International Committee of Dermatology (I. C. D.)

Report of the Official Statutory Meeting on September 18th and 19th 1960 in the Department of Dermatology, Hôpital Cantonal, University of Geneva, Switzerland

All the members of the International Committee were present, with the exception of Dr. Flodén, who was excused. In addition, there were present the invited guests: Dr. Donald M. Pillsbury, President of the Xlth International Congress of Dermatology in Washington, D.C., in 1962, and Dr. Clarence S. Livingood, its Secretary-Treasurer.

At 09.15 on September 18th, the President, Dr. Marion B. Sulzberger, opened the meeting and welcomed the members and guests. The Secretary-General and Treasurer of the I.C.D., Dr. Sven Hellerström, read his report, which was approved and accepted with thanks.

It was announced that the Proceedings of the Xlth International Congress of Dermatology in Stockholm, 1957, had now been published and sent to all the active members of that Congress. Dr. Pillsbury and Dr. Livingood then submitted a detailed but tentative program which contained suggestions for the scientific sessions of the Xllth International Congress, which had been prepared by Subcommittees appointed in the United States. After lengthy and lively general discussion, the following points were agreed upon by the LCD. and the representatives of the U.S. Congress Committee.

It was decided that every one concerned with the planning of the Scientific Program should be advised that the main objective of the Congress will be to present each selected topic not only from the aspect of basic science and not only from the aspect of practical clinical dermatology but also from the aspect of their inter-relationships. It was therefore proposed that the over-all motto for the forthcoming Congress should be stated clearly in each scientific program, and should read somewhat as follows: “The Basic Sciences; Clinical Dermatology; Their Interrelationships”.

After careful examination and critical analysis of the proposed tentative scientific program, which had been submitted by Dr. Pillsbury and Dr. Livingood, the LCD. thanked the U.S.A. Congress Committee and Subcommittees for their excellent suggestions and expressed confidence and satisfaction with their work.

It was decided that the further elaboration of the Scientific Program could best be accomplished by the appointment of Consultants representing the LCD. to work closely with each of the U.S.A. Subcommittees which are arranging the different divisions of the program.

The following Topics were selected and Consultants appointed:

Topics each to be given Six Hours
Cancer (Consultants: Dr. S. Lapière of Belgium, Dr. G. B. Mitchell-Heggs of Great Britain).
Physiology and Physiopathalogy of the Epidermis (Consultant: Dr. Alfred Mar-chionini of West Germany).
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Immunology and Allergy (Consultant: Dr. Werner Jadassohn of Switzerland).
Radíobíology and Dermatological Radiation Therapy (Consultant: Dr. Guido Miescher of Switzerland).
Systemic Diseases (Consultants: Dr. R. Degos of France, Dr. F. Flarer of Italy, Dr. F. Kogoj of Yugoslavia).
Epidemiology of Diseases of the Skin (Consultants: Dr. M. Quiroga of Argentina and a Consultant to be appointed by the World Health Organization).
Topics each to be given Three Hours
Thesaurismoses, “Maladies de Surcharge” (Consultant: Dr. R. Degos of France).
Treponemal Diseases and Non-Treponemal Venereal Infections (Consultant: Dr. Sven Hellerström of Sweden).
Microbiology (Consultant: Dr. Sven Hellerström of Sweden).
Pigmentation (Consultant: Dr. Oscar Gans of West Germany).
Acne Group (Consultant: Dr. Marion B. Sulzberger of the U.S.A.).
Psoriasis (Consultant: Dr. F. Kogoj of Yugoslavia).
Methodology of Experimentation including Therapeutic Assays (Consultant: Dr. Werner Jadassohn of Switzerland).
Occupational Dermatoses (Consultant: Dr. S. Lapière of Belgium).
Virology (Consultant: Dr. A. Marchionini of West Germany).
10. Mycology (Consultants: Dr. G. B. Dowling of Great Britain and Dr. M. Quiroga of Argentina).

It was pointed out that the Statutes and By-Laws clearly placed the responsibility for the selection of the Topics and the choosing of the Principal Speakers at International Congresses in the hands of the International Committee of Dermatology, and that this responsibility could not be delegated. However, since the U.S.A. Congress Committee must have the power to arrange all further details of the program in the interval between the meetings of the LCD., it was decided that in case of any disagreement between the U.S.A. Committee or Subcommittees and the Consultants appointed by the International Committee of Dermatology, the differences should be resolved by the decision of the President of the International Committee of Dermatology.

The scientific program will also include ample time and facilities for the following:
Free communications (confined to subjects related to the topics enumerated above).
Local case presentations and discussions in three hospitals.
International case presentations by Films and Color Television.
All those wishing information and directions concerning the making or submitting of material for filmed or televised case presentations are urged to send their requests immediately to: Dr. Marion B. Sulzberger, Chairman, Committee on Filmed Case Presentations, 999 Fifth Avenue, New York 28, N.Y., U.S.A.

Only suitable filmed material submitted and in its hands before September 1st, 1961, will be considered by the Committee for possible showing at the Congress.

Scientific exhibits.
Technical exhibits.

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Travel Stipends

Names and qualifications of persons proposed for travel stipends are to be submitted by the Delegates of the National Societies belonging to the International League of Dermatological Societies. These proposals must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Congress, Dr. Clarence
Livingood, Director of Dermatology, Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A., before September 15, 1961. It was agreed that the maximum number of names proposed by any national society should be limited to four. The candidates should preferably be under 35 years of age, and in general persons who are not in a position to pay their own expenses for attending the Congress. From among the names of those proposed, the U.S.A. Committee will choose and award the travel stipends.

Free Communications
Those who wish to present free communications related to the topics enumerated must have the title and an English language abstract of their communication in the hands of Dr. Livingood, Secretary of the U.S.A. Congress Committee, before March 1st, 1962.

In accordance with the decisions made at the meeting of the International Committee of Dermatology in Paris, October 27th, 1958, the names of opening discussers which have been suggested up to date by the National Delegates of the participating Societies, will be turned over for consideration to the appropriate Subcommittees and Consultants arranging the program of the Congress.

A committee was appointed under the chairmanship of Dr. Mitchell-Heggs to study the present by-laws and statutes and to make suggestions for possible revisions.

The constitution of the Standing Committees was confirmed.

The relations with the WHO and with the CIOMS were discussed, and the decision was made to maintain them in their present status.

The International Committee of Dermatology received with deepest regret the news of the death of the former President of the XI1th International Congress, Dr. Francis Senear of Chicago, and of the recent death of the former Secretary-Treasurer of the XI1th International Congress, Dr. Earl Osborne of Buffalo. The President and the Secretary of the International Committee were authorized to send an appropriate letter to the relatives of the deceased.

Dr. Sulzberger, Dr. Hellerström, and Dr. Werner Jadassohn were authorized to prepare and edit the present protocol and abstract of the minutes of the meeting, and to have it sent to all societies participating in the International League of Dermatological Societies for distribution and publication in appropriate journals.

The meeting was adjourned at 17.30 of September 19, 1960.

Comité International de Dermatologie (C. I. D.)
Rapport de la séance officielle et statutaire de 18 et 19 septembre 1960 tenue à la Clinique Universitaire de Dermatologie de Genève (Suissé)
Tous les membres du comité international sont présents à l’exception du Dr Flodén qui s’est excuse. Sont en outre présents comme invités: le Dr Donald M. Pillsbury, président du XIIe congrès international de dermatologie – qui aura lieu à Washington en 1962 – et le Dr Clarence S. Livingood, secrétaire et trésorier de ce congrès.

Le 18.9.1960 à 9 h 15, le Dr Marion B. Sulzberger, président du C.I.D. ouvre la séance et souhaite la bienvenue aux membres ainsi qu’aux invités. Le Dr Sven Hellerström, secrétaire-général et trésorier, lit son rapport qui est approuvé et accepté avec remerciements.

On annonce que les comptes-rendus du X1e congrès international de dermatologie, tenu à Stockholm en 1957, viennent de paraître et qu’ils ont été envoyés à tous les membres actifs du congrès.

Les Drs Pillsbury et Livingood soumettent ensuite un programme détaillé mais provisoire du X11e congrès international, dans lequel figurent des suggestions pour les séances scientifiques; le programme a été élaboré paries sous-comités élus aux États-Unis. Après une longue et vive
discussion générale, les membres du C.I.D. et les représentants du comité américain du congrès s’accordent sur les points sui-vants:

Il est décidé que toute personne ayant à établir des plans pour le programme scientifique, soit informée que le but principal du congrès est de présenter chaque sujet choisi non seulement du point de vue «science de base» et du point de vue «dermatologie pratique et clinique» mais également du point de vue de leur relation. En conséquence il est proposé que le leitmotiv du XIIe congrès international soit à peu près formulé comme suit: «Science de base; dermatologie clinique; leur relation respective» et qu’il ressorte clairement de chaque programme scientifique. 

Après examen attentif et analyse critique du programme scientifique provisoire soumis par les Drs Pillsbury et Livingood, le C.I.D. remercie le comité du congrès ainsi que les sous-comités américains de leurs excellentes suggestions; il leur exprime la confiance et la satisfaction qu’il a en leur travail. Afin que l’élaboration du programme scientifique puisse être poursuivie dans les meilleures conditions, on décide de charger des consultants, représentant le C.I.D., de travailler en contact intime avec chacun des sous-comités américains qui ont pour tâche d’établir les différentes divisions du programme.

Les sujets ci-dessous et les consultants ci-après sont choisis:
Sujets auxquels sont consacrées 6 heures.