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### FELLOWSHIP IN HEMOTHERAPY AND IMMUNOHEMATOLOGY MOUNT SINAI MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

A Fellowship for one to three years will be awarded to a physician to provide training in hemotherapy, blood bank management and clinically important phases of immunohematology, including prenatal and neonatal diagnosis of hemolytic disease of the newborn. Requirements: one year's internship or equivalent and a one-year residency in either pathology or internal medicine. The Fellow will work with Dr. Kurt Stern, Director of the Blood Center, a division of the Mount Sinai Medical Research Foundation, and Dr. Israel Davidsohn, Director of Research. Opportunity will be afforded the Fellow to collaborate in research.

Stipends range from \$3,600.00 the first year to \$4,800.00 the third year. Write to Dr. Kurt Stern, Mount Sinai Medical Research Foundation, 2755 West 15th Street, Chicago 8, Illinois.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

The First Congress of the Asiatic Society of Hematology took place on March 28, 1958, in Nagoya, Japan, under the presidency of Professor S. Hibino of Nagoya University School of Medicine. On the day preceding the Congress, the members of the planning committee, totaling 116 in number, and the organization of the Board of Counsellors, representing 12 countries, were announced. The countries which expressed their willingness to participate in the Congress were Burma, Ceylon, China (Taiwan), Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Pakistan, the Philippines and Thailand. Australia, while not an Asiatic country, was represented by one delegate who took an active part in the organization as well as in the program of the Congress. It can thus be conjectured that in the future the designation of the Congress may more properly be Oceano-Asian rather than Asiatic. At the business session of the Organization Committee the draft of the Constitution and by-laws of the Asiatic International Society of Hematology were unanimously adopted and the location and officers of the Second Congress were discussed. It was moved and seconded that the next Congress should be held at Manila, the Philippines, and that Dr. Eugene Stransky of the University of the Philippines be its President. The motion was so carried and the presidency was accepted by the nominee. Dr. S. Hibino was elected to the office of the Secretary General, while Dr. Victorino de la Fuente became Secretary Treasurer for the Second Congress. Dr. C. E. Brodine of the U.S. Navy and Dr. Catherine Carlyle and Miss Cynthia McCall from Australia were the guests of the Congress. The concluding event of the first day was a reception and dinner at Nagoya Kanko Hotel tendered by President Hibino.

The main program of the Congress featured two symposia, one on "Clinical and Statistical Research of Anemia," and the other the same of leukemia, both followed by general sessions in two parts. Of particular interest to the Japanese hematologists were the presentations on hemoglobinopathies from India and the Philippines. Observations on hemoglobin E and hemoglobin E-disease as well as on thalassemia and hemoglobin E-thalassemia disease were new to most medical people here, since these abnormal hemoglobins are probably non-existent here in Japan. Some interesting results following treatment of leukemia with steroids, antimetabolics and other drugs were also presented. Studies on the megakaryocyte-platelet separation and degeneration by the use of cinematography were striking, while the effect of physical and chemical agents on platelets was well illustrated. Only a few studies on blood coagulation were included, and the preparation and properties of alcohol-soluble lipid thromboplastin from bovine brain were discussed with special emphasis on clinical application. The first symposium on "Cytochemistry of Blood Cells," which took

place on March 29, was attended by the members of the Asiatic Congress also, the main features being porphyrin metabolism of erythrocytes and enzyme studies on leukocytes.

The 20th annual meeting of the Japan Hematological Society, March 29–30, was attended by nearly 1,000 members who listened to diverse presentations on hematological subjects amounting to 327 papers.

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#### LIONEL WHITBY MEMORIAL FUND

The "Lionel Whitby Memorial Fund" is being raised by the Master and Fellows of Downing College, Cambridge, in memory of their late Master, Sir Lionel Whitby, C.V.O., M.C., M.A., M.D., Regius Professor of Physic in the University.

The Fund was established at the suggestion of the Downing College Association, and an appeal has been sent out to its members. It is proposed to use the Fund to found Whitby Memorial Scholarships in the College, an object which, it is felt, would have met with his warm approval.

It has been suggested to the Master and Fellows that among his wide circle of friends in the medical world there may be some in America who would like to contribute to this Memorial Fund, especially since the International Society of Hematology held its Third Annual Congress in Cambridge in 1950 under his Presidency. Such contributions would be very much welcomed, since the resources of the College are among the most limited of those of the Cambridge Colleges. Although the College now spends from its general resources nearly £4000 annually on scholarships and exhibitions, only about £1000 of this is provided from specific endowments. It was the heavy demand thus made on the general endowments of the College, together with a wish to keep alive the memory of Whitby in the minds of future generations of undergraduates, which led the Association to allocate the present Fund to the foundation of scholarships bearing his name.

Contributions should be sent to the Bursar, Downing College, Cambridge, England.

#### ERRATA

Cuadra, Manuel: Selenoid (crescent) bodies. *Blood* 13:258–265 (March), 1958.

On p. 260, line 7, the statement is made:

"Selenoid bodies with their inseparable components of central vacuole ('vesicle') and pink crescent ('lunula') were found in small numbers in normal blood and occurred in very large numbers in cases of acute hemolytic anemias<sup>1</sup>; they are apparently related to the physiologic and pathologic destruction of erythrocytes."

The author desires it to read:

"The stromata of the erythrocytes appeared in the shape of a red disc and were clearly differentiated from erythrocytes; they were found in small numbers in normal blood and occurred in very large numbers in cases of acute hemolytic anemias<sup>1</sup>; they are apparently related to the physiologic and pathologic destruction of erythrocytes."

Davis, Virginia E., Wilson, William L. and Spurr, Charles L.: The efficiency of oxidative phosphorylation by normal and leukemic human leukocytes. *Blood* 13:367–375 (April), 1958.

P. 369, line 11: for "reagent bank," read "reagent blank."

P. 370, line 5: for "3  $\mu$ M DNP," read "3  $\mu$ M DPN."

P. 370, table 1, column 1: for "DNP," read "DPN."