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## NEWS and NOTES

### Damien-Dutton Award

The 2004 Damien-Dutton Award was presented to Dr. Michael F. R. Waters, OBE, FRC P, by Trevor Durston of the Leprosy Mission International of London and Dr. Wayne Myers of the American Leprosy Mission, at a ceremony held in London, England on Tuesday, November 30, 2004. Dr. Waters has a wide knowledge and experience on leprosy and is well known for his demonstrations and lectures. He served from 1959 to 1976 as the Director of Leprosy Research in Malaysia. He has published numerous papers on leprosy and its treatment. His ability to communicate with enthusiasm and lucidity to non-medical workers has earned him the praise of many throughout the world. He received numerous honors throughout his lifetime.

Dr. Waters wrote, "I am both very honored and humbled by the kindness of the Damien-Dutton Society on being named as the recipient of the Damien-Dutton Award for 2004. Although the leprosy world has changed drastically since I first started my work in 1959, we all continue to pray that the love and compassion of Christ may con-

tinue to be shown to all of those suffering from leprosy just as it was shown so remarkably by Father Damien."

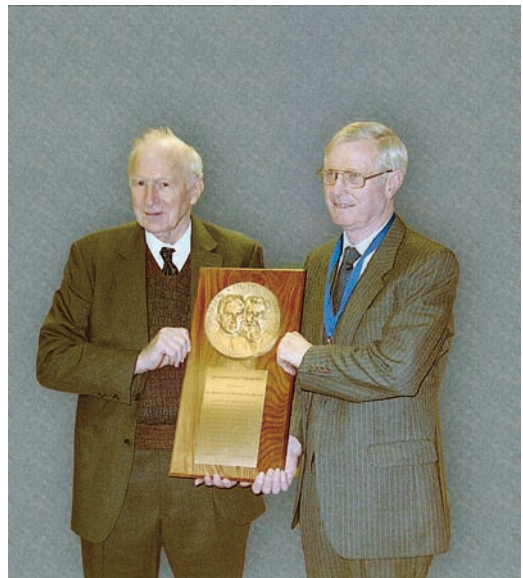


Photo: Dr. Waters (right) and Dr. Meyers

**Notice.** *From Carville, U.S.A.,* Ceremonies were held on Feb. 12, 2005, to mark the departure of the Daughters of Charity from their service to the National Hansen's Disease Hospital at Carville, LA. Sr. Marie ThJrPse Sedgwick, Provincial, West Central Province, St. Louis, presided over the ceremonies, describing Carville as "a place of miracles." Appreciation was also expressed by Bishop Robert Muench, Diocese of Baton Rouge, Capt. Charles Stanley, Director, National

Hansen's Disease Programs, and Colonel Herbert Oliver on behalf of Louisiana Gov. Katherine Blanco. Beginning in 1896, 116 Sisters of the Daughters of Charity have served at Carville in 109 years of continuous service. The NHDP continues to provide care to new and previously diagnosed patients from its facilities in Baton Rouge, and several patients who are retired but able to live independently still reside at Carville.

Calendar of Meetings and Events

Day	mm/yy	Location	Details	Contact	e-mail
28-30	Jul-05	Sheraton Hotel, Seattle, USA	US-Japan Cooperative Medical Science Program Tuberculosis/Leprosy Panel	Gail G. Jacobs, Program Officer NIAID/NIH	gg6z@nih.gov
12-30	Sep-05	ALERT, Addis Abbaba, Ethiopia	Clinical leprosy & tropical dermatology for Physicians	ALERT Training Division	leprosytb@elecom.net.et www.telecom.net.et/tdalert
3-28	Oct-05	ALERT, Addis Abbaba, Ethiopia	Management of combined leprosy and tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS control programmes for physicians and operational research methods in epidemiology	ALERT Training Division	leprosytb@elecom.net.et www.telecom.net.et/tdalert
7-16	Nov-Dec 05	ALERT, Addis Abbaba, Ethiopia	Clinical leprosy and management of combined leprosy, tuberculosis, and HIV/AIDS control programmes for senior field staff	ALERT Training Division	leprosytb@elecom.net.et www.telecom.net.et/tdalert
tba	Nov-05	Joao Pessoa	10th Brazilian Congress of Hansenology	Francisca Estrela	