

PROFESSOR ANTHONY PETER ADAMS (born 1936). M.B., B.S. (Lond.), M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.), Ph.D. (Lond.), D.A. (Eng.), F.F.A.R.C.S., F.R.C.A., F.A.N.Z.C.A. – Emeritus Professor of Anaesthetics in the University of London.

“In due course Tony became a registrar with Bourne at Salisbury – evidently badger watching was a topic of discussion at the appointment interview!”

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Anthony Peter Adams (born 1936) [Epsom College 1951-1954] is the son of H. W. J. Adams, Company Secretary, of Ashted, Surrey. He received his medical training at St Thomas’s Hospital Medical School, graduating M.B., B.S. in 1960. In 1964, he was appointed Wellcome Research Fellow at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith, and from 1968 until 1979, Consultant Anaesthetist and Clinical Lecturer in the Nuffield Department of Anaesthetics, University of Oxford. In 1979, he was headhunted to be the first Professor of Anaesthetics in the newly established University of London Chair at Guy’s Hospital Medical School – a post that he filled until his retirement in 2001. From 1998 he was Vice-Chairman of the Division of Surgery and Anaesthesia at Guy’s, King’s College, and St Thomas’ Hospitals, where the Medical and Dental Schools had been merged. While at Guy’s, he provided an invaluable service for children with special needs, including multiple disabilities, in the Out-Patient Dental Department, as well as co-ordinating the teaching and research. With Dr M. K. Sykes he established the Blood-Gas



service at the Hammersmith Hospital and, in 1993, Tony Adams was a member of the Royal College of Anaesthetists’ Standing Committee on General Anaesthesia in Dentistry. He became the Chairman in 1996 and brought together all the interested parties to sort out the problems. His many other achievements include: Honorary Consultant Anaesthetist: Guy’s and St Thomas’ Hospitals, The Bethlem and Maudsley Hospitals, and King’s College Hospital; Emeritus Consultant Anaesthetist to the Army; Member of the Council of Governors, Guy’s Hospital (1997-1998); Member of the Standing Committee, Board of Studies in Surgery, University of London (1979-1992); Member of the Academic Board of Medicine, University of London (1980-1983); Member of the Academic Board of the Royal College of Surgeons; Member of the Joint Committee for Higher Training of Anaesthetists (1985-1990); Specialist Adviser, Committee on Accident and Emergency Medicine, Joint Committee for Higher Training in Medicine (1986-1990); Regional Advisor in Anaesthetics to the South East Thames Regional Health Authority; Member of Executive Committee, Federation of Associations of Clinical Professors (1979-1987); President of the Section of Anaesthesia, Royal Society of Medicine (2001); Member of Council of Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland (1984-1989), and Member of the Council of the Royal College of Anaesthetists (1989-1997), and Chairman of its Information Technology Committee. He is also an Honorary Life Member of the Association of Dental Anaesthetists.

In 1988, Tony Adams contributed to the work of the National Dental Advisory Committee of the Scottish Office Department of Health on the *Availability and Uptake of Services for the Dentally Anxious*. While a member of the Council of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland, he chaired the Safety Committee and was responsible for publishing *Recommendations for Standards of Monitoring during Anaesthesia and Recovery* (1988) and

Checklist for Anaesthetic Machines (1990). He was a member of the Editorial Board of the *British Journal of Anaesthesia* and co-author of *Intensive Care* (1984) and *Emergency Anaesthesia* (1986). He is also the co-author of *Principles and Practice of Blood-Gas Analysis*, and *Recent Advances in Anaesthesia*.