

years by the Biophysics Society, the Microcirculation Society, the Biomedical Engineering Society, and others. Perhaps this is inevitable, but the Council of the American Physiological Society has addressed much thought to possible solutions. At present, we have settled on only one definitive course of action. This is to help each splinter group to find a place within the Society rather than searching elsewhere. To do this we are instituting procedures that will allow more input into programming, society organization, and self activities for those groups that have already organized themselves as specialty groups. In addition, for special problem areas we are making an attempt to foster special programming and other inducements. The area of most concern at the present time relates to neurophysiology, because the decreased participation of neurophysiologists in the meetings of the American Physiological Society in the past few years has already been a serious loss.

However, the Council does not have an assured answer to the problem of splinter groups. Therefore, we would welcome any suggestions and any help. Also, we would welcome any other suggestions that members might have whereby the official organization of the American Physiological Society can be of special benefit to its members.

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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON LABORATORY ANIMALS

The International Committee on Laboratory Animals (ICLA) will hold its 6th Symposium in Thessaloniki, Greece, on July 8-12, 1975 on the themes:

1. Laboratory Animals in the Study of Reproduction
2. Training in Laboratory Animal Science

Interested scientists are invited to submit papers related to these main topics. Two hundred word abstracts should be mailed before February 1, 1975 to the Chairman of the Programme Committee:

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Proceedings of the Symposium will be published. Further details are available from the Chairman of the Programme Committee.