
NEWS AND VIEWS

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF HEMATOLOGY

The International Society of Hematology will hold its Biennial Congress at the University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England from August 21 through August 26, 1950.

The program committee is now receiving titles for papers and scientific exhibits to be presented at the Congress. Titles of articles or other material to be submitted for consideration from the United States should be sent to Dr. I. Davidsohn, Mt. Sinai Hospital, Chicago, Illinois or Dr. S. Mettier, University of California, San Francisco, California. Material from other regions should be sent to the following:

England: Dr. R. Coombs, University of Cambridge, or Dr. C. J. C. Britton, 35 Harley St., London W. 1.

France: Prof. A. Tzanck, 53 Boulevard Diderot, Paris

Italy: Prof. E. Storti, Pavia, Via Trieste

Scandinavia: Dr. P. H. Andresen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, or Dr. G. Totterman, Lonnrotsgatan 3, Helsinki, Finland

Latin-America: Dr. E. Uribe Guerola, 212 Leibnitz, Mexico, D. F.

The program for papers and presentations has been divided under the following main headings: *Aug. 22*, The Therapy of Anemias. Hypersplenism. *Aug. 23*, Leukemia. Review of Therapy of Leukemia. *Aug. 24*, Physiology and Pathology. *Aug. 25*, Immuno-hematology.

Each session will be opened by one or two invited speakers of international repute. Other contributions will be limited to ten minutes' duration. Ample time will be allowed for discussion.

Speakers will be required to forward a précis of their papers to the Congress Secretary, Dr. Martin Hynes, University of Cambridge, England, in advance, so that translations in English, French and Spanish may be included in the official programme.

The following entertainments have been definitely planned:

Monday evening, Aug. 21 President's reception, Arts School.

Tuesday evening, Aug. 22 Reception by the Vice-Chancellor of the University

Wednesday evening, Aug. 23 Society's dinner.

Thursday evening, Aug. 24 Concert.

Sherry and snack bars will be open during the Society's meetings in rooms adjacent to the lecture hall.

For wives and others not attending the scientific meetings there will be conducted tours of the colleges and of the University and motor excursions to Sandringham (country seat of the King and Queen) and other places of interest. Garden parties will be given by the Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire and by the Master of Downing College.

Accommodations for men not accompanied by their families are being provided in one of the college dormitories. Food is included with these provisions. The

fee per day is £1 plus 10 per cent service charge. The members who reserve rooms will be asked to guarantee their reservations before a date that will be announced in the near future. If these reservations are not cancelled, the members will be charged 75 per cent of the rental for the duration of the Congress. Hotel rooms in Cambridge are being reserved under the same conditions. Members accompanied by wives and families will be handled in the hotels and in University lodging in private houses. The registration fee for the Congress has been set at £1. Separate charges will be made for the banquet, excursions, and other entertainments.

BOOK REVIEWS

Hemorrhagic Disorders. A Guide to Diagnosis and Treatment. By PAUL M. AGGELER AND S. P. LUCIA. Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 1949. Pp. 111, large folio.

This work is largely a series of lithographed plates, mostly in color, prepared from an American Medical Association Exhibit. It is highly graphic, beautifully illustrated, and altogether an excellent piece of work for a book of this style. Methods for studying hemorrhagic diseases are presented in great detail. The various hemorrhagic conditions together with reviews of therapy and of the literature are presented.

The book will make its broadest appeal as an aid in the teaching of the subject of the hemorrhagic disorders. It can be used with profit by internists, hematologists, and laboratory workers in the broad field of clinical pathology.

WILLIAM DAMESHEK

Hematin Compounds and Bile Pigments. By R. LEMBERG AND J. W. LEGGE. New York, Interscience Publishers, 1949. 745 pages, 3182 references. \$15.

This large, almost encyclopedic book describes the present state of our knowledge of the structure, function, synthesis and destruction of pyrrole compounds involved in cellular metabolism. The fundamental importance of these biologic catalysts to the vital reactions in which they participate is reason enough to require a critical survey of the burgeoning body of confused and confusing information which has accumulated, especially during the past twenty years.

Although the emphasis is biochemical the scope of the book is broad. Physiologic, pathologic and clinical aspects of the subject are given thorough attention. The arrangement of the material is a good indication of the authors' approach to their subject and the contents of their book. After a discussion of methods of investigation, the characteristics of the various pigments, hematin compounds in general, hemoglobin and other hematin pigments are presented. Follows then the destruction of hemoglobin, porphyrin metabolism and finally the synthesis of hemoglobin and the porphyrins.

The book is written by men who know their field at first hand. Their evaluations are reasonable and free of dogmatism. With a broad perspective of their intricate subject they are able to demonstrate the pitfalls and fallacies which await the more casual student.

The authors are to be congratulated on providing for the first time in English a careful critical summary and source book dealing with a subject of primary importance.

WILLIAM H. CROSBY

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On the "Contributors to this Issue" page of the January issue of the Journal the affiliations of Dr. O. Herman Dreskin and Dr. Nathan Rosenthal were reversed; the affiliations under Dr. Dreskin's name should have appeared under Dr. Rosenthal's name, those under Dr. Rosenthal's name should have appeared under Dr. Dreskin's name.