

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT - JUNE 2000

Since the Annual Summer Meeting in Bath last year the Association has held its Winter Meeting at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London. The meeting was organised by the President, Dr Skelly, and addressed issues on the theme 'The ADA – Coming of Age or the End of an ERA?' The meeting was well attended and speakers talked on the history of the Association, changes in the practice and provision of general anaesthesia for dentistry and the increasing importance of sedation. There was much lively discussion and the overall consensus seemed to be that the ADA has very much come of age and could look forward to the future, building on its history over the past 24 years.

Council has continued to be involved with a number of major issues including training of anaesthetists, national data collection of morbidity and mortality and sedation for dental and medical procedures to name a few. The Association, through various members of Council maintains strong links with other bodies such as SAAD, EFAAD, The Dental Sedation Teachers Group, The Royal College of Anaesthetists and the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland. Several members of Council currently sit on a number of committees and working parties, including the Department of Health working Party set up by the Chief Medical and Dental Officers which is expected to report soon.

The Association continues to thrive and attract new members. Current and new issues such as CME, Good Practice, Clinical Governance and Revalidation will affect us all in the future and the Association will continue to play its part.

Lastly, as promised, the Association now has an Internet site. This has only just been set up and will require a lot of development but I hope many members, (and non-members!), will use it. Ideas and suggestions for the site should be sent to me.

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Hon. Secretary