

Society Reports

SECTION OF MEDICAL HISTORY IN THE AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (VICTORIAN BRANCH)

THE Annual Meeting of the Section of Medical History in the Australian Medical Association (Victorian Branch) was held on Monday, 8 April 1963, at the Medical Society Hall, East Melbourne.

The following office bearers were appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>President:</i>	Sir Clive Fitts
<i>Honorary Secretary:</i>	Dr. M. L. Verso
<i>Honorary Treasurer:</i>	Dr. J. T. Hueston
<i>Ex Officio Member of Committee:</i>	Dr. David O'Sullivan (Curator of the Museum of the Medical Society of Victoria)

In the Annual Report reference was made to the loss the Section, the medical profession and the community as a whole had suffered in the death of the immediate past president Sir William Johnson.

At the conclusion of the formal business of the evening, two most enjoyable short papers were presented. Dr. David O'Sullivan showed a series of slides dealing with the Beany Institute at Canterbury, England, which had been endowed by Dr. James George Beany, one of the most colourful and controversial of the Melbourne medical personalities of the nineteenth century. Dr. Leonard Murphy then presented a paper entitled 'Leonardo da Vinci—The Artist-Anatomist' in which he discussed da Vinci's anatomical studies, illustrating the talk with slides of his anatomical sketches and diagrams.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY MEETING AWARDS OF THE NETHERLANDS SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE AND SCIENCE

On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary meeting of the *Netherlands Society for the History of Medicine and Science* ('Genootschap voor de Geschiedenis der Geneeskunde, Wiskunde en Natuurwetenschappen'), which was held at Gorinchem on 8 and 9 June, medals were awarded to Dr. E. D. Baumann (for his writings on the history of medicine), to Dr. Maria Rooseboom (for her work as a long-time council member of the Society and her merits in developing the National Museum for the History of Science at Leyden) and to Professor Frans Verdoorn (for the establishment and development of the new Biohistorical Institute of the University of Utrecht, in which the former 'Chronica Botanica Library & Archives' have been incorporated).

THE IRANIAN SOCIETY OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

THE Iranian Society of the History of Science and Medicine has recently been founded in Teheran with the object of studying the history of science and medicine of Persia and Islam and to make known to the world at large the nature and value of the works of earlier Islamic scientists and scholars. It is hoped that in time associated societies will be founded in the provincial capitals.

The first publication of the new Society has just been issued.