International Committee of Dermatology (C.I.D.) Meeting in Paris 1958

P. Present: Dr. Marion B. Sulzberger P. President; Dr. Sven Hellerström S. Secretary General; Dr. R. Degos; Dr. F. Flarer; Dr. J. Gay Prieto; Dr. W. Jadassohn; Dr. F. Kogoj; Dr. S. Lapière; Dr. A. Marchionini; Dr. G. B. Mitchell-Heggs. Absent and Excused: Dr. L. Brunsting, Dr. G. H. Flodén and Dr. M. I. Quiroga.

1. Reports of Drs. Gay Prieto and Hellerström concerning the steps which have been taken to have our League named a “non-governmental” member of the W.H.O. M. Bertrand of the W.H.O. let us know that our request will be considered in January, 1959.

Dr. Gay Prieto believes that if our request is accepted, it would be advantageous to have a permanent delegate of our Committee to remain in close relation with the W.H.O.

Upon the motion of Dr. Degos, Dr. Jadassohn was unanimously appointed to be our permanent delegate.

2. Report of Dr. Degos on the C.I.O.M.S. to which he had been named representative of our League of Dermatological Societies. The question to be considered is that of whether we should take steps to become titular member instead of associate member of this organization.

The Committee unanimously decided to maintain our present position as associate member, but stated that the question of changing this membership could be discussed again at the next meeting of the International Committee of Dermatology.

It was decided that the next meeting (the official meeting) of the International Committee of Dermatology would take place in September 1960 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Xllth International Congress of Dermatology will take place in Washington, from the 9th to the 15th of September, 1962. The president will be Dr. M. Pillsbury, and secretary, Dr. E. D. Osborne.

Dr. Sulzberger reported on the steps which have been taken in the United States in approaching the government and various organizations for financial support of the next International Congress of Dermatology.

The American organizers of the Congress, that is, the Committee for the Xllth International Congress, hope to be able to obtain a certain number of travel stipends which could be distributed to young dermatologists in order to enable them to attend the International Congress.

It was moved that the Secretary of the Congress, Dr. Osborne, be requested to secure from Dr. Hellerström, the names of the delegates of each country so that he, Dr. Osborne, could request that these delegates suggest the names of scientists who they think merit assignment of travel stipends to help them attend the Congress. The actual distribution of the stipends will be the prerogative of die Committee of the Xllth Congress.

7. The International Committee decided that the national delegates for the next Congress should be named before the next meeting of the International Committee of Dermatology, that is, before July 1960.
Dr. Hellerström will take the necessary steps to inform the National Societies so that they will have time to elect their delegates before the next meeting of the International Committee. The national delegates will also be requested to submit before the next meeting of the International Committee a list of opening discussers who they suggest to participate in the different subjects reported on at the Congress.

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The International Committee of Dermatology decided that the President and the Secretary General of the next Congress should be invited to the next meeting of the International Committee in Geneva in September 1960 in order to give their opinion concerning its scientific program. In order to assure liaison between the International Committee of Dermatology and the Committee of the X[ ]th International Congress, it seems indispensable that the President of the International Committee, Dr. Sulzberger, be ex-officio member of all principal Committees of the Congress and, in particular, of the Scientific Committee.

In accordance with paragraph 2 of the statutes of the International League of Dermatological Societies, the scientific program of the Congress must be established by the International Committee of Dermatology at the time of its meeting in September 1960, insofar as it concerns the choice of subjects as well as that of the speakers. The Committee accepts the proposition of Dr. Sulzberger and Dr. Heller-ström to organize the forthcoming Congress in the following manner:

3 days: reserved for the principal topics, with a suggested minimum of six, and in each of the lecture rooms simultaneous translation. Forenoon: Statements of the official reporters. Afternoon: Discussion of the reported subjects of the morning, all with simultaneous translation. 1 day: Symposia (10 to 15 taking place at the same time). 1 day: Case presentations. 1 day: Free.

At its forthcoming meeting, the International Committee of Dermatology will choose the principal topics, the speakers, the directors of discussion, those who are invited to open the discussion, and the topics of the symposia.

12. The Presentation of Cases at the Congress: Dr. Sulzberger proposes that in consideration of the very great number of enrollees that are awaited, to show the cases by television. A Committee restricted to clinicians that are highly qualified (about 40) which will be selected in advance by the International Committee of Dermatology, will be the only ones authorized to see the cases directly, in order to open their discussion before the body of the enrollees of the Congress.

The Contribution of the Participating Societies to the International Committee of Dermatology. Dues: The societies which will have paid their dues (for the period of 1957 to 1962) before the next meeting of the International Committee of Dermatology in September 1960 will have the right: (1) to send their delegates to the Congress (2) to propose the names of individuals who they think deserve the travel stipends (3) to propose names for opening discussers. The societies which will not have paid their dues by September 1960 will not have any of these rights unless the Committee believes that they have shown good and sufficient reasons for demanding a delay in payment.
The Executive Board of the World Health Organization at its twenty-third session January 1959 decided to admit the International League of Dermatological Societies into official relations as a non-governmental organization with the World Health Organization.