

Association Affairs

Laurentian Hormone Conference September 10–15, 1950

The Laurentian Hormone Conference of the AAAS will hold its 1950 meeting at the Forest Hills Hotel, Franconia, New Hampshire, September 10–15. Attendance at this conference is limited by the accommodations available at the hotel, but the Committee on Arrangements invites applications for attendance from interested investigators and specialists in the hormone field. The Committee consists of Gregory Pincus, The Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology, chairman; R. W. Bates, E. R. Squibb and Sons; R. D. H. Heard, McGill University; A. D. Odell, Charles E. Frosst and Company; E. C. Reifstein, Jr., Sloan-Kettering Institute; and A. White, School of Medicine, University of California at Los Angeles.

Application blanks for attendance at the Conference may be obtained from Dr. Pincus, 222 Maple Avenue, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. Applications to be considered by the Committee must be received by *May 20*.

The following program has been arranged:

I. GONAD DEVELOPMENT AND FUNCTION

Sunday evening, September 10

“Embryogenesis of the adrenal and the reproductive glands,”

Dr. Emil Witschi, The State University of Iowa.

Monday morning, September 11

“Mammalian spermatogenesis,”

Warren O. Nelson, The State University of Iowa.

Monday morning, September 11

“Oogenesis in the mature ovary,”

S. Zuckerman, University of Birmingham, England.

II. THE USE OF ISOTOPES IN HORMONE PROBLEMS

Monday evening, September 11

“Studies in the metabolism of steroid hormones,”

T. F. Gallagher, Sloan-Kettering Institute.

Tuesday morning, September 12

“Biosynthesis of steroids,”

Konrad Bloch, The University of Chicago.

III. HORMONES AND METABOLISM

Tuesday morning, September 12

“Parameters of metabolic problems,”

Dwight J. Ingle, The Upjohn Company.

Tuesday evening, September 12

“Metabolic processes influenced by the growth hormone,”

F. J. Young, Biochemical Laboratory, Cambridge, England.

Wednesday morning, September 13

“The problem of adrenal androgens in man,”

Allan T. Kenyon, The University of Chicago.

IV. CHEMISTRY, PHYSIOLOGY, AND CLINICAL ENDOCRINOLOGY OF THE ADRENAL CORTEX

Wednesday morning, September 13

“Chemistry of adrenal cortex steroids,”

P. L. Julian, The Glidden Company.

Thursday morning, September 14

“The nature of adrenal secretory activity.”

Oscar Hechter, The Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology.

Thursday morning, September 14

“The adrenal cortex in salt and water metabolism.”

Robert Gaunt, Syracuse University.

Thursday evening September 14

“A consideration of the role of the adrenal cortex in the regulation of certain metabolic processes.”

Frank L. Engel, Duke University.

Friday morning, September 15

“Observations on the physiological effects of cortisone and ACTH in man,”

R. G. Sprague, M. H. Power and H. L. Mason, The Mayo Clinic.

V. HORMONE THERAPY IN CANCER

Friday morning, September 15

“Experimental studies with ACTH and cortisone in patients with neoplasma,”

O. H. Pearson, Sloan-Kettering Institute.

Friday evening, September 15

“Steroid hormone therapy in cancer,”

I. T. Nathanson, Massachusetts General Hospital.

Report of the Special Committee on the Civil Liberties of Scientists

The conclusions and recommendations of the special committee of the American Association for the Advancement of Science on Civil Liberties of Scientists, of which Maurice B. Visscher is chairman, were published in *Science*, August 19, 1949. As there have been numerous requests for the complete report, the Executive Committee has voted to make it available at cost.

Although there is general recognition of the actual and potential dangers of national authoritarianism to scientific research and freedom of expression, it is inevitable that there should be wide differences of opinion among the more than 44,000 members of the AAAS regarding what is said in the name of the Association and how it is said. The special committee worked long and conscientiously on the report, accepted criticisms and suggestions, made sincere attempts to harmonize differences of opinion, and presents the report in the hope that its readers will recognize that it is an attempt to present the problems and to suggest remedies in the spirit of President Tru-

man's statement, "Continuous research by our best scientists is the key to American leadership and true national security. This work may be made impossible by the creation of an atmosphere in which no man feels safe against the public airing of unfounded rumors, gossip, and vilification."

Copies of the report may be obtained by addressing the Business Office, AAAS, 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington 5, D. C. The price is \$1.00 for single copies; 90¢ each for 5 or more copies; 80¢ each for 20 or more copies. Checks or money orders must accompany requests. Orders should be sent in promptly. Copies of the report will be available about June 1.

E. C. STAKMAN

Chairman, Executive Committee

A New Association Building

At the New York meeting of the Association, President Adams reported to the Council on the work of the Committee on a New Association Building. The Council instructed the Committee to proceed with the formulation of plans to secure funds for construction and designs for an appropriate structure. The Committee consists of Roger Adams, chairman, Paul Klopsteg, Howard Meyerhoff, E. C. Stakman, and Warren Weaver.

The Committee's thinking has centered on the effective utilization of the Scott Circle property, which was acquired by purchase in 1946. Zoning regulations will permit the construction of an eight-story building on the

site, though there are several restrictions on the uses to which such a building can be put. The first decision confronting the Committee, therefore, was whether to fill the property with a large building in which rentals would be limited to nonprofit organizations, or whether to build solely with the current needs and potential growth of the Association in mind.

This question was discussed at length by the Executive Committee on March 25, and the second of the two choices was strongly favored for several reasons: The cost of a large structure will exceed \$1,300,000, whereas a more modest building can be erected for less than \$500,000. Financing the latter project would be a simpler problem and, presumably, could be accomplished within a short period of time. Furthermore, there is little prospect of finding a sufficient number of homeless nonprofit organizations to fill a large structure, and zoning regulations preclude other types of tenants.

Although one or more substantial gifts toward the erection of a new building might persuade the Executive Committee to reconsider its decision, subsequent planning will focus on a modest structure large enough to house the Association through another quarter of a century of growth and so designed as to permit additions when this growth is achieved. Meanwhile, whatever space is available in excess of requirements could be utilized to provide temporary shelter for other organizations, such as the American Psychological Association, which now occupies the third floor at 1515 Massachusetts Avenue.

HOWARD MEYERHOFF

Administrative Secretary



Scientific Book Register

- Natural Regions of the U. S. S. R.* L. S. Berg; trans. from Russian by Olga Adler Titelbaum. New York: Macmillan, 1950. 436 pp. \$10.00.
- Races: A Study of the Problems of Race Formation in Man.* Carleton S. Coon, Stanley M. Garn and Joseph B. Birdsell. Springfield, Ill.: Charles C. Thomas, 1950. 153 pp. \$3.00.
- Human Fertility and Problems of the Male.* Edmond J. Farris. White Plains, N. Y.: Author's Press, 1950. 211 pp. \$5.00.
- Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry: A Brief Course for Students concerned with Biology, Medicine, Agriculture, and Industry.* James Bryant Conant and Albert Harold Blatt. New York: Macmillan, 1950. 413 pp. \$4.00.
- Highways in Our National Life: A Symposium.* Jean Labatut and Wheaton J. Lane, Eds. Princeton, N. J.: Princeton Univ. Press, 1950. 506 pp. \$7.50.
- Criminology: A Cultural Interpretation.* Rev. ed. Donald R. Taft. New York: Macmillan, 1950. 704 pp. \$5.50.
- Botany: An Introduction to Plant Science.* Wilfred W. Robbins and T. Elliot Weier. London: Chapman & Hall; New York: John Wiley, 1950. 480 pp. \$5.00.
- Cosmological Theory.* 2nd ed. G. C. McVittie. London: Methuen and Company; New York: John Wiley, 1949. 103 pp. \$1.50.
- Introducing the Insect.* F. A. Urquhart. New York: Henry Holt, 1950. 287 pp. \$5.00.
- Counting Tubes: Theory and Applications.* S. C. Curran and J. D. Craggs. London, England: Butterworths Scientific Publs.; New York: Academic Press, 1949. 238 pp. \$5.50.
- Semimicro Qualitative Analysis.* William C. Oelke. Boston: D. C. Heath, 1950. 377 pp. \$3.75.
- Textbook of Bacteriology.* 2nd ed. Joseph M. Dougherty and Anthony J. Lamberti. St. Louis, Mo.: C. V. Mosby, 1950. 491 pp. \$5.75.
- L'Image du Monde.* Gabriel Monod-Herzen. Paris, France: Librairie Gallimard, 1950. 197 pp. 320 fr.
- Photoelasticity: Principles & Methods.* H. T. Jessop and F. C. Harris. New York: Dover Publs., 1950. 184 pp. \$3.50.
- College Physics.* 3rd ed. C. E. Mendenhall *et al.* Boston: D. C. Heath, 1950. 657 pp. \$5.50.
- Arithmetic for Colleges.* Harold D. Larsen. New York: Macmillan, 1950. 275 pp. \$3.75.
- Aerials for Centimetre Wave-lengths.* D. W. Fry and F. K. Goward. New York: Cambridge Univ. Press, 1950. 172 pp. \$3.50.