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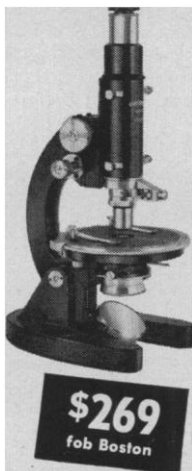
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Meetings

International Andean Year

On the initiative of UNESCO and by invitation of Angel Establier (head of the organization's Scientific Office in Latin America, located in Montevideo), who was interested in this project from its very beginning, a meeting was held in Buenos Aires on 3 and 4 April 1961 to discuss the planning of an International Andean Year, during which an intensive study would be carried out on the range of mountains known as the Cordillera de los Andes, which extends from Panama to the southern part of the Continent.

Scientists from various interested countries participated in the meeting—H. O'Reilly Sternberg (Brazil); Guillermo Mann (Chile); Tobias Lasser (Venezuela); Ovidio Suarez (Bolivia); and Eduardo Baglietto, M. Olascoaga, F. Bonorino Udaondo, J. Roederer, Angel Cabrera, M. Sadosky, B. A. Houssay, and V. Deulofeu, all from Argentina. Unfortunately, A. Hurtado, from Peru, could not attend the meeting. Angel Establier represented UNESCO, and his office will be the center for the various groups in preparing the project.

After a few words of welcome by M. Sadosky, vice-dean of the faculty of exact and natural sciences, University of Buenos Aires, Venancio Deulofeu was elected chairman; Establier acted as advisory secretary. Four sessions were held in all.

All present agreed that the project to institute an International Andean Year was of great importance, not only because of its extent and because of the scientific results which could be obtained but also because of the number of scientists involved and the expected participation by countries outside South America. It was also felt that a project of this magnitude would have a favorable impact on the progress of science and the future scientific development of most of the South American countries.

Discussions dealt with the fields in which it would be desirable to have activities during the International Andean Year. It was tentatively decided that it would be possible and convenient to work in the following subject areas: geology; botany; geophysics; human biology; zoology; human ecology; geomorphology, including glaciology; high-altitude physics;

soil sciences; geography; agronomic sciences (in collaboration with the U.N.'s Food and Agriculture Organization); sociology and ethnography (both in collaboration with the Social Sciences Institutes); archeology; anthropology; and economics [in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Latin America (CEPAL)].

In each of these fields some subdivisions were outlined, and, as examples of the type of work which would be involved, some specific projects were mentioned. For instance, it was suggested that in studying the geology of the Andes it would be desirable to concentrate on the evolution of the Andean range, especially the tectonic and magmatic cycles of the Andean syncline; on tertiary and quaternary vulcanism; and on magmatic provinces in the Andes.

A larger meeting was planned for December 1961. This will be held in Santiago de Chile, to consider some reports to be presented by the scientists participating in the meeting in Buenos Aires and to elaborate and develop the specific projects in each scientific field.

In the meantime, the UNESCO Scientific Office in Montevideo will start compiling a bibliography on research done on the Andes and collecting the names of scientists who have been active in that field, or who, because of their training, will be able to participate in the activities planned for the International Andean Year.

Further information on this project can be obtained from Dr. A. Establier, Centro de Cooperación Científica de la UNESCO para América Latina, Boulevard Artigas 1320, Montevideo, Uruguay.

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Forthcoming Events

September

11-15. Radioecology, symp., Fort Collins, Colo. (Miss A. Barker, American Inst. of Biological Sciences, 2000 P St., NW, Washington 6)

11-16. International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, 12th congr., New York, N.Y. (C. V. Kiser, Milbank Memorial Fund, 20 Wall St., New York 5)

11-16. University of Hong Kong, intern. scientific congr., Hong Kong. (University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)

11-19. International Congr. of Navigation, 20th, Baltimore, Md. (E. W. Adams, Jr., 22 Light St., Baltimore 2)