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November 11, 1980

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your letter and for offering to send me a copy of the tape. I am not sure that I will have the courage to listen to it. Knowing what all of you had to endure may detract from a vivid memory of a very pleasant evening with you.

I shall be in Geneva in December and perhaps our paths will cross at that time. Until then, my very best regards to you and Jean.

Sincerely,

John R. Evans  
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5 November 1980

Dear John,

What a delightful evening you made it for us when you so humorously and at the same time so thought-provokingly presented your confessions. On behalf of the Medical Society of WHO I should like to thank you for kindly accepting to talk at our Tenth Anniversary dinner and for contributing to its success. The friends who knew you were particularly pleased to hear you again and those who heard you for the first time had a lot of fun and satisfaction in listening to your views. Now that you are a member of the Society, I hope that your visits to Geneva will coincide with some of our meetings in which case of course you will be most welcome to sit on the benches.

I was pleased to chat a little with you about our country and I was very happy to learn that you were still keeping Toronto as your home base. Jean and I also have our anchor on the West Coast. This makes us feel good.

Dr Mahler was sad to have missed your talk and I am passing him the taperecording that we made on that evening. I shall also send you one so that you will remember the international formula(e) for climbing Mount Everest.

Very sincerely yours,

Bill

Dr S.W.A. Gunn  
President  
Medical Society of WHO

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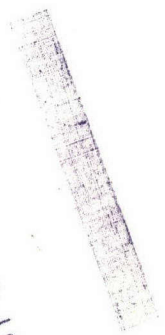
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September 12, 1980

Dr. S.W.A. Gunn  
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1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland

Dear Bill,

You have intimidated me by sending me the list of previous speakers for the Annual Dinner at the Medical Society of WHO.

I am afraid that the Tenth Anniversary will reflect a serious depreciation of the currency as far as after dinner speeches are concerned. Nevertheless, I am very interested in being with you and hope to select a topic which may be of interest to the audience.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John R. Evans  
Director  
Population, Health and Nutrition Department





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28 August 1980

Dear Dr Evans,

I should like to thank you for kindly accepting to give the address at the Annual Dinner of the Medical Society of WHO on 15 October 1980. The Society ~~traditionally holds its Annual Dinner at the time of the meeting of the ACMR in WHO;~~ the forthcoming Dinner is especially important in that it marks the tenth anniversary of the Society and we are particularly pleased that you will be the speaker on that occasion.

As promised, I am sending you the list of speakers throughout these ten years from which you will see that we have had quite a prestigious roster of personalities from various fields presenting a variety of subjects of human interest.

With your wide interests in the medical and humanistic aspects of the health sciences I would not venture to propose a subject, and leave the choice to you. As we discussed over the telephone an incisive topic on the social and human elements of health, medical education, health politics, or financing of scientific research would be most appropriate and I am sure that our members and guests will be delighted to hear you. I should like to add that our honorarium consists of presentation of the Medal of the Society with honorary membership. I hope this will be agreeable to you. Looking forward to welcoming you in October, I am,

Your sincerely,

*Bill*

S.W.A. Gunn, M.D., M.S., F.R.C.S. (C)  
President, Medical Society of WHO

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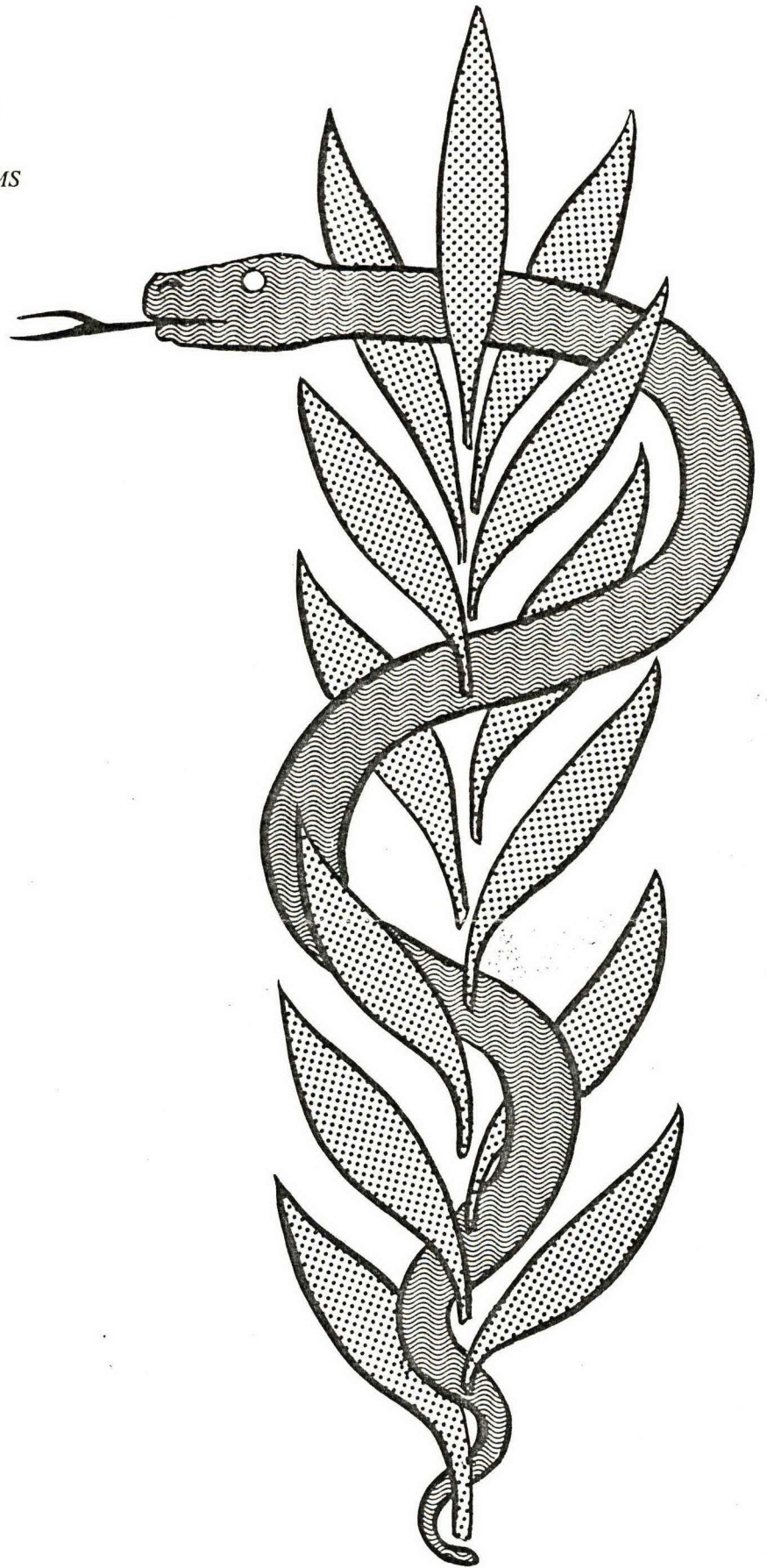


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CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

1970 - 1980



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CONFERENCES AND OTHER MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF WHO

1970 - 1980

I. Conferences

1. Sir John Eccles, Nobel Laureate in Medicine and Physiology. "My views on what is man. Some metaphysical implications of neurological research". (Inaugural address and Founding Dinner, 22 June 1970).
2. Dr Charles G. Roland, Director of Biomedical Communications, The Mayo Clinic, Rochester, USA. "The ethics of biomedical information. How public is scientific knowledge?"
3. Dr Oscar Gish, Economist, Science Policy Research Unit, Sussex University, England. "The international migration of medical manpower".
4. Sir John Bruce, Dean Emeritus of the Faculty of Medicine, Edinburgh; President of the International Federation of Surgical Colleges. "The changing face of surgery".
5. M. Jean S. Pictet, Vice-President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva. "International Humanitarian Law".
6. Dr Jean Ghata, Director of Laboratories, Hôpital de la Pitié, Paris. "The rôle of circadian rhythms in biology and medicine".
7. Prof. T.A. Lambo, Vice-Chancellor, Ibadan University, Nigeria. "The place of traditional medicine in the total management of the African patient today".
8. Dr F.N.L. Poynter, Director, Wellcome Institute of the History of Medicine, The Wellcome Foundation, London. "International co-operation and cultural ties among doctors throughout history".
9. Prof. Hans Selye, Director, Institute of Experimental Medicine and Surgery, University of Montreal, Canada. "Thoughts on stress, hormones, and resistance".
10. Dr G. Zahnd, P.D. University of Geneva, Director, Institut de Recherches Médicales. "La recherche médicale à Genève aujourd'hui et demain".
11. Prof. B. McA. Sayers, Director of Engineering Applied to Medicine, Imperial College of Science and Technology, London. "Transposing engineering technology to medical use".
12. Prof. William C. Gibson, Head, Department of the History of Medicine and Science, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. "Important scientific discoveries made by medical students".

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13. Prof. M. Yoeli, Department of Preventive Medicine, New York University School of Medicine. "The evolution of malaria research - a diamond jubilee commemoration".
14. M. Marcel Haas, Director, Hôpital Cantonal, Genève. "Les hôpitaux dans la société d'aujourd'hui et de demain".
15. Dr John Higginson, Director, The International Agency for Research on Cancer, Lyon. "The cancer problem and the world-wide IARC programme".
16. Dr Iwao Moriyama, Director, Joint US-Japanese Atomic Casualty Commission. "The assessment of a disaster: Delayed effects of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki".
17. Prof. K.N. Kashyap, Medical Adviser to the High Commissioner of India, London, and Director, The All-India Family Planning Project. "Medical care and nation-wide family planning".
18. Prof. Gustav Giertz, The Karolinska Hospital, Stockholm. "Experiences as Chairman of the Swedish Delegation on Medical Ethics".
19. Prof. V. Ganeshan, Executive Committee member, International Association of Olympic Medical Officers. "Sport medicine as a means of health promotion".
20. Dr F.L. Adler, Chief of Immunology, Public Health Institute, New York. "New developments in immunology and their application to narcotics and other problems".
21. Prof. Charles Taban, Morphologist, Universities of Michigan and Geneva. "La régénération des tissus et organes: son application dans les sciences biomédicales".
22. Dr Martin M. Cummings, Director, US National Library of Medicine, Washington. "The changing character of the medical literature".
23. Dr James A. Deeny, Ombudsman to WHO. "A community study of the WHO Headquarters".
24. Prof. Eugène Aujaleu, Directeur général honoraire de l'INSERM, Paris. "L'Etat et la protection des droits du malade face aux progrès des sciences biomédicales".
25. Mr Ivan Illich, Informal causerie on social and human problems of health care delivery.

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26. Meeting in Aosta, Italy, as guests of the World Doctor's Day. Symposium on "The pathology of migrant workers".
27. Dr Cicely Williams, Professor, Tulane University School of Public Health. "The role of integrated family health services".
28. Lord Ritchie-Calder, Political thinker and science planner. "The science of the science of science".
29. Sir John Gray, Secretary of the Medical Research Council, England. "Research on medical problems of the tropical countries".
30. Mr R.E. Leakey, Director, National Museums of Kenya. "The origins of man".
31. Prof. A.O. Lucas, Director, Medical Research Council of Nigeria. "Training and Research problems in developing countries".
32. Prof. Marvin Cornblath, Chairman, Department of Pediatrics, University of Maryland. "New methods in education for child health care delivery".
33. Mr I. Illich, author of "Medical Nemesis". "Personal views on the expropriation of health".
34. Prof. S. Halter, President of the 28th World Health Assembly. "Reflexions sur les problèmes d'éthique médicale".
35. Dr A.J. de Villers, Director General of International Health Services, Canada. "The health problems of a developed country".
36. Dr J. Cook, Secretary, International Federation of Surgical Colleges. "The scope and limitations of surgery in small hospitals".
37. Dr S. Carter, Director, Northern California Cancer Program. "New approaches to cancer treatment".
38. Prof. A. Gellhorn, President, Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences. "Does medical school prepare one to practise medicine ?".
39. Mrs Kuo Shan-hu, barefoot doctor. "Health care in rural China".
40. Sir Gustav Nossal, Director, The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, Melbourne. "Medical science and human goals".
41. Dr F. Halberg, Dept. of Laboratory Medicine, University of Minnesota. "Chronobiology".
42. Prof. W.I.B. Beveridge, University of Cambridge. "Research and discovery".

43. Sir Harold Walter, Minister of Health, Mauritius. "The judge and the doctor".

44. Senator Edward Kennedy. "International health care in an interdependent world".

45. Prof. C.G. Sheps, Faculty of Community Medicine, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. "Higher education in public health".

46. Prof. Albert B. Sabin, Distinguished Professor of Biomedicine, University of South Carolina, Charleston. "Preparedness for an influenza pandemic".

47. Prof. M.I. Roemer. School of Public Health, University of California at Los Angeles. "Money and its relevance in health policy".

48. Prof. W.J. Curran, Head, Department of Legal Medicine, Harvard University. "Divergences and convergences of biomedical and health ethics".

49. Dr J.L. Kilgour, Medical Adviser to the Ministry of Overseas Development, London. "A national aid agency's view of WHO".

50. Prof. T.G.C. Murrell, Department of Community Medicine, University of Adelaide, Australia. "The story of pig-bell".

51. Dr N. Howard-Jones, Writer and Medical Historian, Geneva. "What was WHO - thirty years ago?". (Commemorative lecture on the 30th Anniversary of WHO - 7 April 1980)

52. Brig. J.N. Garba, Commissioner for External Affairs, Nigeria. "Health development and its effects on total development in the developing world".

53. Dr T. Godal, Scientist, Norwegian Institute for Cancer Research, Oslo. "Experiences and achievements of a WHO working group in international scientific research".

54. Roger Brand, Ph.D., Anthropologist, Ecole nationale de Santé publique à Rennes. "Des hommes et des plantes dans le contexte africain".

55. Prof. K. Standard, Head, Dept. of Social Medicine, University of West Indies, Jamaica. "The role of the health aide in community medicine".

56. Dr H. Hellberg, Assistant Director, National Board of Health, Finland. "Health, personal wholeness and human development".

57. Dr Dimitry Venediktov, Deputy Minister of Health, USSR. "Health at the crossroads - a Soviet view".



58. Dr P. Gachoud, Medical intern, Fribourg. "Our kind of medicine among the natives of the Andes".

59. Mrs Rosalynn Carter, First Lady of the United States. "Mental health and world welfare: progress from hope to reality".

60. Prof. O. Jeanneret. Director, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Geneva. "La jeunesse et la santé: le point de vue d'un épidémiologiste".

61. Dr J.R. Boswick, Professor of Surgery, University of Colorado, Denver. "World health, professional medical organizations and WHO".

62. Prof. M. Lechat, Director, Centre for Research in Disaster Epidemiology, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium. "New horizons in health promotion: Emergency relief and disaster epidemiology".

63. Dr Ch. Mérieux, Président, Fondation Mérieux, Lyon. "The interdependence of basic research and industrial research in vaccine production".

64. Visit to the International Agency for Cancer Research, Lyon. Director - Dr J. Higginson.

65. Dr Yuri Isakov, Director-General, Department of Medical Manpower, Ministry of Health, USSR. "Preparing the manpower for primary health care in the Soviet Union".

## II. Annual Dinners - Guest Speakers

00. 1970: Founding Dinner. Sir John Eccles, Nobel Laureate in Medicine and Physiology. "My views on what is man. Some metaphysical implications of neurological research".

66. 1971 : Lord Rosenheim, President of the Royal College of Physicians of London. "Smoking and cancer".

67. 1972 : Prof. L. Cavalli-Sforza, Geneticist, Universities of California and Pavia. "Genetics research among Pygmies".

68. 1973 : Prof. Jacques Monod, Nobel Laureate in Medicine and Physiology. "Perspectives en biologie moléculaire et réflexions sur le hasard et la nécessité".

69. 1974 : Prof. Henri Gaustaut, Président de l'Université d'Aix/Marseille. "Le crâne, objet d'art, objet de culte, objet de médecine".

70. 1975 : Prof. Joshua Lederberg, Nobel Laureate in Medicine and Physiology. "Hazards and challenges of genetic research".



71. 1976: Prof. Christian de Duve, Nobel Laureate in Medicine and Physiology. "The biological revolution and its impact on the progress of medicine".

72. 1977: Prof. N. Scrimshaw, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "Hunger in the world".

73. 1977: Senator Edward M. Kennedy - U.S.A.

74. 1978: H.E. Joseph N. Garba, Commissioner of External Affairs, Nigeria.

75. 1979: Mrs Rosalynn Carter, First Lady of the United States.

76. 1980: Prof. J.R. Evans, Director of Population, Health and Nutrition, World Bank and previously President of the University of Toronto. (Tenth Anniversary Dinner).

### III. Annual joint meetings with the Société Médicale de Genève

77. 1972: Round-table symposium on Problems in Cardiology.

78. 1973: Round-table on the Social, clinical and epidemiological problems of drug dependence.

79. 1974: Round-table on the Worldwide resurgence of sexually transmitted diseases.

80. 1975: Round-table on Problems of occupational health.

81. 1977: Round-table on the Parasitology of travel.

82. 1978: Round-table on Rabies and Zoonoses.

83. 1979: Round-table on Problems of nutrition.

84. 1980: Round-table on Medical ethics.

### IV. Special film sessions

85. Education techniques in cardiovascular diseases. (Shown in collaboration with TAID).

86. Acupuncture and anaesthesia. Research and practice in the People's Republic of China. (Shown twice).

87. Minamata Disease. A study in medical and social epidemiology.

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88. The achievements of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the social and health fields.

89. Ratopolis. A study in behaviour in animal colonies. (Shown twice).

90. Mankind tomorrow. The views of 14 Nobel Prize winners on the future of man. (Shown twice, in collaboration with Staff Conferences).