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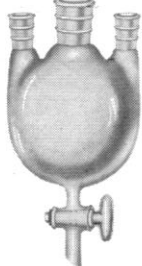
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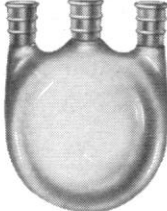


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Meetings

Oceanic Depths

The Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique of France invited some 15 foreign and 40 French scientists to attend the 83rd International Colloquium, in Nice. The topic chosen for the meeting was the topography and geology of oceanic depths. The largest foreign delegation came from the United States and included K. O. Emery and H. W. Menard from the west coast, R. Dietz of the London bureau of the Office of Naval Research, and W. Heezen from the east coast.

The papers that were presented fell into one of four categories, by topic: the Pacific Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, the Mediterranean Sea, and papers of general interest. Among contributions that were centered around the Pacific and Indian oceans, the colloquium discussed the nature and origin of the continental borderland of Southern California, the distribution of flat abyssal zones, and the seismic structure of great depths. The renewal of deep waters in the Norwegian Sea added to the knowledge of the physics of dependencies of the Atlantic Ocean.

The Mediterranean was, of course, thoroughly represented among the studies, and, besides some new views on the morphology of the precontinent and tectonophysical characteristics, the age of the basin and the geology of the Tunisian-Sicilian unit came up for scrutiny. Of interest to geologists, biologists, and geographers was the study of deep-sea corals and Quaternary thanatocoenoses.

French contributions dealt mostly with studies pertaining to the Mediterranean, as did the Italian and Spanish papers. Of general interest is the news that the bathymetric-topographic map of the French Mediterranean is now complete except for a few gaps near Corsica, which will be filled this year by the *Calypso* expedition. To complete the map of the Mediterranean will require the lifting of restrictions by the Spanish government. The hope was expressed that such a move might be forthcoming.

The meeting at the International Hydrographic Bureau (Monaco) disclosed the current status of the World Hydrographic Map and brought us up to date on the work of the Commission of Nomenclature of Topographic Features of Oceans. A proposal was made for a series of terms in English and French. The possibilities of the use of television in submarine research were pointed out at the session in the Oceanographic Museum (Monaco).

Anglo-Saxon papers concentrated on studies done in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian oceans. The hope was expressed that information now being gathered by

personnel of Lamont Geological Observatory might become available to all through a lifting of restrictive regulations now in force.

New bathyscaphes are being built, and the Belgians plan to produce one which would be able to plunge to the greatest oceanic depths. Most work done with these devices is done by the Americans and the French.

The meetings were climaxed by the inauguration of the new facilities of the Oceanographic Station of the University of Paris, at Villefranche sur Mer. Jacques Bourcart, geologist and oceanographer of the Sorbonne, is director and will spend one quarter of each year at the station. He expressed the hope that research people of all nations will not hesitate to make use of the laboratories.

The colloquium closed with a resolution that it will be necessary to call another meeting in the rather near future.

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Meteoritical Society

The 21st meeting of the Meteoritical Society will be held 31 August and 1 September 1958, in Winslow, Ariz., and at the nearby Barringer Meteorite Crater. Scientific sessions, to which visitors will be welcome, will begin at 9:00 A.M. on 31 August at the La Posada Hotel. The field trip to the crater will be on the following day.

Forthcoming Events

August

25-28. American Soc. for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, Ann Arbor, Mich. (H. C. Hodge, Dept. of Pharmacology, Univ. of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.)

27-29. Diseases in Nature Communicable to Man, 13th annual intern., Northwest conf., Hamilton, Montana. (W. L. Jellison, Natl. Microbiological Inst., Rocky Mountain Labs., USPHS, Hamilton.)

27-3. British Assoc. for the Advancement of Science, Glasgow, Scotland. (BAAS, Burlington House, London, W.1.)

28-2. Biometric Soc., ENAR, Ottawa, Ont., Canada. (T. W. Horner, General Mills, Inc., Minneapolis 1, Minn.)

28-3. Combustion Symp., 7th intern., London and Oxford, England. (Combustion Inst., 936A Union Trust Bldg., Pittsburgh 19, Pa.)

31-6. Housing and Town Planning, 24th cong., Liège, Belgium. (International Federation for Housing and Town Planning, Parkhotel, Molenstraat 53, The Hague, Netherlands.)

31-8. Corpuscular Photography Colloquium, 2nd intern. (by invitation), Montreal, Canada. (P. Demers, Institut de Physique, Université de Montreal, P.Q.)

September

1-6. Biochemistry, 4th intern. cong., Vienna, Austria. (O. Hoffmann-Ostenhof, 1, Chemisches Institut der Universität, Währingerstrasse 42, Vienna IX.)

1-7. Psychotherapy, intern. cong., Barcelona, Spain. (M. de la Cruz, Clinica Psiquiatrica Universitaria, Facultad de Medicina, Barcelona.)

1-9. Analogy Computation, 2nd intern., Strasbourg, France. (F. H. Raymond, 138 Boulevard de Verdun, Courbevoie, Seine, France.)

1-13. Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, 2nd intern. conf., Geneva, Switzerland. (L. D. P. King, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington 25.)

2-4. Allergy, 4th European cong., London, England. (British Association of Allergists, St. Mary's Hospital, London, W.2.)

2-4. Vertebrate Phylogeny Symp., Soc. of Vertebrate Paleontology and Soc. for the Study of Evolution, Ann Arbor, Mich. (J. T. Gregory, Peabody Museum, Yale Univ., New Haven, Conn.)

2-5. Alaskan Science Conf., 9th, College. (R. L. Rausch, Alaska Div., AAAS, Box 960, Anchorage, Alaska.)

2-5. American Physiological Soc., 10th autumn, London, Ontario, Canada. (APS, 9650 Wisconsin Ave., Washington 14.)

2-6. Engineering Societies, Pan American Federation, 5th, Montreal, Canada.

(L. A. Wright, Engineering Inst. of Canada, 2050 Mansfield St., Montreal 2.)

2-6. Glaucoma, intern. symp., Liège, Belgium. (R. Weekers, Clinique Ophtalmologique, Hôpital de Bavière, Liège.)

3-5. Cryogenic Engineering Conf., annual, Cambridge, Mass. (K. D. Timmerhaus, Chemical Engineering Dept., Univ. of Colorado, Boulder.)

3-6. Blood Transfusion, 7th intern. cong., Rome, Italy. (G. Marinone, Clinica Medica, Policlinico, Pavia, Italy.)

3-10. Cybernetics, 2nd intern. cong., Namur, Belgium. (Association Internationale de Cybernetique, 13, rue Basse-Marcelle, Namur.)

4-5. Air Pollution, 2nd intern. conf., New York, N.Y. (American Soc. of Mechanical Engineers, 29 W. 39 St., New York 18.)

4-6. American Assoc. of Clinical Chemists, 10th annual, Iowa City, Iowa. (R. L. Dryer, Clinical Biochemistry Laboratory, State Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City.)

4-6. American Political Science Assoc., St. Louis, Mo. (E. M. Kirkpatrick, APSA, 1726 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington 6.)

4-6. Calorimetry Conf., 13th annual, Lemont and Chicago, Ill. (D. H. Andrews, Dept. of Chemistry, Johns Hopkins Univ., Baltimore, Md.)

5-10. Formal Deductive Systems in Mathematics and in Natural Science, symp., Brussels, Belgium. (International Union for the History and Philosophy of Science, 4, rue Thenard, Paris 5^e, France.)

5-13. Tropical Medicine and Malaria, 6th intern. cong., Lisbon, Portugal. (M. R. Pinto, Instituto de Medicina Tropical, Lisbon.)

6-12. Pharmaceutical Sciences, 18th intern. cong., Brussels, Belgium. (J. W. Birza, 196 Bilderdijkstraat, Amsterdam W, Netherlands.)

7-10. Planetaria, symp., Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (J. A. Fowler, Cranbrook Inst. of Science, Bloomfield Hills.)

7-11. Diseases of the Chest, 5th intern. cong., Tokyo, Japan. (M. Kornfeld, American College of Chest Physicians, 112 Chestnut St., Chicago 11, Ill.)

7-12. Laurentian Hormone Conf., AAAS, annual, Blaney Park, Mich. (G. Pincus, 222 Maple Ave., Shrewsbury, Mass.)

7-13. Hematology, 7th intern. cong., Rome, Italy. (S. Haberman, Baylor Univ. Hospital, 3500 Gaston Ave., Dallas, Tex.)

7-20. Industrial Chemistry, 31st intern. cong., Liège, Belgium. (Society of Industrial Chemistry, 28, rue Saint Dominique, Paris 7^e, France.)

8-12. Spectroscopy Colloquium, 7th intern., Liège, Belgium. (Association des Ingénieurs de l'Université de Liège, 22, rue Forgeur, Liège.)

8-13. International Council of Aeronautical Sciences, Madrid, Spain. (R. R. Dexter, Inst. of Aeronautical Sciences, 2 E. 64 St., New York 21.)

8-17. Sociology, 18th intern. cong., Nürnberg, Germany. (International Inst. of Sociology, Findelgasse 7-9, Nürnberg.)

9-11. Engineering Meteorology, 2nd natl. conf., Ann Arbor, Mich. (K. C. Spengler, American Meteorological Soc., 3 Joy St., Boston 8, Mass.)

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