

GENERAL NOTES

IVTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY

LONDON—JULY, 1949

THE IVth International Congress of Otolaryngology will be held at King's College, Strand, London, from July 17th to 23rd inclusive, under the presidency of Mr. V. E. Negus, M.S., F.R.C.S.

On Sunday, July 17th the bureau will be open for registration from 2.30 p.m. On Monday, July 18th the Congress will be opened by H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent, and the academic business will begin at 2 p.m. on Monday with a discussion on "Antibiotics and chemotherapy in the treatment of nasal sinusitis and its complications". This will be opened by Sir Alexander Fleming, Sir Lionel Whitby and Dr. Carlos Larroudé. There will be two discussions later in the week on the "Treatment of Aural Vertigo" and "Non-malignant strictures of the œsophagus and their treatment". In addition, there will be about 150 papers by contributors from more than 25 different countries. These will be given in four theatres which will be running concurrently. The languages of the Congress are French, English and German. There will be a more or less continuous performance of films made by otolaryngologists from all over the world.

There will be a museum display of anatomical and pathological specimens and of historical objects. Various demonstrations of otolaryngological techniques will be given at King's College during the Congress. On the Tuesday and Thursday afternoons demonstrations of operations and clinical cases have been arranged at most of the teaching hospitals of London.

There is a refectory at King's College where members and their friends can get lunch and refreshments during the meeting.

Many social functions have been arranged for the Congress. On the Monday night the President is giving a reception to all the members at the Zoological Gardens. On the Tuesday the foreign members and their wives will be the guests of their British colleagues at the Banquets of the Congress at Guildhall and the Apothecaries' Hall.

Receptions to members are being given by His Majesty's Government, the B.M.A., the L.C.C., the Presidents of the R.S.M. and the Sections of Otology and Laryngology, and the President and Council of the Royal College of Surgeons. Numbers at all these are limited and members will be invited individually at the time of registration.

On Saturday afternoon members and their wives will go down the river to Greenwich and it is hoped that there will be a large number cementing the friendships made and renewed during the week.

A number of excursions and entertainments have been arranged for the ladies, including trips to Great Fosters, Windsor, Hampton Court and Hatfield House.

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On Monday and Tuesday of the next week scientific and social functions have been arranged at Edinburgh, Oxford and Cambridge.

The details of the various activities will be available in the programme which members will receive on registration at King's College. At present it would appear that about 500 otolaryngologists from all over the world will be present and that about 300 of them will be accompanied by their wives.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AUDIOLOGY

THE second meeting of the International Conference on Audiology will be held in London immediately prior to the Fourth International Congress of Otolaryngology. Meetings will be held on Friday, July 15th, and Saturday, July 16th, at the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London, W.1, at 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m., under the presidency of Professor Gunnar Holmgren of Stockholm, with Professor H. C. Huizinga of Gröningen as secretary, and an international committee which includes Drs. Norton Canfield and E. P. Fowler, junior (U.S.A.), Professor E. Lüscher (Switzerland), and Mr. C. S. Hallpike (England). The purpose of the Conference is to further the investigation, prevention and alleviation of deafness by means of modern instrumental, educational and sociological methods. An important part of the programme will be the study of the problems connected with the provision and standardization, upon an international basis, of audiometers and hearing aids. The provisional programme is:—*Friday morning*: Committee meetings. *Friday afternoon*: papers on various aspects of audiology. *Saturday all day*: A survey of the work in the field of audiology carried out in England during recent years. Papers will be read by otologists, physicists, and by representatives of the Ministries of Health and Education. There will also be a demonstration of instruments developed and sponsored by the Medical Research Council and Ministries of Health and Education, including hearing aids, group hearing aids for use in schools for the deaf, pure-tone and other audiometers. The Conference is open to all otologists, who are cordially invited by the Committee.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF OTOLARYNGOLOGISTS

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

ON MAY 6TH, 1949

THE British Medical Association has reported that the Central Consultants and Specialists Committee has made recommendations to the Joint Committee that Specialists in the Public Service should be entitled to leave of absence with pay for the purpose of attending scientific meetings without the necessity of obtaining specific permission, and that their expenses in connection with such meetings should be borne by the Employing Authority, as suggested by the Spens Report.

Mr. Negus has been invited by the Ministry of Health to serve on an Advisory Committee appointed to deal with medical auxiliaries.

The Association has been invited by the Ministry of Health to give advice regarding the assessment of Specialist status and by the Royal College of

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Surgeons to draw up criteria for Consultants or Specialists for the specific purpose of assisting those considering appeals from the decisions of the Review Committees. It is considered that these points are inter-related with the question of the proposed terms and conditions of service of hospital, medical and dental staff under the National Health service, and a Sub-Committee consisting of Mr. F. C. Ormerod (Convener and Secretary), Mr. E. D. D. Davis, Mr. G. E. Archer and Mr. R. D. Owen, has been appointed to consider the questions and to report to the Council as soon as possible.

The question of hospital record sheets has been considered, and it has been decided to take no action in this matter at the moment. It has been reported that there has been a Services Committee for co-ordination in this matter, and that the Ministry of Health seemed interested in their findings. It is thought that they may make an attempt to apply the same format to civilian work.

The Lectures in Otolaryngology arranged jointly by the Royal College of Surgeons and the Institute of Laryngology are to be held at the Royal College of Surgeons on the following dates :—

1st September, 1949
6th October, 1949
3rd November, 1949
1st December, 1949
2nd February, 1950
2nd March, 1950
4th May, 1950
8th June, 1950
6th July, 1950.

A list of the subjects and lectures will be issued later.

Members of the Association will be entitled to attend these lectures free of charge.

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IN accordance with a scheme approved by the Trustees, an allocation of £4,000 per annum has been made for the award of travelling fellowships or grants in furtherance of the objects of the Fund, which are defined as being for "the prevention and cure of blindness and deafness in the United Kingdom and British Empire, and in particular research in connection therewith by financing medical men and students within the Empire to study methods and practices in all countries of the world". These awards will be made primarily for research in ophthalmology and otology, for periods of up to a year, but grants may also be given for short-term visits abroad to study new methods of investigation and treatment in these fields.

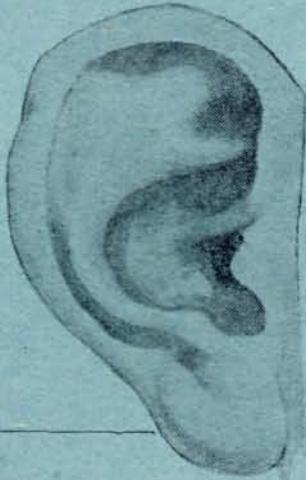
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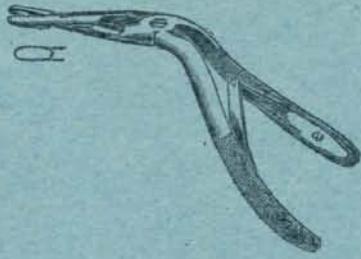
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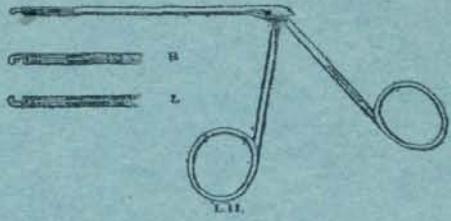
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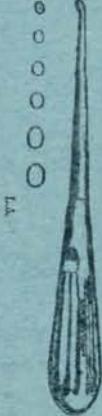
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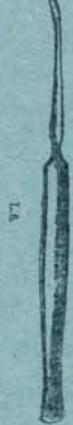
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