
NEWS AND VIEWS

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF HEMATOLOGY

The International Society of Hematology in its first full dress Congress met at Buffalo, August 23-27. There were 680 registrants from 18 different countries, including large groups from the Latin American countries and several individuals each from Great Britain, France, Holland, Sweden, Denmark and Norway.

The meetings were fully attended and the numerous exhibits and papers proved to be of unusual interest. Those attending the meetings were highly enthusiastic not only because of the high calibre of the papers and the discussions but for the opportunity for face to face discussion with the various groups of workers in the field of hematology throughout the world.

The first day's program was devoted to hemorrhagic disease and included papers by Diamond (Boston) on Congenital Afibrinogenemia, Soulier (Paris), Prothrombin Consumption, Seegers (Detroit), Prothrombin Activation, Owren (Oslo) on Factor V, Lozner (Syracuse) and Pavlovsky (Buenos Aires) on Hemophilia, Macfarlane (Oxford) on Prothrombin, Tocantins (Philadelphia) on Antithromboplastin, Jacques (Saskatchewan) on Heparinemia, and Bernard (Paris) on Thrombocytic Dystrophy.

The second day's program dealt with erythropoiesis and anemia and included papers by Bethell (Ann Arbor) on PTAH, Daft (Bethesda), Experimental Anemias, Jacobson (Cambridge, England), Enzymatic Activation of Folic Acid, Tinsley and Moore (St. Louis), Inhibition of Erythropoiesis by High Oxygen Concentration, Finch (Boston), Iron Metabolism in Hemochromatosis, Shemin and London (New York), Porphyrins, Chevallier (Paris) Hemolytic Anemia.

On the third day, Jones (Buffalo) discussed phase microscopy and histochemical methods, Gibson and Vallee, Zinc and Carbonic Anhydrase, Thorell (Stockholm), Cytochemical Aspects of Blood Cell Development, Gonzalez-Guzman (Mexico), Ictero-Anemia, Farber (Boston) Aminopterin in Leukemia. This last paper evoked a great deal of discussion.

On the fourth day, iso-immunization was the chief topic of discussion, with papers by Houghton (Columbus), Mourant (London), Levine (Raritan), Reid (Dallas), van Loghem (Amsterdam), Young (Rochester, N. Y.), Race (London), Dacie (London), Robb Smith (Oxford), and Bessis (Paris).

Thirty-eight scientific exhibits on display throughout the sessions dealt with lymph node aspiration, marrow puncture, red cell abnormalities, folic acid antagonists, hemolytic transfusion reactions, sludged blood, multiple myeloma, phase microscopy, electron microscopy, P₃₂ therapy, spleen and hyper-splenism, Rh factor, vitamin B₁₂, etc.

The following officers were elected:

President: Professor Sir Lionel Whitby, Cambridge, England

Vice-Presidents: For North America: Dr. William Dameshek, Boston

For South America: Dr. Luis Sandoval S., Santiago, Chile

For Europe: Dr. G. DiGuglielmo, Naples, Italy.

Counsellors: (To be elected from each country) The three counsellors elected for the United States were as follows:

Charles A. Doan, Columbus, Ohio

Edwin Osgood, Portland, Oregon

Ernest Witebsky, Buffalo, New York

The next congress of the Society will be held in Cambridge or Oxford, England in 1950.

In the Constitution, which was formally adopted, it was stated that the requirements for membership for those having the M.D. or Ph.D. degree include a sustained interest in some phase of hematology of at least five years' standing.