

biochemistry, and the teaching of microbiology and parasitology. In other sessions, new and important scientific films available for educational purposes were shown. Simultaneous Spanish-English translation made language no barrier to effective communication in the special sessions.

Registrants were afforded opportunity to inspect the entirely new and remarkably designed buildings comprising the University of Costa Rica. The status of microbiology in the host nation was indicated by its position as a

separate college and by an impressively functional and well-equipped building in University City. A day was devoted to a trip through beautiful mountainous countryside to the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Science.

Among the commercial and scientific exhibits at the congress, that of *Revista Latinamericana de Microbiologia*, an international journal of the Latin-American Association, elicited special interest. The journal provides lucid abstracts in translation of the articles, which are usually in Spanish. Important

for coverage of microbiology in a great geographical area *Revista* is available at \$6 (U.S.) per year through the editor, J. M. Gutiérrez Vázquez, Escuela Nacional de Ciencias Biológicas, Instituto Politécnico Nacional, Mexico, D.F.

A fine social program included daily luncheons, staging of traditional music and dance, an orchestral symphony, and a grand ball in the Latin-American manner, at which congress participants were honored by the presence of the President of the Republic, Señor Mario Echandi Jimenez.

The congress was ably managed by an organizing committee of the Costa Rica Association, of which the secretary-general was John L. de Abate, at the time of the meetings. Officers of the Latin-American Association were Geraldo Varela, president; Renato Soto Pacheco, vice president; Luis Palencia Franco, secretary; and Enriqueta Pizarro Suarez, treasurer. Their counterparts in the Costa Rica Association were, respectively, Renato Soto Pacheco, Roger Bolanos, Fernando Montero-Gei, and Guillermo Monge Amador.

Newly elected officers of the Latin-American Association are A. Pomales Lebron, president; Jose Oliver Gonzales, secretary; and Irving Fox, treasurer.

The American Society for Microbiology was officially represented by Philipp Gerhardt, secretary, and R. W. Sarber, executive-secretary, who were warmly received and included among the guests of honor. Their travel was sponsored by the National Science Foundation and Difco Laboratories, Inc.

The Latin-American congresses are convened at 3-year intervals. The first was held in Mexico City in 1958. The third is scheduled for 1964 in a place yet to be named. It holds promise of being as stimulating and rewarding as the congress just concluded.

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Forthcoming Events

April

1-3. International College of Surgeons, Las Vegas, Nev. (Secretary, ICS, 1516 Lake Shore Dr., Chicago 10, Ill.)

1-4. American Radium Soc., annual, New York, N.Y. (C. G. Stetson, Dept. of Radiology, Englewood Hospital, Englewood, N.J.)

1-6. American Soc. of Abdominal Surgeons, clinical congr., Chicago, Ill. (B. F.



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2-5. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Chicago, Ill. (Chief of Information, Dept. of the Army, Washington 25)

2-5. Instrument Soc. of America, instrument-automation conf. and exhibit, Pittsburgh, Pa. (W. H. Kushnick, ISA, 313 Sixth Ave., Pittsburgh 22)

2-13. Photogrammetry Week, Munich, Germany. (H. Bischoff, Zeiss-Aerotopograph G.M.P.H., Ismaninger Str. 57, Munich 27)

3-5. Organic, Inorganic, and Physical Chemistry, symp., annual, Chemical Soc., Sheffield, England. (General Secretary, Burlington House, London, W.1, England)

3-5. Plasma Sheath, symp., Boston, Mass. (C. Ellis, Air Force Electronics Research Directorate (CRRD), L. G. Hanscom Field, Mass.)

3-6. Society of Automotive Engineers, natl. aeronautic, production forum and engineering display, New York, N.Y. (R. W. Crory, SAE, 485 Lexington Ave., New York 17)

3-7. Inter-American Nuclear Energy Commission, Mexico City, Mexico. (IANEC, Pan American Union, Washington 6)

4-6. Institute on Rehabilitation of the Mentally Ill, New York, N.Y. (B. J. Black, Altro Health and Rehabilitation Services, Inc., New York)

4-6. Physics of Graphite-Moderated Reactors, symp., Bournemouth, England. (Inst. of Physics and the Physical Soc., 47 Belgrave Sq., London, S.W.1, England)

4-6. Short Run Production Techniques, intern. seminar, American Soc. of Tool and Manufacturing Engineers, Mexico City, Mexico. (Conf. Director, ASTME, 10700 Puritan Ave., Detroit 38, Mich.)

5-7. Pacific Sociological Assoc., annual, Sacramento, Calif. (R. Nisbet, Univ. of California, Riverside)

6-8. American Soc. of Internal Medicine, annual, Philadelphia, Pa. (S. O. Krasnoff, ASIM, 3410 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 18, Calif.)

6-8. Association of Clinical Scientists, Chicago, Ill. (R. P. MacFate, 323 Northwood Rd., Riverside, Ill.)

6-8. Biological Photographic Assoc., midwestern sectional, Des Moines, Iowa. (BPA, 551 W. Grant Place, Chicago 14, Ill.)

7. New Jersey Acad. of Science, annual, West Long Branch. (H. L. Silverman, NJAS, 361 Highland Ave., Newark 4, N.J.)

7. New Mexico Acad. of Science, Socorro. (K. G. Melgaard, P.O. Box 546, Mesilla Park, N.M.)

7. Paleontological Research Institution, Ithaca, N.Y. (R. Harris, PRI, 109 Dearborn Pl., Ithaca)

7-9. Impact of Physical Metallurgy on Technology, symp., San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina. (J. A. Sabato, National Atomic Energy Commission, Avda. Libertador General San Martin 8250, Buenos Aires, Argentina)

9-10. Chemical and Petroleum Instrumentation Symp., natl., Instrument Soc. of America, Wilmington, Del. (C. W. Sanders, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Louviers Bldg., Newark, Del.)

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