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The 14th International Congress of Zoology

AT the 13th International Congress of Zoology it was decided to accept an invitation from the Danish Government to have the next congress in Copenhagen, and at the same time Professor R. Spaerck of the University of Copenhagen was elected as the president.

Accordingly, the 14th Congress will take place in Copenhagen from the 5th to the 12th of August, 1953. His Majesty the King of Denmark is the Patron of the Congress. Professor Niels Bohr is one of the members of the Honorary Committee. Professor Spaerck is leading the Organizing Committee, of which Dr. Anton Fr. Bruun is the Secretary General. So far about 400 zoologists outside Denmark have registered as members, besides 125 associate members. U.S.A., Great Britain, and Germany will each be represented by 50 or more, next comes France with 40, Sweden with 26, and Italy with 21. A Russian delegation of 10 has been announced. Altogether forty-three countries or territories from all over the world will be represented.

Before the Congress the International Union of Biological Sciences has arranged a colloquium on Nomenclature, to open on July 29, and organized by Mr. Francis Hemming. Another I.U.B.S. colloquium, on Zoogeographical Problems of the Deep Sea Fauna, will be held during the Congress, organized by Professor R. Spaerck, Copenhagen. To this Professor S.

Ekman (Uppsala), Professor L. Fage (Paris), Professor Carl Hubbs and Professor Claude E. ZoBell (La Jolla), Mrs. Marion Grey (Chicago), Dr. J. D. H. Wiseman (London) and several others have been invited to present papers.

During the Congress 217 papers will be read; therefore about twenty sections have been formed to create opportunities for the specialists to meet and discuss their problems. Great attention will be paid to that most important tool of all zoologists, nomenclature. The next congress is expected to take place in 1958, the bicentenary of the *Systema Naturae*; it is to be hoped that decisions of the Copenhagen Congress will add materially in creating order in accordance with the spirit of Linnaeus.

The central position of comparative physiology is reflected by the great number of papers announced in that field, about 50. Ecology, however, is also very well represented, with 22 papers on marine ecology and 25 on terrestrial ecology. Morphogenesis is also one of the leading disciplines with 35 papers. The rest of the papers are fairly evenly spread over all aspects of zoology, except that such a specialty as nematology shows 16 papers. The number of participating zoologists and papers announced thus indicates that the Copenhagen Congress will meet with great interest, as is necessary for an international meeting.

After the Congress six excursions will show members typical biotopes of Denmark. Even at this late date the Secretariat of the Congress, Krystalgade 27, Copenhagen K, remains ready to receive applications for membership.

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