

A General Assembly was held at Amsterdam from September 1 to 5, 1935, at the time of the sixth International Botanical Congress. The chief points of discussion for this assembly have been a reorganization of the union, which has been confirmed in its new statutes and the establishment of a connecting link between the international botanical congresses and the union.

The revision of the statutes enabled both the botanical and zoological sections of the union to obtain a more independent existence, which has resulted in a revival of the botanical section, now put under the charge of its new secretary, Dr. Verdoorn.

A further point of discussion has been the question of exact accuracy with regard to dates of publications in order to forestall disputes as to priority. It has been agreed that the date of receipt of a manuscript should be given under the title and the date of final printing at the end of the paper, the final date of publication being accepted for priority.

Papers were read by Dr. S. J. Wellensiek, Buitenzorg, Java, on "The Publication of Botanical Work," and by Professor H. Humbert, Paris, on "Sur la Protection de la Nature, considérée du point de vue biologique, dans les pays tropicaux et subtropicaux."

The report of this assembly was published by the union in March, 1936, and copies of it may be obtained from the general secretary.

The next General Assembly probably will be held in July, 1940, at Stockholm, immediately before the seventh International Botanical Congress.

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AWARDS FOR EXHIBITS AT THE ATLANTIC CITY MEETING OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

THE report of the Committee on Awards for exhibits presented at the Atlantic City meeting is given in the *Journal* of the American Medical Association.

Awards in Class I made for exhibits of individual investigation, which are judged on the basis of originality and excellence of presentation, were as follows:

The Gold Medal to Leonard G. Rowntree, Arthur Stenberg, N. H. Einhorn, J. H. Clark, George M. Dorrance and E. F. Ciccone, Philadelphia Institute for Medical Research, Laboratory of Philadelphia General Hospital and American Oncologic Hospital, Philadelphia, and A. M. Hanson, Faribault, Minn., for an exhibit illustrating an original investigation on normal and abnormal growth associated with the development of sarcoma in albino rats from the ingestion of a crude wheat germ oil made by ether extraction.

The Silver Medal to Eben J. Carey, department of anatomy, Marquette University School of Medicine, Mil-

waukee, for an exhibit illustrating original investigation on intrinsic wave mechanics of the nervous and muscular systems.

The Bronze Medal to Louis Gross, Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, for an exhibit illustrating experimental studies of the blood supply to the heart in relation to coronary sclerosis.

Certificates of Merit, Class I, are awarded to the following (alphabetically arranged):

Lester R. Dragstedt and John Van Prohaska, department of surgery, University of Chicago Clinics, for exhibit of original work on lipocaine, a new pancreas hormone.

Harry Goldblatt, department of pathology, Western Reserve University School of Medicine, for an exhibit illustrating results of work on experimental hypertension.

Nelse F. Ockerblad and Hjalmar E. Carlson, department of urology, University of Kansas School of Medicine, for an exhibit illustrating the distribution of urethral pain.

Isaac Schour, University of Illinois, Chicago, for an exhibit illustrating tooth-ring analysis.

Charles S. Venable, Walter G. Stuck and Asa Beach, San Antonio, Texas, for an exhibit illustrating the effect of electrolysis in osteosynthesis with metals.

In addition, the following exhibits are deemed worthy of honorable mention (alphabetically arranged):

Elmer L. De Gowin and W. L. Randall, department of internal medicine, State University of Iowa, on renal damage from blood transfusion.

Deryl Hart, Duke Hospital, Durham, N. C., on sterilization of the air in the operating room with bactericidal radiant energy.

Herbert L. Johnson, Boston, illustrating absorbable sutures and insulating patches made from human and bovine fetal membranes.

Virgil H. Moon, David R. Morgan and Marshall M. Lieber, department of pathology, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, illustrating shock, its pathology and sequelae.

J. W. Schereschewsky, United States Public Health Service and Harvard Medical School, Boston, on carcinogenic compounds and lung tumors in mice.

Marvin R. Thompson, University of Maryland, on ergot and its active principles.

W. F. Wells and Mildred Weeks Wells, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, on air-borne infection.

Particular commendation is made of the personal demonstration by Edward C. Rosenow, Mayo Foundation, Rochester, Minn., of his exhibit on the relation of streptococci to the viruses of encephalitis and poliomyelitis.

THE ROCHESTER MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

THE next meeting of the American Chemical Society will be held at Rochester, N. Y., on September