

Alpha Omega Alpha elects new honorary members

In accordance with a provision in the constitution of Alpha Omega Alpha, the society's board of directors has the authority to elect to honorary membership distinguished persons who have made major contributions to an important area of medicine, including teaching, patient care, research, and public health. This year, the board of directors extended invitations to:



Carol M. Black

Carol M. Black was educated at the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom, from which she received a B.A. in history in 1962, followed by postgraduate work in medical social studies. She qualified in medicine in 1970 when she received the MBChB. Elected to the Royal College of Physicians in 1973, Dr. Black received her M.D. from Bristol in 1974, her thesis subject being "Collagen Cross-Links in Connective Tissue Diseases," and she became a fellow of the Royal College in 1988.

Dr. Black is professor of Rheumatology at the Centre for Rheumatology, Royal Free and University College Medical School in London. Earlier in her career, she was a consultant rheumatologist at the West Middlesex University Hospital and at the Royal Free Hospital. She has been an honorary consultant to a number of other leading hospitals in the United Kingdom and has been the recipient of prestigious honors, including fellowship in the American College of Physicians, the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, and the Royal

College of Physicians in Ireland. She received an honorary doctor of science degree from her alma mater. She has also been a member of the editorial boards of numerous rheumatology journals, including the *British Journal of Rheumatology*.

Dr. Black has held a succession of important posts in the Royal College of Physicians in London and, most recently, serves as president of the college. Her publication list is impressive, notable for important contributions in rheumatology, immunology, and other related fields. She has been designated as a Commander of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II.



James Burrows Edwards

Dr. Edwards was born in Florida and educated at the College of Charleston and the University of Louisville School of Dentistry, receiving his D.M.D. from the latter in 1955. He pursued postgraduate study at the University of Pennsylvania and then completed a two-year residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit in 1960.

After completing his training, Dr. Edwards served for two years in the U.S. Navy as a dental officer, attaining the rank of lieutenant commander. He then moved to South Carolina and practiced oral and maxillofacial surgery in Charleston from 1960 to 1974. In 1972, he was elected to the South Carolina State Senate, and three years later, became governor of South Carolina, the

first Republican to hold that office in South Carolina since the Reconstruction Era. In 1981, Edwards was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to serve as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy, resigning a year later to become president of the Medical University of South Carolina. He retired in 1999 and was named president emeritus.

During his years as president of the University, Dr. Edwards played a key role in enhancing the breadth and quality of the educational programs in medicine and related fields. He was effective in obtaining funding that led to the establishment of the Hollings Cancer Center, as well as centers for cardiology, digestive diseases, and psychiatry. In addition, enhanced programs in organ transplantation and in ophthalmology were developed during his tenure, as was the Children's Hospital. MUSC has gained recognition as a very productive research university, and receives substantial support from the NIH as well as from private donors.



Peter J. Ell

Dr. Ell is an internationally recognized leader in the field of Nuclear Medicine. Now professor of nuclear medicine at the Middlesex Hospital, University of London, he received his M.D. from Lisbon University and subsequently was awarded a master of science degree from London University and a Ph.D. from the University of Bern. His is the only established chair in nuclear medicine in the United Kingdom.

He also holds fellowships in the Royal College of Radiology and the Royal College of Physicians.

A founding member of the European Association of Nuclear Medicine, Dr. Ell has served as secretary of the organization since 1987, as well as president for a three-year term from 1994 through 1996. He has received many honors and holds honorary memberships in nuclear medicine societies in other European countries. His services as a consultant have been sought by many universities and other institutions.

Over the years he has been at the Middlesex Hospital, Dr. Ell has supervised 70 postgraduate students and often participates as a member of doctoral committees in various universities.

Dr. Ell is a prolific contributor to the literature, having published over 400 full-length, peer-reviewed manuscripts, and he is the author of a large number of monographs in the field of nuclear medicine. He has been involved in organizing nuclear medicine facilities in a number of U.K. institutions and has contributed to the development of single photon emission tomography and studies of radiopharmaceuticals in humans.



Shigeaki Hinohara

Dr. Hinohara received his M.D. from Kyoto University in 1937 and a Ph.D. at the same institution in 1941. He subsequently served on the medical staff of several leading institutions in Tokyo, notably St. Luke's International Hospital. Early in his career, he gained recognition as a leading internist and cardiologist in Japan. He was the moving force for the development of important

cooperative programs between medical institutions in Japan, United States, and Canada. His stature in medicine led to his being chosen to be the personal physician of the emperor of Japan.

Dr. Hinohara's list of affiliations with outstanding medical organizations in Japan as well as in the United States and other countries is long and impressive. He is an honorary fellow of the American College of Physicians, and has been an effective advocate for continued development of medical education and clinical training in his native country. During his long and productive career, he has received multiple awards, not only in Japan but in other countries as well, and he has been a continuing contributor to medical literature. Dr. Hinohara is an avid student of the career of Sir William Osler and has contributed to various learned publications on aspects of Osler's career. Even now, at the age of 92, he continues to be active professionally and is a superb role model for younger individuals pursuing careers in medicine.



James Orbinski

Dr. Orbinski was born in Canada, received his undergraduate education at Trent University in Ontario, and earned his M.D. from McMaster University in 1990. He trained in pediatrics and then began graduate work in clinical epidemiology. While still in medical school, he received the prestigious Canadian Medical Research Scholarship, and, with the concurrence of the medical faculty at McMaster, spent a year in sub-Saharan Africa conducting pediatric AIDS research with UNICEF and other agencies.

After working in a pediatric HIV project in Rwanda, on his return to Canada Dr. Orbinski helped to organize the Canadian chapter of Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF), a group devoted to medical humanitarian missions in many war-torn areas of the world. Working in Zaire, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, Kenya, and Cambodia, Dr. Orbinski has demonstrated that access to medical care is a critical global health issue, particularly for those who live in poverty.

In 1998, Dr. Orbinski received a master's degree in International Relations from the University of Toronto, with a focus on international health and humanitarianism. From 1998 to 2001, he was international president of MSF. During his presidency, MSF received the Nobel Peace Prize for its humanitarian work and advocacy. Dr. Orbinski's dedication to the highest standards of patient care has won him international recognition.

Dr. Orbinski has received many awards, including an honorary doctor of science degree from McMaster University, an honorary doctor of laws from Trent University, and the President's Award from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. In addition, he has been cited by the governor-general of Canada for his work in Africa and has been a tireless advocate for improved care for children throughout the world.



Haralampie Momir Polenakovic

Dr. Polenakovic was born in Skopje, Republic of Macedonia, in 1939 and received his M.D. from the University of Skopje in 1963. After receiving his

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degree, he served five years as a resident in internal medicine at the University of Skopje and was designated a specialist in internal medicine. He became interested in nephrology and pursued additional training in that field at Northwestern University. In 1977, on the basis of his clinical and immunological research, he received a doctor of science degree. Subsequently, he served as a fellow in the renal unit at Guy's Hospital in London and in the Department of Nephrology at the University of Stockholm.

His first faculty appointment was at the University of Skopje in 1977, followed by promotion to associate professor in 1983, and full professor in 1988. In addition, he served as vice dean of the medical faculty from 1982 to 1984 and then spent 10 years as the director of the Department of Nephrology at the Saints Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje.

Dr. Polenakovic has been a prolific contributor to the literature with an extensive bibliography, including many original articles as well as editorials and reviews. He is also the author of a monograph on "Nutrition in patients with renal failure and on dialysis."

Dr. Polenakovic has served as a visiting professor at various institutions in Europe and the United States, holds honorary memberships in various nephrology societies in Europe and this country and is a member of the Macedonian Academy of Science and Arts. In 1997 he received the Distinguished International Medal from the National Kidney Foundation in the United States, recognizing his distinguished scientific achievements in nephrology, as well as his outstanding public service to the field. He has served on numerous editorial boards and has been active in joint collaborations with nephrologists in other medical institutions in Europe as well as the United States. He and his wife, a professor of clinical biochemistry at the Medical Faculty in Skopje, have two sons, one of whom is assistant professor of medicine at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, and is well recognized for his work in the field of infectious diseases.



Heonir de Jesus Pereira da Rocha

Dr. Rocha, born in Brazil in 1930, graduated from the medical school of the Federal University of Bahia. He was subsequently a Kellogg Foundation Fellow at Cornell University Medical College from 1955 to 1956, following which he spent two years as a clinical and research fellow in internal medicine at Yale University School of Medicine, when Dr. Paul Beeson was head of the department there. Returning to the medical school in Bahia as an assistant professor of medicine, he rapidly moved up the academic ranks to full professorship. Over the years, he has compiled a remarkable record of leadership in medical education and research, and from time to time he has had visiting appointment in the departments of medicine at Johns Hopkins, Cornell, the Medical College of Pennsylvania, and in several nephrology centers in the United Kingdom.

From 1974 to 1977, Dr. Rocha headed the department of medicine in Bahia and was in charge of the master's degree program in internal medicine. From 1979 to 1984, he was vice rector of the university, then dean of the medical school from 1988 to 1992, and since 1998, he has been rector of the university.

Dr. Rocha has been elected to membership in a number of important learned societies both in Brazil and in this country and has published over 200 papers in leading journals. In addition, he has contributed to a number of textbooks and has trained numerous bright young Brazilian physicians, who in turn have pursued academic medicine.

On every count, Dr. Rocha is clearly a gifted medical educator and medical scientist, and stands as an outstanding role model for the many young men and women who have had the opportunity to train with him.

Faith Wallis

Faith Wallis received a bachelor of arts degree with first class honors in history from McGill University in 1971. Subsequently she earned master of arts and master of library science degrees at McGill, and in 1985, she received a Ph.D. from the Centre for Medieval Studies at the University of Toronto. Her first academic appointment at McGill was as assistant professor in the Department of History and, concomitantly, she became assistant history of medicine librarian in the Osler Library of the History of Medicine at McGill. In June 1992, she was made an associate professor in the Department of Social Studies of Medicine as well as an associate member of the Department of History and was granted tenure in 1998.

Dr. Wallis has been an active faculty member, involved primarily in teaching of candidates for the master of arts and Ph.D. degrees. During the course of her graduate studies, she was the recipient of a doctoral fellowship in the social sciences and humanities from the Research Council of Canada, and in 1997 she was awarded the H. Nowell Fieldhouse Award for Distinguished Teaching by McGill.

Her scholarly production has been impressive. For over 10 years, she has been the editor of the *Osler Library Newsletter*, and has also served as a member of the editorial board and as a book review editor of the *Canadian Bulletin of Medical History*. She is a member of numerous professional and learned societies, including the Medieval Academy of America, the American Association for the History of Medicine, the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, and the History of Science Society. In addition, she is the author of a number of monographs as well as articles in refereed journals, largely those related to aspects of the history of medicine. Dr. Wallis was director of the Osler Library of the History of Medicine at McGill from 1985 to 1992, and she is widely recognized as an authority on Osler's career and his eminent contributions to medicine.

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