal & child health, family planning and global climate change; and
- develop new centres of excellence in malaria, ageing & public health, economics of infectious disease, distance learning, and health services research in Central & Eastern Europe

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many donors who have contributed to the Centenary Appeal to date. Some have given anonymous gifts or have expressed interest in making a bequest to the School. Every gift is valued and can be put to good use. The total raised to date is £2.2 million. Further gifts can be made using the form on the reverse side of the address sheet.



From left: Dr Frank Rockhold, Vice President, Biostatistics and Data Science, SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals; Mr Tara Mukherjee, President, Confederation of Indian Organizations (UK); Mr Eddie O'Gorman (behind), Chairman, Foundation for Children with Leukaemia; the Dean; The Rt Hon Baroness Chalker of Wallasey; and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh at the launch of the Centenary Appeal.

LEVERHULME SCHOLARSHIP



Last September Mr Tony McClellan, the Centenary Appeal Committee Chairman, tackled a sponsored climb of Mounts Meru and Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, successfully reaching the highest point in Africa and raising over £9000 for scholarships for African students.



This year's Leverhulme Scholarship students, from left: Dr Philip Duew from Nigeria, Mr Khalid Beshir from Eritrea, Dr Tanya Welz from South Africa, Miss Mwape Lubilo from Zambia and Dr Emmanuel Isa Odu from Nigeria.

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SCHOOL NEWS

DUBROVNIK SUMMER SCHOOL ON HEALTH CARE REFORM

Towards the end of August last year, 140 people from over 40 countries gathered at Cavtat, a small village on the Adriatic coast of Croatia, for the third Dubrovnik summer school on health care reform, organized by **Professor Martin McKee** (*MSc Community Medicine 1986*), Professor of European Public Health. This summer school is the result of collaboration between the Andrija Stampar School of Public Health in Zagreb, and the European Observatory on Health Care Systems, in which the School is a partner.



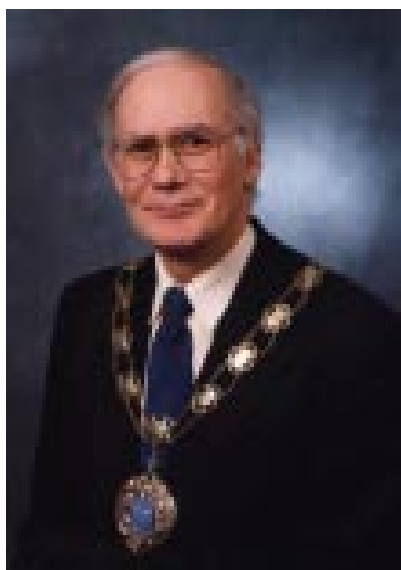
This year the summer school focused on implementation of health care reform, examining first the theory, and then a series of case studies from across Europe. Speakers were drawn from a variety of institutions linked with the Observatory, with over 100 delegates (including about a dozen alumni) from an even wider range of backgrounds, including health ministries, international agencies and the private sector, with a geographical spread ranging from Mongolia and Tajikistan in the east to Portugal in the west. The value of an international summer school such as this derives a great deal also from the interactions of the participants; the organizers therefore took steps to ensure that the more formal sessions were backed up by an extensive social programme, taking full advantage of one of the most beautiful settings in Europe. The formal evaluation of the summer school was overwhelmingly enthusiastic, and the programme for next year is already being planned. If you would like information, please contact Professor McKee on m.mckee@lshtm.ac.uk.

DR ROGER WEBBER RETIRES

Dr Roger Webber (*Diploma in Tropical Public Health 1973, MSc Community Health in Developing Countries 1980*) retired last summer after working for the School since 1985. Dr Webber qualified in medicine from the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, and then worked for ten years in the Solomon Islands as a District Medical Officer, where he gained expertise in malaria and filariasis, and ended up running the malaria programme. He moved to Tanzania to head a large ODA-funded project, working on cholera, measles, sleeping sickness, polio and anthrax, before joining the School in 1985. Since then his work has focused mainly on malaria in Asia and he has been involved in several trials to implement insecticide-treated mosquito nets in the community. In 1996 he published *Communicable Disease Epidemiology and Control*.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ...



Professor David Bradley - new President of the RSTMH

Professor Bradley, Professor of Tropical Hygiene, has been elected President of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene. Professor Bradley is a physician, epidemiologist and zoologist. He spent ten years researching in East Africa (Tanzania and Uganda), and has also carried out research in India, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Sierra Leone, Kenya and the UK. He worked initially on community pathogenesis and epidemiology of schistosomiasis and later on domestic water supply and health in East Africa, mycobacterial ulcers and the theoretical basis of tropical public health. After analysing the genetic control of resistance to leishmaniasis, he became increasingly involved in malaria epidemiology as co-director of the UK Malaria Reference Laboratory and head of a DFID research group on applied aspects of tropical diseases, especially malaria.

Professor David Warhurst - personal chair in Protozoan Chemotherapy

Professor Warhurst has recently been awarded a personal chair in Protozoan Chemotherapy. Professor Warhurst has worked for many years on *Entamoeba* and malaria, and for ten years has been Co-Director of the PHLS Malaria Reference Laboratory. The School's new Romark Research Laboratory, where Professor Warhurst's programme is continuing, was funded by Romark Laboratories Inc.

HONORARY FELLOWS

The title of Honorary Fellow is conferred by the Board of Management on persons who have rendered exceptional service to the School or have attained exceptional distinction in any of the subjects taught in the School. During our Centenary Celebrations we were pleased and proud to confer this title upon seven Centenary Honorary Fellows:



President Jimmy Carter, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to global public health, primarily in the developing world, through the non-profit Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia. President and Mrs Carter were guests of the School at a special ceremony early in October. In his citation, Professor Peter Smith, Head of the Department of Infectious and Tropical Diseases, said that “under the guidance of President Carter, the staff of the Carter Center have sought to address important issues of national and international public policy. The Center has achieved an outstanding international reputation for its efforts to resolve wars and conflicts, to promote democracy, to protect human rights and to prevent and treat major disease problems.”

President Carter with Major General Patrick Crawford, Chair of the Court of Governors.



Standing, from left, Mr Smith, Dr Nabarro; seated, Professor Stocker, Professor Logan, Professor Feachem and Dr Gopalan.

Professor Richard Feachem, Dean of the School from 1989-1995. Professor Feachem's early training was in engineering; as a volunteer he built an airstrip in the Solomon Islands, and concern for developing countries, as well as an interdisciplinary approach, has remained at the centre of his work. With his strategic grasp and his legendary attention to detail, he both developed the School and made sure the world was aware of its existence, achieving its financial independence and greatly improving its links to what is now DFID. Professor Feachem is currently Director of the Institute for Global Health at the University of California, San Francisco.

Dr Coluthur Gopalan (*PhD 1949*), President of the Nutrition Foundation of India. A Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London and Edinburgh, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1986. He directed the National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, before taking over as Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research. In 1974 he was elected as President of the International

Union of Nutritional Sciences, and was instrumental in the formation of the Federation of Asian Nutrition Societies.

Professor Robert Logan, Professor of the Organization of Medical Care at the School from 1967 until 1982. Professor Logan was a pioneer in research and teaching in the field of Health Services Research in the 1960s, winning widespread recognition for studies on hospital admission rates and lengths of stay in Liverpool. He participated in one of the earliest international studies of health care covering North and South America, and Western and Eastern Europe, followed by a second major international study. Despite his official retirement in 1982, Professor Logan has continued to be in great demand for advice on public health training and organization.

Dr David Nabarro CBE (*MSc Community Health in Developing Countries 1979*), Manager of the Roll Back Malaria Programme of the WHO in Geneva. Dr Nabarro's working career has spanned clinical practice, work as a medical advisor to Save the Children Fund, academic research and teaching at both the Liverpool and the London Schools. He provided strategic management and leadership within the Overseas Development Administration (now DFID) where health acquired a high profile in the overseas portfolio. Most recently, Dr Nabarro has been galvanising international and national action against malaria.

Mr John Smith CBE, former Treasurer and twice Acting Chair of the School's Board of Management. Mr Smith spent much of his career in overseas administration, with spells in financial management and staff development. He was appointed Financial Secretary in the British Solomon Islands in 1970, Governor of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands from 1973-76, and of the Gilbert Islands until 1978, when he became Secretary and Clerk to the Governors at Imperial College. In 1989 he was appointed to the School's Board of Management, and was Treasurer from 1993-1998.

Professor Bruce Stocker, Professor Emeritus of Microbiology and Immunology at Stanford University, California. After wartime medical service in the Royal Air Force in India and Burma, Professor Stocker joined the Department of Bacteriology and Immunology at the School in 1947, where he undertook research on bacterial mutations. In 1953 he was appointed Director of the Guinness-Lister Microbiological Research Unit at the Lister Institute and then moved, in 1966, to Stanford University. Totally dedicated to his craft, Professor Stocker is a bacterial geneticist of great scientific vision.

DAAN MULDER MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM

Dr Daan Mulder (*MSc Epidemiology 1984*) initiated the MRC Research Programme on AIDS in Uganda in 1987 and directed a wide ranging research programme there until 1995. Tragically he died not long after returning to Europe in 1998. In memory of his important contributions to research on disease problems in developing countries it is planned to hold an annual symposium or meeting, rotating between Uganda, the UK and The Netherlands. The first such meeting was held in Uganda. The second, and the first in the UK, was held in December last year, and brought together internationally renowned experts to review the current status of knowledge on the epidemiology, natural history and control of HIV/AIDS. Around 200 people were in the audience and the programme for the meeting included talks on "Global Epidemiology" from **Dr Kevin de Cock** (*staff member 1993-97*), "Current status of therapeutic interventions" from **Professor Janet Darbyshire** (*Medical Statistics Diploma 1974, MSc Epidemiology 1989*) and "Interaction with other STDs" from **Professor David Mabey** (*MSc Medical Microbiology 1987*), Professor of Communicable Diseases. The Symposium was organized by Professor Peter Smith, Professor of Tropical Epidemiology and Head of the Department of Infectious and Tropical Diseases.

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW

The Lord Mayor's Show is an annual event, a lively, colourful procession of "floats" from organizations representing all areas of the community which parades through the City of London in November. This year the School was represented in the procession - by a float with a bed covered with a bed net and with a giant mosquito perched above, a three metre globe and 40 walkers, many of whom were wearing national dress; everyone held bunches of coloured, helium-filled balloons. The route was lined with waving, cheering crowds, everyone smiling and shouting greetings - and many of the balloons were given away to small children along the way. The School's part in the entertainment was organized by Mr John Williams, Clinical Scientist at the School, and was, in the words of one of the participating students, "a lot of fun" and "a unique experience ... I felt proud of being there".



CENTENARY BROCHURE

In celebration of our Centenary, the School has published a Centenary Brochure. This is a 40-page booklet giving information about the School's first hundred years, outlining briefly the developments which have taken place in health care in general, as well as the broadening of the School's own areas of concern in training and research, from its initial, urgent, need to tackle the problem of malaria to its achievement of worldwide recognition as a centre of tropical medicine and public health. Each decade of progress is illustrated by photographs, and brief resumés of the lives and work of some of the key figures from the School's past serve to focus attention on particular areas of special expertise which have been shared with the ever-increasing numbers of students.

If you would like a copy of the Centenary Brochure, please complete the form below and send to Mr Keith Flanders, Purchasing Officer, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT.

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