

THE MANIPULATIVE THERAPISTS' GROUP OF THE S.A.S.P.

CITATION FOR HONORARY ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

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Mr. Maitland is a physiotherapist who has worked for most of his life in private practice in Adelaide, South Australia. His special interest is manipulative therapy, for which he is well known throughout the physiotherapy world. He has written numerous articles on equipment, pathology, results of treatment, examina-

tion, treatment techniques and assessment as well as two books on vertebral and peripheral manipulation. After having studied previous and current schools of thought at first hand, he developed his own approach, characterised by meticulous examination, assessment, recording and gentleness of technique. More forceful general and localised manipulations are used when indicated. Manipulative therapy is regarded by him as a normal part of physiotherapy and other modalities, counselling and supports are used in treatment. He insists on correct ethics i.e. treatment on medical referral only and considers membership of National Organisations essential. He regards physiotherapists as the best equipped profession to carry out manipulative therapy in the interests of the safety of patients. After his tour of Europe, the United States and Great Britain the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy established their annual post-registration course along lines advocated by him. He was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Chartered Society (F.C.S.P.). In Australia he is the part-time senior lecturer and principal tutor for the Australian Physiotherapy Association on a twelve month Graduate Diploma course on Manipulation of the Spine, at the South Australian Institute of Technology. He has done many years of undergraduate teaching at the University of Adelaide. South Africa's contact with him started when several local physiotherapists attended the three months course at Adelaide. He subsequently conducted a Course for the South African Society of Physiotherapy in Johannesburg in 1971. From these students the Manipulative Therapists' Group was formed. He has a soft spot for and a great interest in South Africa. He has come to South Africa to conduct a three week course in Cape Town in June 1979.

If he accepts an Honorary Associate Life Membership of our Group we feel that it is we who would be honoured. We have a high regard for him as a professional and as a person. His zeal, energy, modesty, and quiet perseverance has won him the acceptance and admiration of many medical men who normally look askance at manipulators outside their profession.

We would like to honour him by offering him an Honorary Associate Life Membership of the Manipulative Therapists' Group of the South African Society of Physiotherapy.



Miss Runnalls, Chairman of MTG presenting Mr. Maitland with his Honorary Associate Life Membership of the Group.

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