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Joint President of the CMA, BMA and IMA, 1976-77
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A native of Dublin, Dr. O’Donnell was selected to serve as Joint President of the CMA, British Medical Association and Irish Medical Association in 1976. His representative as Deputy President in Canada was Dr. Efstathios Barootes, a Saskatchewan urologist. The Irish Medical Times described Dr. O’Donnell’s early career this way: “When he returned to Ireland as a consultant in Crumlin in 1957 at the age of 29 — a post he held until 1993 — he was the only dedicated pediatric surgeon at the hospital for nine years, and recalls doing 1,100 operations in a single year. This puts into some perspective current concerns of physician burn-out.”