

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE TWENTY-FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICANISTS

IN accordance with the resolution adopted by the Twentieth International Congress of Americanists held at Rio de Janeiro in 1922, the Twenty-first Congress will be held at The Hague and at Gothenburg.

Arrangements have been made for holding the first part of this congress in the Netherlands at The Hague from Tuesday, August 12, to Saturday, August 16, 1924, the second part to be held in Sweden at Gothenburg from Wednesday, August 20, to Monday, August 25.

The Hague session will deal with subjects of general nature, North America, the Antilles and Guiana. In Gothenburg papers will be read on subjects of general nature, South America, Central America and the Esquimaux.

Care will be taken to provide a means of conveyance from The Hague to Gothenburg at a reasonable charge. Side trips will probably be arranged to Stockholm, Christiania and Copenhagen; and following the session anthropological congresses of importance will be held in Prague. It is very desirable that titles and abstracts of communications be received both for The Hague and for Gothenburg at an early date so that the detailed program may be prepared as soon as possible.

Communications may be oral or written. The time allotted for the reading of papers is fifteen minutes; but exceptions may be made in the case of subjects of especial interest and importance. The acceptance of more than two communications by one author will be subject to decision by the council. For discussion of papers the time limit will be five minutes for each speaker. All papers presented at the session will be submitted, after the conclusion of the congress, to the committee of publication, and if approved will be printed, with a limited number of illustrations if necessary, in the proceedings of the congress.

The addresses of the Secretaries General of the two sessions are: Dr. D. Albers, Van Oldenbarneveltlaan 61, The Hague, Netherlands, and Dr. Erland Nordenskiöld, The Museum, Gothenburg, Sweden. Subscriptions (10 Dutch guilders and 15 Swedish crowns) may be sent either to the secretaries, or to Dr. Aleš Hrdlička, U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.

THE BOSTON MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

THE Fifty-second Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association was held in Boston, Massachusetts, October 8-11, 1923, with more than nine hundred sanitarians in attendance. The following scientific sections met to hear specially selected papers

in their respective fields: Public Health Administration, Laboratory, Vital Statistics, Sanitary Engineering, Industrial Hygiene, Food and Drugs, Child Hygiene, Public Health Nursing, Health Education and Publicity.

There were two evening general sessions, one on October 8, and the other on October 10. The program of the first consisted of addresses of welcome from local health and civic leaders, including the Honorable James M. Curley and a representative of the governor, and the presidential address of Dr. E. C. Levy. A reception followed, at which there was dancing. At the second general session, Dr. George E. Vincent, president of the Rockefeller Foundation, talked on "Weighing the Ounce of Prevention"; Sir Thomas Oliver, the English industrial hygienist, presented a paper on "American leadership in safety and sanitation in modern industries"; and Dr. Linsly R. Williams, managing director of the National Tuberculosis Association discussed "Coordination of national health work."

Four meetings of the governing council of the association were held, and among other important matters of business, it was voted: (1) To hold the 1924 annual meeting in Detroit, Michigan. (2) To accept the New Jersey Sanitary Association as an affiliated state public health society. (3) To cooperate with the American Water Works Association in the preparation of standard methods for the examination of water. (4) To accept the hitherto provisional sections on public health nursing, and health education and publicity, as regular sections.

The association elected officers for the year 1923-1924 as follows:

President, William H. Park, M.D., New York City.

Vice-presidents, Francis X. Mahoney, M.D., Boston, Massachusetts; John W. S. McCullough, M.D., Toronto, Ontario; William H. Davis, M.D., Washington, D. C.

Treasurer, Roger I. Lee, M.D., Boston, Massachusetts.

Executive secretary, James A. Hayne, M.D., Columbia, S. C.

The office of executive secretary was made an unsalaried and honorary post, and the title of the executive officer was changed to general secretary. Mr. Homer N. Calver, who has been the acting executive secretary, was appointed to this office.

SEMINAR ON CONTEMPORARY CHEMISTS

THE Department of Chemistry of the University of Pittsburgh has arranged a seminar to be conducted on Fridays at 2.20 p. m. in Thaw Hall. Twenty-four contemporary European chemists are the topics of discussion during the year. The graduate student is expected to present a biographical sketch of the chemist assigned to him, followed by a discussion of his

most important publications. Wherever possible the student is requested to exhibit a recent photograph and publications of the scientist under discussion. A typewritten copy of the matter to be presented must be submitted to the professor in charge of the field of chemistry covered, on the Saturday preceding the seminar period.

While this course is intended primarily for graduate students majoring in chemistry, others interested in any of these topics are cordially invited to attend the seminar. The program is as follows:

Oct. 5, 1923—J. L. Young	H. G. J. Moseley
Oct. 12, " —J. E. Rosenberg	F. W. Aston
Oct. 19, " —A. N. Parrett	F. Soddy
Oct. 26, " —W. L. Nelson	M. & Mme. P. Curie
Nov. 2, " —E. W. Felkel	Niels Bohr
Nov. 9, " —J. Nevyas	W. Nernst
Nov. 16, " —E. W. Ohl, Jr.	Wilhelm Ostwald
Nov. 23, " —R. A. Gagnon	J. Perrin
Dec. 7, " —E. R. Clarke	T. Svedberg
Jan. 4, 1924—W. A. S. Wright	Wolfgang Ostwald
Jan. 11, " —R. McClure	K. Szigmondy
Jan. 18, " —W. A. Rudisill	P. Sabatier
Jan. 25, " —J. Lebarthe	W. Ramsay
Feb. 8, " —A. H. Weitz	J. H. Van't Hoff
Feb. 15, " —W. W. Lewers	M. LeBlanc
Feb. 29, " —L. D. Myers	S. Arrhenius
Mar. 7, " —R. E. Flikkema	E. Fischer
Mar. 14, " —J. F. Conn	H. von Baeyer
Mar. 21, " —H. J. Robertson	F. Haber
Mar. 28, " —C. G. Denny	H. Moissan
Apr. 4, " —A. E. Wood	P. Ehrlich
Apr. 11, " —E. S. Ross	J. W. Mellor
Apr. 25, " —G. D. Kammer	G. Lange
May 2, " —Miss L. V. Hjort	L. Pasteur

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ZOOLOGISTS

THE American Society of Zoologists will hold its twenty-first annual meeting at Cincinnati from Thursday to Saturday, December 27–29, 1923. The society headquarters will be at the Hotel Gibson which will also serve as headquarters for the botanists, naturalists and geologists.

Professors N. K. Koltzoff and P. P. Lazareff, of Moscow, will be the guests of the society at these meetings. The former will speak on Thursday afternoon at four P. M. on the subject: "Experimental zoology and the Moscow Institute." The latter will speak at the same time on the following day on: "The theory of nervous activity and the theory of sight."

A symposium on "Morphogenesis" has been arranged for Saturday afternoon in conjunction with the botanists and naturalists. Professors Child, R. S. Lillie, Buller and Harper will speak.

Through an agreement of long standing the arrangement of the zoological aspect of the program of Section F of the American Association rests with the American Society of Zoologists when the two meet together. Zoologists who are not members of the society may have papers placed on the program if sponsored by some member. All titles submitted for

the program must be accompanied by an abstract of not more than 250 words and must reach the secretary by November 20. Titles and abstracts on all phases of zoology, evolution included, other than genetics should be sent directly to the secretary. Titles and abstracts in genetics should be sent to Dr. D. F. Jones at the Connecticut Agricultural Station, New Haven, Conn.

The abstracts will be published in the *Anatomical Record* preceding the meeting and reprints will be available for distribution before the meetings convene. Persons desiring these abstracts sent them on publication may order them from the secretary at a cost of thirty cents per copy.

W. C. ALLEE,
Secretary

ZOOLOGICAL BUILDING,
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

DEDICATION OF THE STEINHART AQUARIUM

THE Steinhart Aquarium of the California Academy of Sciences was formally dedicated and opened to the public on Saturday afternoon, September 29, 1923.

The exercises were held out doors in the large court in front (north side) of the building which is located in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, adjoining the museum of the California Academy of Sciences. An audience of more than five thousand was present.

Brief addresses were given by: Honorable C. E. Grunsky, president of the academy; Honorable Wm. H. Crocker, president of the Board of Trustees; Honorable William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and member of the Board of Park Commissioners; Honorable James Rolph, Jr., mayor of San Francisco; Dr. David Starr Jordan, chancellor emeritus Stanford University, and Dr. Barton Warren Evermann, director of the Aquarium. Music was furnished by the Park Band. The address given by Dr. Evermann will be published in *The Scientific Monthly*.

The Steinhart Aquarium is proving the most popular attraction in San Francisco, the number of visitors daily reaching more than 25,000.

•

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE degree of doctor of science has been conferred by the University of Wales on Sir Charles Sherrington, president of the Royal Society.

DR. HIDEYO NOGUCHI, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, has been elected to membership in the Imperial Academy of Japan.

DR. CLIFTON D. HOWE, dean of the faculty of for-