

**ASSOCIATION NEWS:**

**1. DENTAL SOCIETY OF THE  
GHANA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
PARTY ON BANK HOLIDAY  
AUGUST 1ST 1966**

The dental society held a party which was preceded by a talk by Dr. J. C. Adjetey (Col.) of Military Hospital Dental Department on Bank holiday 1st August, 1966. The attendance was not up to expectation; however, it was simple and impressive.

The function was held at the Government Hospitality Centre. Dr. E. M. Brown was to have talked on "The School Dental Service" but owing to sudden illness he could not attend and Dr. Adjetey (Col.) was kind enough to talk on "The International Dental Federation Congress 1966 in Israel", at short notice.

Dr. Adjetey said increasing attention was being given to the maintenance of public health, and that prevention and therapy in the line of dental diseases occupy a very important place in that field. Dental diseases belonged to those illnesses that very often spread without regard to the standard of living and prosperity. It was therefore necessary for dental surgeons to establish a high standard of practice and an adequate level of public dental health, he added. Dr. Adjetey remarked that like all spheres of Science and especially medicine and dentistry it was inconceivable to have progress without International exchange of experiences—hence the existence of the "Federation Dentaire Internationale"—F.D.I.

Those entitled to attend the Annual Congress of the F.D.I., he said were:

- (1) All dental surgeons lawfully entitled to carry out dental surgery in their home countries and who are members of National Dental Organizations in their countries.
- (2) All remaining physicians.
- (3) All Dental students.
- (4) All dependants of participants.
- (5) All Directors of dental services Armed Forces.

He said that apart from the Main Council of the F.D.I. there were several committees and commissions in the F.D.I. such as:—

- (1) Finance Committee.
- (2) Commission on Dental Education (Academic)

- (3) Commission of Dental Materials, Instruments and Equipment.
- (4) Publications Committee.
- (5) Scientific Assembly Committee.

Subjects discussed at the Congress included:—

- (1) Advances in Endodontics.
- (2) The Application of Cephalometrics to cinefluorography; comparative analysis of hyoid behaviour in Class (1) and Class (2) orthodontic patients
- (3) Dental diseases and the whole Organism.

Col. Adjetey remarked that the Military Division usually formed the link between the F.D.I. and governments. However, invitations were usually sent to governments and he regretted that no Civilian dental surgeon had ever attended any of the F.D.I. Congresses, so far as he was aware.

Before taking his seat, he declared that Forensic Odontology was the main subject of the 1967 Congress (MILITARY DIVISION). This, he said was a very important subject in so far as the identification, by dental means, of badly mutilated bodies was concerned.

The Pro-tem Secretary thanked Dr. Adjetey for his interesting talk and recorded his appreciation for the trouble taken by all members present in ensuring the success of the occasion. Special thanks went to Dr. Hilda Ayensu for arranging the Hospitality Centre. Informal discussions and refreshments followed the Colonel's talk on the F.D.I. Congress.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Conference of Christian Medical Workers**

The annual conference of the Christian Medical Workers Fellowship will be held at Trinity College, Legon, from September 30 to October 2, 1966. Doctors, Senior Nurses and other senior staff of Church Medical Institutions as well as of other Medical Institutions and Private practice are cordially invited to attend.

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