



Update

Pat Lilly's retirement.

On Wednesday 27th September 2006, in the Novotel hotel, a large gathering of family, friends and staff paid tribute to Pat Lilly on his retirement after 42 years as Tutor in Dental Prosthodontics at the Glasgow Dental Hospital and School.

Pat, despite his customary self-effacement, was eventually persuaded to say a few words expressing his gratitude to all those who had taken the trouble, as he put it, to join him and his wife on this occasion. After a finger buffet and refreshments, the couple were presented with two bouquets.

Earlier in the day at the Hospital, Pat was presented with what he described as "a generous cheque." He will continue to participate in the Henry Noble History of Dentistry Research Group and hopes to undertake some dental history research.

Autumn Lecture Meeting held on 26th September 2006.

The meeting was held in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons where Dr. James Gilmour enlightened us with some of his personal experiences and reminiscences of hypnosis and its early years of development in the medical and dental profession in the UK. "The British Society of Dental hypnosis" founded in 1952 became the "Dental and Medical Society for the Study of Hypnosis" in 1955. Dr. Gilmour was instrumental in founding the Scottish branch and became its Vice Chairman. The Scottish Branch was the only one additional to the London based Society, before a national group "The British Society of Medical and Dental Hypnosis" was formed in 1968 which included Metropolitan, Scottish and Northern branches.

Dr. Gilmour started by using his own surgery assistant as a subject and then continued to practise hypnosis throughout his career. His wife gave birth to his two daughters under hypnosis, and he has observed a successful appendicectomy being performed. However it was his strong belief that dentistry is one of the best areas for hypnosis, and that dentists have a high success rate in practice.

Dr. Gilmour continued to promote hypnosis throughout his career, and the Society is still flourishing. He presented some books on the history of hypnosis and these are now available in the College Library.

National Library of Scotland website archive

We were delighted to agree to a recent request from the National Library of Scotland that the Newsletter be archived by them, as part of a UK-wide initiative to preserve web sites of research interest. Their letter describes our publication as "of Scottish cultural significance" and "an important part of our documentary heritage". Information about the project can be found at <http://www.webarchive.org.uk>

Menzies Campbell Lecture

A date has yet to be fixed for the next Menzies Campbell Lecture but Professor Lorna McPherson of Glasgow Dental School has agreed to speak on a preventive topic.

**Photographs at the handover of the Henry Noble Memorial Bookcase in the
James Ireland Memorial Library** at Glasgow Dental Hospital and School.
12th May 2006**



Mrs Audrey Noble is presented with a bouquet by Mrs Laetitia Brocklebank,
Senior Lecturer in Dental Radiology and Chair of the Library Committee



Professor Jeremy Bagg, Dean of the Dental School, with members of the Noble family
and of the History of Dentistry Group

* *The Library might perhaps be more correctly titled the Memorial James Ireland Library, since it originated as a Memorial to those lost in the First World War and only later was endowed by a generous legacy from the late Professor James Ireland, Dean of the Dental School 1976-79.(Ed)