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Audiogenic Seizures

An international colloquium on the psychophysiology, neuropharmacology, and biochemistry of audiogenic seizures was convened in Paris from 6 to 9 November 1961. The colloquium, sponsored by the French Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, was organized by R. G. Busnel, director of the Laboratory of Acoustic Physiology. The meetings were held in the new and well-equipped headquarters of the Centre on a country estate in Gif-sur-Yvette, a suburb just south of Paris. Participants from France, England, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, and the United States represented a variety of biological disciplines—neurophysiology, endocrinology, biochemistry, pharmacology, genetics, psychiatry, and animal behavior. The aim of the colloquium was the elucidation of the audiogenic seizure response from these diverse points of view.

An unusual feature of the conference was the circulation in advance to all participants of the papers to be presented. The scientific sessions were therefore devoted primarily to discussion and criticism. Each paper was presented as a 20-minute summary, followed by a 40-minute period of discussion. The multilingual discussions were so lively that they usually exceeded the assigned period.

Papers were presented by the following investigators: René-Guy Busnel, Alice C. Lehmann, P. Laget, M. M. Niauxat, A. Soullairac, and G. Valette, of Paris; Jacques Mercier of Marseilles; M. R. A. Chance of Birmingham, England; C. W. M. Wilson of Liverpool; G. Quadbeck of Homburg; Jan Bures, Zdenek Servit, and J. Sterc, of Prague; Benson E. Ginsburg and Dorothea S. Miller, of Chicago; G. Nellhaus and A. M. Sackler, of New York; N. Plotnikoff of Stanford, California; and Ewart A. Swinyard of Salt Lake City.

The following additional observers participated in the discussions: J. R. Boissier, J. L. Grandjean, B. Halpern, J. Jacob, J. Tuillier, and C. Veil, of Paris; J. Cosnier of Lyon; G. A. Poulter of England; F. Chaillet of Brussels; and S. W. Handford of London.

Although five Russian investigators were on the program, they were unable to attend the colloquium. The paper and film sent by L. V. Kruchinsky were presented by Alice Lehmann.



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The meetings were stimulating, and the hospitality and arrangements were unusually pleasant. Most of the participants were quartered in the same hotel in Paris, with bus transportation provided to and from Gif-sur-Yvette. One morning was set aside for visits to various laboratories in Paris, with an afternoon visit to the host Laboratory of Acoustic Physiology at Jouy-en-Josas. In the evening, the Palace of Versailles was opened and lighted especially for the conferees, and shown by French- and English-speaking guides. The final banquet was held on a *bateau mouche* on the Seine.

An outcome of the conference was the naming of an international commission which will concern itself with matters of common concern, such as the standardization of terminology, definitions, techniques, and experimental animals. The members of this commission are Servit (chairman), Sterc (secretary), Ginsburg, Swinyard, Chance, Wilson, Soullairac, Nellhaus, and Busnel.

The colloquium volume, containing the text of the papers and discussion, will be published by the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique.

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Forthcoming Events

April

27-28. Idaho Acad. of Science, annual, Moscow. (L. M. Stanford, College of Idaho, Caldwell)

27-29. Oklahoma Acad. of Science, Woodward. (A. D. Buck, Northern Oklahoma Junior College, Tonkawa)

27-29. West Virginia Acad. of Science, Bethany. (J. D. Draper, Dept. of Chemistry, West Virginia Univ., Morgantown)

28. Mississippi Acad. of Sciences, Inc., Jackson. (C. Q. Sheely, Mississippi State Univ., State College)

29-2. International Acad. of Pathology-American Assoc. of Pathologists and Bacteriologists, Montreal, Canada. (F. K. Mostofi, c/o Armed Forces Inst. of Pathology, Washington 25)

29-2. National Workshop on Aging, American Home Economics Assoc., Lafayette, Ind. (A. J. Bricker, AHEA, 1600 20th St., NW, Washington 9)

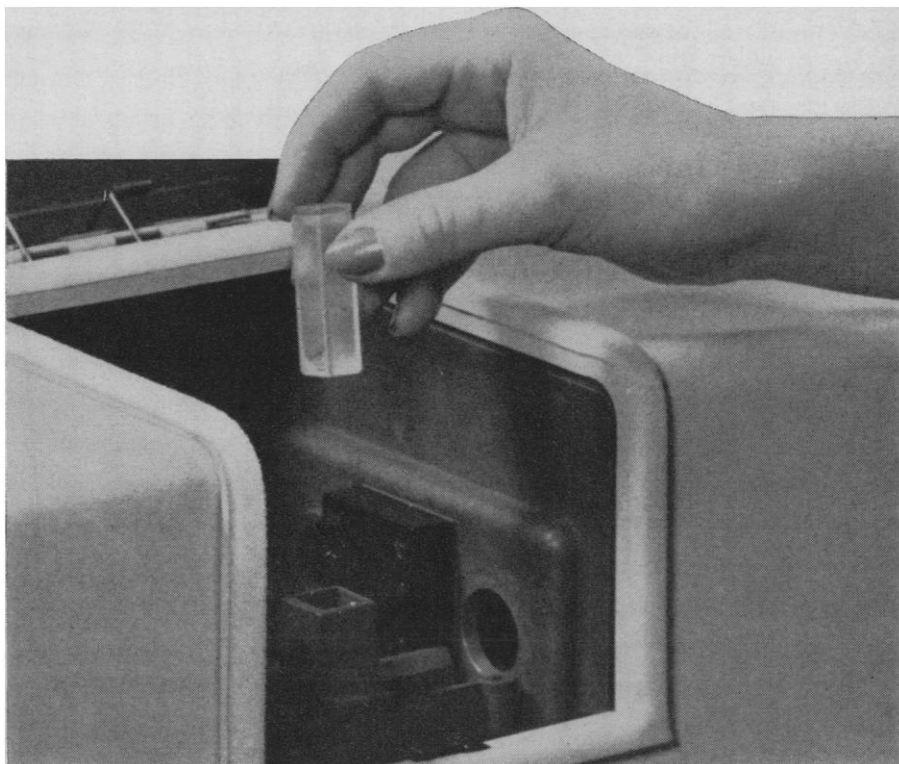
29-3. American Ceramic Soc., annual, New York, N.Y. (C. S. Pearce, ACS, 4055 N. High St., Columbus 14, Ohio)

29-4. Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, annual, Los Angeles, Calif. (H. Teitelbaum, SMPTE, 55 W. 42 St., New York 36)

30-1. International Acad. of Pathology, annual, Montreal, Canada. (M. Davis, Intersociety Committee on Pathology Infor-

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