

Editor's Page

The Society will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 1962. It is contemplated that a special history will be published at that time. This volume will be similar to the one published in 1938 on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary. Copies of this volume are scarce. The American Physiological Society office would like to obtain one or two copies of this volume for the archives of the Society. If any member has a copy and would be willing to donate it to the Society it would be appreciated. We are also interested in any pertinent letters, programs, etc. pertaining to the Society or the International Physiological Congresses that would be suitable for the archives and/or history of the Society.

Again we appeal to members to send us material for publication in THE PHYSIOLOGIST that might be of interest to fellow physiologists. We would also like to develop a "Letters to the Editor" section in which members can discuss policy matters as suggested in the President-Elect Tour report, matters of general interest, unique experimental procedures, etc.

SUMMARY REPORT OF SPRING MEETING

The forty-third annual meeting of the Federation in Atlantic City, April 13-17, 1959 was the largest ever held. A total of 10,356 registered: 8,871 scientists; 539 visitors and guests; and 946 exhibitors.

There were 2,485 scientific papers presented in addition to the Joint Session of the Federation and the Motion Picture Session.

Physiology had 61 sessions programmed including 2 Symposia, a Teaching Session and 8 Special Sessions introduced by a 30-minute review. These Special Sessions again proved to be popular.

The two largest interest areas were neurophysiology and cardiovascular physiology. There was a total of 28 sessions at the Federation meetings that dealt with neurophysiology and its related aspects and 29 sessions devoted to cardiovascular aspects. These were scheduled in the Inter-Society Sessions, the Physiology Sessions and the Pharmacology Sessions.

The Physiology Society elected Dr. Julius H. Comroe, Jr. as President-Elect. Dr. Theodore C. Ruch was reelected to Council for a 4-year term, having previously filled the 1-year unexpired term of Dr. Pitts. Dr. Horrace W. Davenport was elected to Council to fill the 3-year unexpired term of Dr. Comroe. Dr. Philip Bard was appointed Chairman of the Board of Publication Trustees, replacing Dr. Maurice Visscher who resigned because of ill health, and Dr. Hermann Rahn was appointed to the Board. Other appointments to Committees, etc. will be reported later.