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American College of Allergists

The 12th Congress and Instructional Course of the College was held April 15-20, 1956, at the Hotel New Yorker, New York, NY. The main subjects were: Basic Sciences (lecturers: M. Murray Peshkin, E. A. Rabat, H. A. Abramson, M. G. Bohrodand W. S. Root); Allergic Rhinitis (R. P. Wodehouse, C. M. Kohn, N. E. Silbert, M. W. Moore, N. Schäffer, E. Schwartz, J. A. Rudolph, K. L. Craft, S. H. Sanders and M. Millman); Bronchial Asthma (M. Bader, L. Unger, G. Koelsche, H. E. Prince); Eczema and Allergic Skin Disorders (S. M. Peck, J. Glaser, R. L. Baer, G. L. Waldott, M. C. Barnes and L. S. Nelson); Miscellaneous Allergy and Special Problems (a. o. J. H. Mitchell, S. D. Lockey, H. D. Ogden, J. Warrick Thomas and A. H. Rowe). Guest speakers were M. G. Sevag, Philadelphia, Penn. (“A New Theory of the Allergic Phenomena”) and B. Schick, New York City (“Physiological and Pathological Allergy”). The Presidential Address was delivered by L. J. Halpin. The new address of the office of the College is: 401 Marquette Bank Building, Minneapolis 2, Minn.

American Academy of Allergy

The Academy has held its 12th Annual Meeting, February 4-8, 1956, at the Chase and Park Plaza Hotels, St. Louis, Mo. The following panels were presented: Indications and Contraindications for Therapy in Bronchial Asthma (Moderator: L. H. Criep, Panelists: H. L. Alexander, S. Bukantz, A. L. Barach, T. L. Danowsky, L. Weinstein and J. C. Krantz); Immunological and Clinical Aspects of Antigen Therapy (Moderator: 0. Swineford, Panelists: J. B. Black, S. Feinberg and W. B. Sherman); Pediatric Allergy (Moderator: Ch. A. Janeway, Panelists: H. S. Bernton, R. Bowen, V. Derbes, H. L. Mueller, J. C. Overall and D. L. Thurston). The Association of Allergists for Mycological Investigations has presented a program on research problems currently under study and phases of clinical mould allergy.

The Albert Einstein College of Medicine

The Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University was recently dedicated at Morris Park Avenue and Eastchester Road in the East Bronx. A plaque, presented by the College’s first class of 53 young men and 3 women to Hans Albert Einstein, ph.d., son of the late Professor Albert Einstein, was inscribed with a pledge that the students would carry on “in the spirit of warm humanity and scientific integrity exemplified by Albert Einstein”. The College is the newest unit of a 100-million-dollar medical center, to which the City of New York has already contributed the 511-bed Nathan B. Van Etten Hospital opened in 1954. The College, the first medical college to be established in the United States under Jewish auspices, will choose its students and faculty without reference to race, creed or national origin.

Deutsche Allergiegesellschaft

Die DAG hat die Herren Prof. C. Prausnitz-Giles und Prof. R. Rössle zu Ehrenmitgliedern ernannt.

U. S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, Surgeon General of the U. S. Public Health Service, made an announcement according to which the National Institutes of Health will shortly launch an expanded research program in the field of allergy and infectious diseases.

The program will emphasize fundamental studies and more than $500,000.00 were earmarked for this purpose in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1956. The National Microbiological Institute, which has been asked to give major attention to the new field, has been renamed the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Appointment of ten members to the newly established National Advisory Allergy and Infectious Diseases Council was announced by Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

The Council has been set up to facilitate activities of the new National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. This Institute, redesigned from the former National Microbiological Institute, has been established to provide for expanded studies on allergy and to meet the growing needs on infectious disease research. The Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases is one of the seven National Institutes of Health which comprise the principal research branch of the Public Health Service.

Upon recommendations of the Council, the Surgeon General will award grants to scientists in universities and other nonfederal institutions for research on allergy and infectious diseases. The Council will also assist in providing guidance on broad research policies related to the programs of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Members of the Council are leaders in science, education, and public affairs. The Council held its first meeting March 7 and 8, 1956, at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md.

At present two vacancies remain on the Council. These are expected to be filled in the near future.

The members are as follows: Dr. Rene J. Dubos, Member of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York; Dr. Karl F. Meyer, Director of the G. W. Hooper Foundation, University of California Medical Center, San Francisco; Dr. Gail M. Dack, Director of the Food Research Institute, University of Chicago; Dr. Edwin B. Fred, President of the University of Wisconsin, Madison; Dr. Charles E. Smith, Dean of the School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley; Dr. H. O. Halvorson, Head of the Department of Bacteriology, University of Illinois; Mr. Byron H. Larabee, President of Firestone Plantations Company, Akron, Ohio; Mr. David C. Crokett, Associate Director, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston; Mrs. Rollin Broin, of Los Angeles, President of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers; Mr. John Abbink, of New York, President of the American Foundation for Tropical Medicine.

International Congress of Dermatology, 1957

At the meeting of the International Committee of Dermatology in Zurich, Switzerland, January 28th and 29th, 1956, the following main subjects and symposia were decided for the Xth International Congress of Dermatology in Stockholm, July 31st to August 6th, 1957:

Main Subjects

Symposia


Committees

I. Nomenclature and classification – II. Directions for education of dermatologists.

It was also decided that free communications should be accepted only in connection with the main subjects and symposia.

A preliminary programme for the congress will be distributed to dermatologists within the next months.

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Interasma

PROGRAMM für die Vereinigung der Mitglieder von INTERASMA auf der Zusammenkunft in Lübeck in der Zeit vom 12.–15. Juli 1956

Klinik:
Vorstellung von Asthmapatienten und Analyse der speziellen Ursachen.
Demonstration von diagnostischen Proben (Ophthalmoreaktion, Hautreaktion, passive Übertragung).

Laboratorium:
3. Demonstration der Bereitung von Allergenextrakten.

Am 14. und 15. Juli:
(In Bad Lippspringe werden die Kollegen Gäste der Kurverwaltung sein.)
Für die Demonstrationen sind Gruppen von je 6 bis 10 Teilnehmern vorgesehen; Vorträge und Diskussionen finden für alle gemeinsam statt.

Einzelheiten:
Ankunft dort um 13 Uhr.
Nachmittags: Besuch der Badeeinrichtungen.
Beendigung des Kurses am späten Vormittag.
Prof. Dr. K. Hansen, Präsident, Städt. Krankenhaus Süd, Lübeck.