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.

All of the Committee meetings were held on Tuesday. There were evening Panels the three evenings during the course; Monday evening. The Steroid Hormones and Pediatric Panel, Allergy in the Infant Under Two; Tuesday evening, Antihistaminic Agents and Mold Allergy; Wednesday evening, Any Questions? and Emotional Factors in Allergic Disorders.

The Congress opened on Thursday, April 8, with a General Session of miscellaneous papers. Dr. Giles A. Koelsche, Over-All Chairman of the Program Committee, presided at the morning General Session. The morning session was followed by a Round Table Luncheon with Dr. J. Warrick Thomas, Moderator. The subject was “Pitfalls in the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma.” Thursday afternoon, Dr. Mayer A. Green, Pittsburgh, was in the chair.

Friday morning Dr. Jerome Glaser, Rochester, New York, presided over a section on Pediatric Allergy. At noon there was a Round Table Luncheon on Pediatric Allergy with Dr. C. Collins-Williams, Toronto, Ontario, as Moderator. There was also a Round Table Luncheon on Otorhinolaryngologic Allergy, Dr. Lawrence K. Gundrum, Los Angeles, Moderator.

Friday afternoon Dr. M. Murray Peshkin gave his Presidential Address. He was introduced by Dr. Homer E. Prince, President-Elect. The guest speaker was Dr. John W. Gowen, Professor of Genetics, Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Art, Ames, Iowa, whose subject was “Individuality as a Factor in Resistance to Disease.” At 3:30 p.m. there was a Business Meeting at which time Dr. Homer Prince gave his presidential acceptance address. Friday evening there was a Dermatologic Allergy Session, over which Dr. Adolph B. Loveman, Louisville, Kentucky, presided. This was followed by a Round Table Discussion. Also, the same evening, there was a Clinical Panel on Psychosomatic Allergy, at which the Moderators from each workshop of Wednesday evening on Emotional Factors in Allergic Disorders summarized their findings. Dr. Hyman Miller, Beverly Hills, California, was Moderator.

Saturday morning there was a Section on Ophthalmic and Otorhinolaryngologic Allergy, presided over by Dr. Hugh A. Kuhn.
The first meeting of the Board of Directors, with Dr. M. Murray Peshkin as Chairman, was held Sunday morning, April 4, at 8:00 a.m., followed by the first Board of Regents meeting. The new Board of Regents meeting was held Saturday morning, April 10, with Dr. Homer E. Prince, President, in the chair.

At the Annual Business Meeting the following officers were elected:
President: Homer E. Prince, M.D., Houston, Texas
President-Elect: Lawrence J. Halpin, M.D., Cedar Rapids, Iowa
First Vice President: George L. Waldbott, M.D., Detroit, Michigan
Second Vice President: Rudolf L. Baer, M.D., New York, New York
Executive Vice President and Counsel: Eloi Bauers, Minneapolis, Minn.
Secretary-Treasurer: Fred W. Wittich, M.D., Minneapolis, Minn.

Board of Regents: Three-year Term:
Susan C. Dees, M.D., Durham, North Carolina
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The present Board of Regents, therefore, consists of the following:
Harry S. Bernton, M.D., Washington, D.C.
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Vincent J. Derbes, M.D., New Orleans, Louisiana
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Dr. F. W. Wittich, Secretary-Treasurer, presented a complete financial report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

The Over-all Chairman of the Program Committee for the ensuing year is Dr. Lawrence J. Halpin. Dr. Orval R. Withers was appointed Chairman of the Instructional Course, with Dr. Morris A. Kaplan, Co-Chairman. Dr. Giles A. Koelsche was appointed as Consultant to the Program Committees. Dr. Leon Unger is Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee. According to the bylaws, the Program Committee consists also of the President and the Secretary-Treasurer.

The Eleventh Annual Congress and Graduate Instructional Course will be held at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, April 25-30, 1955.


The Congress of the International Association of Allergists was held in Zurich from the 23rd to the 29th September, 1951. Thanks to the untiring efforts of the General Secretary of the Congress, Professor A. S. Grumbach, it was possible to publish the complete Proceedings, covering 1134 pages, only a few months after the Congress had taken place. The Proceedings include the main lectures, all short reports and the entire illustrative material, thus giving a very complete picture of present theoretical and clinical research in allergy.

A list of the main reports and their authors will suffice to give some idea of the high standard of the Congress:

Many of these lectures were followed by interesting discussions and short reports. It may be maintained without exaggeration that no aspect of allergy and its problems was left untouched and that important contributions were made not only to allergy itself but also to medicine in general. The Proceedings are thus an inexhaustible and indispensable work of reference for all workers in allergy and an impressive document of the independence and far reaching importance of this field.

The Proceedings also give a good idea of the amount of work put into preparations for the Congress by the Swiss Organizing Committee under the