

EDITORIAL

During 1973, almost all our publication efforts, and finances, have been devoted to the production of the Proceedings of the 18th World Congress of Sports Medicine, held at Oxford in 1970. Whilst heavily engaged with sorting out manuscripts, trying to get the necessary illustrations and making into readable English drafts made by those unfamiliar with English, communications originally intended for verbal transmission, articles continued to come in, not just from our members, but from American and Australian workers, many of whom we had not met (though we hope this shall be rectified over the years). We also have papers produced for two interesting symposia held in the Spring; a second Rugby Football meeting organised by and held at Salford University, and a weekend at Inverclyde National Recreation Centre on intensive training for the young.

In fairness to those authors whose papers appear as "Proceedings of Symposia" it must be made clear that the manuscripts were collected at or soon after the meetings, and that there were only limited opportunities for editing drafts designed for verbal communications, rather than submitting carefully written original articles which might bear little resemblance to the original talk. As we are adopting as usual practice, the proofs of all articles have been returned to the author(s) for correction (— but not, of course, for a completely new article!). The contents of this issue fall into four natural sections; collected papers on fat and exercise, the rugby football symposium, the intensive training symposium, and original papers upon other topics. We also include the reports given at the Annual General Meeting, held on November 21st at the Royal Society of Medicine, following a joint meeting with the British Olympic Association on Altitude Training. The Index for the World Congress Proceedings is included in Brit. Journ. Sports Med. Vol. VII Nos. 1 & 2, so this issue, Vol. VII Nos. 3 & 4, combined number, contains its own index only.

The next publication due to appear will be the Proceedings of the B.O.A./B.A.S.M. meeting on Altitude Training, and we hope to produce this early next year. We are, however, now inviting the submission of manuscripts for consideration for the next "home circulation" number, hoping for a proper balance between clinical and physiological papers, especially where there is an application to the team doctor, physiotherapist or coach who actually looks after the athlete.

Executive Committee — new members

Two vacancies for co-opted members of the

Executive Committee have been filled by Dr. D. Tunstall-Pedoe, Consultant Physician to Hackney Hospital and the St. Bartholemew's Hospital group, with a special interest in cardiology, and Mrs. Margaret John, M.C.S.P., the latter indicating the growing interest of physiotherapists in sports medicine.

20th World Congress of Sports Medicine 1974

Preparations are still going ahead to try to ensure reasonable United Kingdom support for the XX World Congress of Sports Medicine to be held in Melbourne in February 1974. At present it looks as if eight of our members will be travelling from Britain, though we expect at least as many of our overseas members to be there as well. We would be grateful if anyone attending the Congress who has not already informed our Hon. Secretary, Dr. P. N. Sperryn, would do so without delay, whether they are presenting papers or not.

Subscriptions — 1974

Will members please note that the subscriptions for 1974 are due on January 1st. It is hoped that those paying by Banker's Order have rectified their Orders where necessary; we still receive a large number for two guineas, although the subscription was raised four years ago. The membership subscriptions remain at the 1971 level, namely:

Ordinary members	£3.00
Joint members (Husband & wife)	£4.00
Student members	£1.00
Affiliated organisations	£5.00

There has been an increase in the subscriptions to the Journal of Sports Medicine and Physical Fitness, published by F.I.M.S. and produced in Italy. The cost to members of organisations affiliated to F.I.M.S., such as B.A.S.M. is now £3.10, and should be sent to the Treasurer of B.A.S.M.

The cost to libraries and other non-member subscribers of the British Journal of Sports Medicine remains at £2.00.

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