Annual Report 1971/1972

This is our Ninth Consecutive General Assembly and we are now working under the rules of the new Constitution, ratified by you at the General Assembly in Berlin, German Democratic Republic, 1971.

The membership of the Association continues to increase and presently we have over 800 members. When we take a look at the number of Dialysis and Transplantation Centres in Europe, it would be expected that the membership would increase some more and possibly level off in the region of 1,000 members.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings were held at the following venues during the past year: Autumn — Munich on 30th October, 1971, and Spring — Parma, Italy on 25th March, 1972.

It was at the Autumn Meeting that the Council agreed in principle to the formation of the European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association (EDTNA) and further, to cooperate with them in the fullest possible manner. In practice this will mean that the members of the EDTNA will hold their Annual Meetings in conjunction with the annual EDTA Congresses and they will be free to attend the scientific sessions and social functions of EDTA. This arrangement, we hope, will not involve our Association in any financial commitment.

Professor A C Kennedy, the President of the Association was also chosen at the Autumn Council Meeting.

The annual Travenol grant to provide subsistence allowances for junior members to attend the Congress, amounted to $2,500 US dollars to which was added a surplus of $1,000 US dollars from last year’s Travenol grant to the Berlin Congress. Forty applicants were allocated a grant. We wish to express our gratitude to Travenol Laboratories for their continuing support.

THE MEMBERS' HANDBOOK

This is a directory of members and associate members, including the list of Dialysis and Transplantation Centres in Europe and adjoining countries. The
1972 edition is due off the press in August and all members will receive a copy soon afterwards. This year's edition will be much larger than previous years because of the increase both in membership and Dialysis and Transplantation Centres.

The gratitude of the members should go particularly to the Keymen in each country who coordinated the compilation of this book at a national level. We hope that it continues to serve a purpose and would appreciate your comments, if any.

Our gratitude must be expressed to Messrs Sandoz, through whose generosity it is possible to publish this edition of the 'Handbook'.

It is with regret that we note the deaths of two of our members during the year, W Scheitlin, Zurich, Switzerland, and G Monasterio, Pisa, Italy.

SCIENTIFIC SELECTION COMMITTEE

This Committee met in Parma, Italy, on 24th March. One hundred and eighty-nine (189) Abstracts were submitted for consideration, an increase of 9% on the previous year. In addition there were forty-one (41) applicants for scientific demonstrations. Late applicants, of which there were fifteen (15) were not considered. Forty-six (46) papers, including the Annual Report on Regular Dialysis and Transplantation in Europe, were selected. Seventeen (17) Abstracts submitted as Papers were transferred to Scientific Demonstrations.

Council decided that Abstracts of Scientific Demonstrations will not in future be automatically accepted. Some of this year's submissions seemed to be purely of a commercial nature and were, therefore, not considered.

FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Dr Mary McGeown and Dr A Walsh, have examined the audit for the year ending December 31st, 1971, and certified it as being satisfactory. To both we express our gratitude.

The annual Membership Fee of the Association has remained more or less unchanged for the last four years and I do not envisage any increase for the forthcoming year. We continue to be a profit making Association. The Income over Expenditure for the year 1971 was approximately £1,500 sterling, thereby increasing the cash assets of the Association to over £6,000 sterling.

I am entering my last year as your Honorary Secretary/Treasurer and can truthfully say that most of the time the job has been a labour of love.

Lastly, I feel I must publicly thank the President and the members of Council for their continued kindness, cooperation and understanding, and Dr Vittorio Andreucci for the enormous amount of work he did as local secretary in organising this most successful Congress.

Michael Carmody,
Secretary/Treasurer