

XXI INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PHYSIOLOGY

Buenos Aires, August 9-15, 1959

The members of the Society will be glad to know that plans for the XXI International Congress are progressing smoothly. The Congress is scheduled to meet in Buenos Aires, August 9-15, 1959, under the chairmanship of Professor B. A. Houssay. The Executive Committee of the International Union of Physiological Sciences held a meeting in New York in November for a discussion of the plans. The U. S. National Committee of the International Union (IUPS) has also discussed plans and appointed Dr. Carl F. Schmidt as its representative on an informal committee largely concerned with finances. Other members of the committee are Dr. C. Heymans of Belgium and Dr. Houssay. This committee held a meeting in December in New York. A considerable sum of money has already been collected, largely from the generous contributions of the pharmaceutical industries (see announcement in *Science* Vol. 126, pg. 460, 1957) and has been sent to the Local Committee in Buenos Aires to assist in the expenses of the Congress. Dr. Houssay writes that the organizing work is proceeding rapidly now that the summer vacation in Argentina is over.

Dr. Schmidt has reported that the following plans have been drawn up. Every morning between 9:30 and 11:00 a. m. there will be about twenty simultaneous sessions for the delivery of papers offered by members of the Congress. At 11:30 there will be a series of half-hour "conferences" or lectures by invited speakers. On each of five successive afternoons, three symposia have been arranged, with three speakers for each and a chairman. Invitations to these speakers and chairmen are now being issued.

The U. S. National Committee for IUPS is appointed by the National Academy of Sciences and includes three representatives nominated by the American Physiological Society, three nominated by the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, and two nominated by the Society of General Physiologists. In addition, there is one representative of the National Research Council. The committee is now operated under the sponsorship of the Division of Medical Sciences of the National Research Council, of which Dr. R. Keith Cannan is Chairman. Members of the Committee include Wallace O. Fenn, Chairman; Carl F. Schmidt, Vice-Chairman; K. K. Chen, Secretary; Maurice B. Visscher, Secretary-General of IUPS; R. W. Gerard, M. H. SeEVERS, C. Ladd Prosser, H. Burr Steinbach and J. A. Shannon.

The National Committee has been authorized by the Council of the National Academy to collect funds to cover travel for a limited number of persons who wish to attend the Congress. Conditions of these travel awards will be announced probably some time during the summer. The amounts awarded will probably not exceed \$750 for each person. Because of the great distance, chartered boats are considered impractical and chartered planes have not proved successful in the past. Travellers will probably be expected therefore to make their own

arrangements for the trip and there will be no official travel agent to take care of participants.

The Headquarters of the National Committee is at the National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington 25, D. C. Mrs. Phyllis A. Danielson is in charge of arrangements for the committee.

Wallace O. Fenn, Chairman, National Committee.

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS—1958 AND 1959

1958

- June 22-28 Montreal, Canada
INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY
 Dr. R. Simard, 1414 Drummond St., Montreal.
- June 25-July 1 Stockholm, Sweden
CONGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF UROLOGY
 D. G. Giertz, Karolinska Sjukhuset, Stockholm 60.
- July 16-23 London, England
INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ZOOLOGY
 % British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London, S.W. 7.
- Aug. 4-7 Stockholm, Sweden
INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MICROBIOLOGY
 Dr. C. G. Heden, Karlinska Institutet, Stockholm.
- Aug. 10-16 Burlington, Vermont
INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF RADIATION RESEARCH
 Dr. J. S. Coleman, 2101 Constitution Ave., Washington 25, D. C.
- Aug. 20-27 Montreal, Canada
INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF GENETICS
 Prof. J. W. Boyles, McGill Univ., Montreal.
- Sept. 1-7 Vienna, Austria
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF BIOCHEMISTRY
 Prof. O. Hoffman-Ostenhof, Währingerstrasse 42, Vienna IX.
- Sept. 5-13 Lisbon, Portugal
INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND MALARIA
 Prof. M. R. Pinto, Instituto de Medecina Tropical, Lisbon.