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When I first joined the B.A.S.M. twelve years ago Sports Medicine was an expression with virtually no meaning, and certainly one which had gained no acceptance in this Country. Membership of the Association was under one hundred and its activities were few. It has been an immense pleasure and a stimulating experience to be associated with the growth of the Association and its activities since then. This is however no time for complacency. In retiring from the Office of Secretary of the Association I am giving concrete form to my belief that the time has come for the Association to be managed in a somewhat different way. Over the past few years the control and guidance of the Association has altered subtly in the hands of Dr. G. G. Browning our Chairman, but having in mind the Association's development I believe that there is no one who will feel that this alteration has not been for its benefit. I believe that this alteration must now go further and I am happy to feel that my successor, Dr. Peter Sperryn is taking over from me. His own experience in modern medical politics, his attitude to Sports Medicine as a whole and the Associa-

tion in particular are exactly such as I believe particularly fit for this task. I am confident that the next phase of the Association's activities will be as exciting, worthwhile and stimulating as was the last.

I would like if I may to conclude by wishing the Association every good fortune for the future and by expressing the hope that it will continue to be what it has justly and proudly become. In the words of the Constitution of the International Federation of Sports Medicine "that organisation which democratically represents the interests of the majority engaged in the actual practice of Sports Medicine in the Country". While the Association and its members hold true to the tenets of its Constitution I am confident that the long term prospects for Sports Medicine in the United Kingdom are good and that we will jointly and severally be able the better to care for the health and well being of the Nation's sportsmen and women.

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## OBITUARY

### HORACE LUTHER DAVIES, F.R.C.S.

*It is with deep regret that we hear of the death of Horace Luther Davies.*

*He was one of the earliest members of the British Association of Sport and Medicine and served for several years on the Executive Committee. He represented the Association at the meeting of the F.I.M.S. held in Chile in 1962.*

*An enthusiastic early pioneer of Sports Medicine he served for several years as Medical Officer of the Womens Amateur Athletic Association, and the English Schools Athletic Association.*

*Qualifying in 1932 he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1938 and a Master of Surgery the following year.*

*He was Consultant in Orthopaedic Surgery at various Liverpool Hospitals until ill-health unhappily caused his premature retirement.*

*He was recently made an Honorary Member of the British Association of Sport and Medicine for all his services to the Association and to Sports Medicine as a whole.*

*To his wife and family go our sincere condolences.*