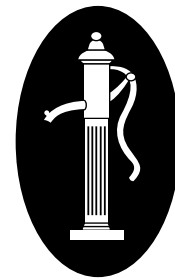




Broad Sheet

The newsletter of the John Snow Society



SUMMER 2005

Society membership statistics

Since its founding in 1991, the John Snow Society has grown steadily, with a cumulative membership of over 1400 members from more than 54 countries around the world. The Society is aware that its policy of membership for life (or as long as one's mug remains intact) poses an interesting demographic problem. Very few deaths have thus far been recorded among our membership, which could indicate several things – including immortality, and a desire of members to carry on their membership in the Hereafter. A life table analysis by Basia Zaba, one of the Society's members, indicates that if members continue to join at the current rate of 100 per year, and they are subject to age-specific mortality risks as obtain in the UK today – then, if members join at age 30, males and females in equal numbers, the society will plateau at a terrestrial membership of 4938 – at which time our accrual would balance our mortality – and we would be 52% women, because of their greater expectation of life.... We wish you a successful year !

Pumphandle Lecture 2005

“Everything is Impossible until it has been done”

Dr Tore Godal

Thursday 8th September 2005, 5.15pm

London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Dr Tore Godal will give the 13th annual John Snow Society Pumphandle lecture at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London, UK on the 8th September.

A Norwegian-born doctor - immunologist - administrator, Dr Godal has had a distinguished career at the highest levels of tropical medicine and international public health. After carrying out research in Norway and Ethiopia on cancer and mycobacterial disease immunology, he moved to Geneva, to direct the UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special



Dr Tore Godal

Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) from 1986 to 1998, and was the first Executive Secretary of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation from 2000 - 2004.

Dr Godal also served as the initiating project manager for the Roll Back Malaria Project and as special advisor to Gro Harlem Brundtland, when she was Director-General of the World Health Organization. He is now a consultant with several international agencies.

The 2006 lecture, entitled “*Everything is impossible until it has been done*”, will reflect in particular upon recent and current events in the field of vaccines.

As is now customary, the lecture will be followed by a visit to the John Snow public house on Broadwick Street, Soho, where the AGM will take place.

Previous Pumphandle Lecturers

- 2004 Dr Alain Moren
- 2003 Dr Mike Ryan
- 2002 Dr David Salisbury
- 2001 Professor David Bradley
- 2000 Professor John Oxford
- 1999 Professor Chris Bartlett
- 1998 Professor Richard J. Evans
- 1997 Professor Hugh Pennington
- 1996 Professor Richard Feachem
- 1995 Dr Sandy Cairncross
- 1994 Dr Spence Galbraith
- 1993 Dr Nick Ward

A Special Thanks....

The John Snow Society would like to say a big thank you to our website team – Danny Yee and Camilla Ip. Since designing and setting up the John Snow website (www.johnsnowsociety.org) in

2001, Danny and Camilla, who are based in Sydney, Australia, have kept it up to date with the Society's news. We are most grateful to them.

Should you have any comments on the website please contact Hannah Cumber.

John Snow Society Memorabilia

NEW! Silver Brooches

£16.00 each

Special introductory offer – 2 brooches for £30

Crafted completely in sterling silver and individually hallmarked, these brooches come in an attractive presentation box and make wonderful gifts. For a limited time

you can save a discount when buying two

brooches! Tie-tacs are also available at a cost of £16 each.



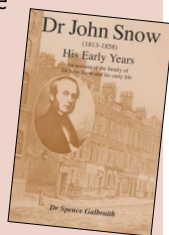
Dr John Snow – His Early Years

£12.00 For John Snow Society Members

£15.00 For non-members

In this book, Dr Spence Galbraith gives a detailed account of the family and early life of Dr John Snow. Through the 68 pages Dr Galbraith takes us

from the birth of John Snow up to his graduation in medicine from the University of London, highlighting important events and also insights, via Snow's apprenticeships, into general practice during this period. The book includes 33 figures and illustrations, many of which have not previously been published.



Mugs £5.00

Should anyone require an additional or replacement John Snow mug, they can be collected from the Royal Institute at this price. For an extra charge mugs can be posted.



Please contact Hannah Cumber should you wish to purchase any of the above.



Pumphandle Lecture 2004

"Challenges for field epidemiology in a widening Europe"
Dr Alain Moren

On 8th September 2004, Dr Alain Moren, Coordinator of the European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training (EPIET) programme, gave the 12th annual John Snow Society Pumphandle Lecture at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

This was the Sesquicentenary Lecture, taking place exactly 150 years after the local Council removed the handle from the Broad Street pump in Soho, on the advice of John Snow. Dr Moren was the ideal speaker, representing the movement towards pan-European epidemiology and public health. Training is essential to maintain and improve the skills of future epidemiologists and EPIET provides

training attachments across the "island and the continent" of Europe.

The lecture touched upon recent involvement of EPIET participants in a variety of contexts, and upon the newly formed European Centre for Disease Control, based in Stockholm.

The lecture was well attended and finished in the traditional way - with the removal of the pump handle from the Society's pump. This was followed by an energetic discussion and the AGM at the John Snow pub.

A fuller account of the lecture can be found in the Autumn 2004 issue of *Health & Hygiene* (Vol. 25(3)), and also on the John Snow Society website at www.johnsnowsociety.org

The Scandinavian chapter of the John Snow Society



Truls Krogh made an excellent presentation on epidemiological history at the Chapter's Pump Handle Lecture.

JSS Scandinavia held its annual meeting in Bergen on June 7th 2005, as part of the Norwegian National Drinking Water Conference.

Truls Krogh, director of the division for Water Hygiene at the National Institute for Public Health received the Pump Handle Award for 2005. Truls Krogh is highly respected for his competence and ability to act as national water quality advisor to both water works and drinking water authorities. Based on solid experience he is able to act in the difficult balance of risk communication. He can deliver appropriate criticism, and advise necessary action when needed, but can also reduce fear and unnecessary investments when journalists or researchers exaggerate risks.

The John Snow Rose

Mr Douglas Gandy of Gandy's Roses Ltd. has raised a rose with beautiful large exhibition-type flowers and named it after John Snow. The flowers are white with a delicate shade of cream and the rose has a lovely sweet scent.

The John Snow Rose is available to purchase for £5.80 (please note delivery will not be until the autumn).

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