

1. A Working Party has been set up to consider the whole pattern of our meetings. It will, I hope, be seeking the views of many of you, and it is charged particularly with ascertaining those of younger Fellows and of students who are, or may become Fellows. It will examine the following suggestions from Council:

- a) More multidisciplinary meetings - on one hand with basic sciences such as immunology, biochemistry and genetics; and on the other, with applied disciplines such as population science, agriculture, engineering and economics.
- b) More meetings combining demonstrations with lectures and discussion.
- c) Meetings in such institutions as the National Institute for Medical Research, the Moltone Institute, Imperial College (Ascot) and the Centre for Tropical Veterinary Studies (Edinburgh) - these should help to attract young scientists from related disciplines into the Society.
- d) The possibility of occasional meetings of the Society overseas.
- e) The possible holding of an annual three-day convention each summer in the hope of attracting overseas Fellows.

2. Overseas Fellows will be asked by correspondence in the Transactions what they would like the Society and the Transactions to do for them. The possibility will be examined of helping Fellows to obtain inexpensive accommodation on visits to London. Councillors and other prominent Fellows will try, through Local Secretaries, to arrange discussion meetings with Fellows when visiting overseas countries. A social evening might be held early in each session for students likely to be interested in becoming Fellows.

3. Widening of the Fellowship. The Council will be considering whether to encourage more Fellows from related disciplines in the tropics to join the Society, e.g. agriculturalists, engineers, economists, etc. It is proposed to hold a series of one-day symposia next year to explore the relationship of medicine and health in the tropics to such disciplines.

4. Transactions. I shall shortly be meeting the Editorial Board to examine the future pattern of the Transactions. It has had a bad year due to publication and printing difficulties, but strenuous efforts by the Editor have now got it back on to course. In due course, Fellows will be invited to give their views on future policy.

I hope that you agree with me, in the words of the Honorary Treasurer, that while it would be a "heroic gesture to tie oneself to the mast and go down with the ship, we should take courage and strike out in a renewed attempt not only to keep afloat, but to meet all the academic challenges and opportunities which lie ahead."

Yours sincerely,

