The Israel Society of Allergy
Second report covering the years 1952–1953

Since its foundation in 1949, the Israel Society of Allergy has been mainly a Jerusalem society. Single members from all parts of the country subsequently joined our society, which has consequently led to the establishment of groups in the major towns of Israel.

The Tel Aviv group is headed by Prof. A. Klopstock and Dr. N. Lass, the Haifa group by Dr. R. Reitler and Dr. H. Seligman.

Interest in allergy has arisen in all parts of the country, and lectures held in small towns were not only well attended but the active participation of members of the audience in discussions revealed that the country is gradually becoming “allergy minded”. To our pride, it can be said that the Jerusalem Society of Allergy has become the Israel Society of Allergy, proper.

To achieve larger audiences at the lectures we preferred to have our meetings together with other medical groups. This not only suits the place allergy takes in medicine between the medical disciplines, but also makes it easier to find appropriate lecturers, whose numbers in such a small country as Israel must necessarily be limited.

In February 1953 we were happy to welcome Dr. Leon Unger from Chicago, who was kind enough to deliver several lectures and to participate in conferences of local chest physicians which gave great impetus to our work. We hope that his visit to our country may stimulate other physicians to follow his example. We might even suggest that the I.A.A., of which we have been members since its foundation in 1951, should consider it as one of its tasks to do something constructive in this direction and persuade lecturers to come to Israel.

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Meetings in Jerusalem, unless otherwise stated


Meeting: February 19, 1952 (together with the Medical Organization): M. J. Gutmann: Constitution and Heredity in Allergic Diseases.


VI. Meeting: February 16, 1953: Together with the Medical Organization, Hebrew University Medical School and Hadassah Medical Organization: Leon Unger (Chicago, U.S.A): Diagnosis and Differential Diagnosis in Bronchial Asthma.

VIII. Meeting: March 16, 1953 (Haifa). M. J. Gutmann: Contribution of the Studies on Adrenal Glands and ACTH for the Knowledge and Therapy of Allergic Phenomena.


X. Meeting: August 18, 1953. A. M. Cohen (together with the Medical Organization): The Eosinophil Problem.

XI. Meeting: November 2, 1953. Safad, Upper Galilee: M. J. Gutmann: Questions and Answers on Allergy Problems.

XII. Meeting: December 21, 1953 (Dental Association, Jerusalem). M. J. Gutmann: Allergy of the Oral Cavity. The Influence of the Teeth on Cold Allergy.

XIII. Meeting: December 30, 1953 (Rishon le Zion), M. J. Gutmann: The Pollen-Allergic Diseases. M. J. G.

American College of Allergists Proceedings of the Decennial Congress

The Decennial Congress of the College was held at the Roney Plaza Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, April 5 to 10, 1954. The scientific program was preceded by the customary intense Graduate Instructional Course, April 5 to 7. Through the untiring efforts of Dr. Ethan Allan Brown, Chairman, and Dr. Hal M. Davison, Co-Chairman, of the Instructional Course, an unprecedented course was held, including everything for the student of allergy, as well as for those who desire a refresher course. There were 170 registrants. The guest speakers for the course were Dr. Hans Selye, Montreal, who was also Chairman of the Monday Evening Panel on The Steroid Hormones; Dr. Alvan L. Barach, New York; Dr. Homer F. Marsh, Miami. There were thirty-six technical exhibits of products related to allergy and allied subjects. There were five scientific exhibits. During the entire meeting Dr. Stephen D. Lockey and Associates conducted an exhibit on Office and Laboratory Procedures.