

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH GENERAL MEETING

Held in Rio de Janeiro, 20 September 1963

The sixth general meeting of the International Leprosy Association began at 4:45 p.m., with the Acting President, Dr. J. M. M. Fernández, in the chair and a comparatively small number of members of the Association present because of the lateness of the start. The statutory council meeting to approve the agenda for the general meeting was not held because of lack of time.

The members stood as a mark of respect as the names were read of members who had died since the last Congress:

Dr. James A. Doull

U.S.A.

Dr. H. de Souza-Araujo

Brazil

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Burgess	U.S.A.
Dr. Ralph F. Naylor	England
Dr. G. Basombrío	Argentina
Dr. N. Olmos Castro	Argentina
Dr. Otavío Torres	Brazil
Sir Leonard Rogers	England
Dr. A. Beltram Alonso	Spain
Dr. Rudolph L. Mayer	U.S.A.

Sincere sympathy was extended to the relatives of all named.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

"The last International Congress was held in Tokyo, 1958, and was an outstanding success, being specially noteworthy for the scientific standard of the work and for the excellent cooperation of Japanese colleagues with the International Leprosy Association.

"I beg to report that the last general meeting of the Association was held on November 19, 1958, on the closing day of the Tokyo Congress. Immediately before the meeting the agenda were considered at a council meeting attended by eleven councillors. At that time Dr. E. Muir was the Acting Secretary-Treasurer, consequent upon the sudden death of Dr. John Lowe, and after my appointment as Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Muir in London gave me valuable instruction and guidance in my new duties.

"I am glad to say that recently the council of the International Leprosy Association, meeting at the VIII Congress on 12th September 1963, authorized the sending of a telegram which conveyed our affection and thanks to Dr. Muir and also that we appoint him the first Honorary Vice-President. A telegram of greetings was also sent to Dr. Wade from the Congress.

"The minutes of the Tokyo meeting were published in the Tokyo Congress number of *THE JOURNAL* (26 (1958) 410-417); so I only select for mention the following:

1. The number of vice-presidents was increased to three to cover Central Region, Eastern Region and Americas Region, and the number of councillors was reduced to 14 in order to keep the size of the council at 19. The object of limiting it to this number was to reduce labor and cost of international correspondence.

2. A finance committee for *THE JOURNAL* was formed for the greater convenience of gathering finance for the publication of *THE JOURNAL* and it may be mentioned that Dr. Doull made extraordinary efforts to raise funds and achieved much success. The subscription to *THE JOURNAL* was raised from \$7 to \$10 when paid to the Washington office, or £3.11.6 (its equivalent in sterling) when paid to the London office.

“Resignations and loss of membership.—Two outstanding losses are Dr. E. Muir and Dr. A. R. Davison, who have resigned from the Council of the International Leprosy Association. The number of members has been dropping; the total is now 545.

“Presidency.—Dr. H. W. Wade has intimated that he is unable to stand for reelection due to physical inability. I have prepared an ‘illuminated address’ (an ornamental laudatory parchment), specially commissioned from an artist in London, which I think has had a very beautiful result. It has been signed by the vice-presidents and councilors of the Association and I hope that, in due course, it will be delivered to Dr. Wade to express the affection and gratitude and thanks of the Association. Dr. Wade has written to say that we should entrust that to Mr. Crowther, who will receive it in the name of Dr. Wade and arrange for its onward transmission. I hope that the onward journey will be as satisfactory as the journey from London, when it travelled in an honored position on Aerolíneas Argentinas with me. Dr. Wade has intimated that he wishes to be known in future as *President Emeritus*.

“I have the honor to present the audited statement of the receipts and payments passed through the London office during the years 1st October 1958 and 30th June 1963.”

“It is noteworthy that the item for office expenses is minimal, because, ever since the International Leprosy Association has existed, the British Leprosy Relief Association has given *gratis* the office accommodation and facilities and the voluntary labor of the office staff, for which I think that the Association should express their gratitude and appreciation.”

“The auditor of the London accounts has requested that an audited statement of the income and expenditures of the Publication Office in Washington should be submitted annually to the Secretary-Treasurer of the International Leprosy Association in order to assist him in preparing a full statement of the Association’s finances annually. It is proposed that this annual statement be published in THE JOURNAL each year.

“We owe a considerable debt of gratitude to Brazil for acting as host to this Congress and to the Organizing Committee called COCIL for the great work of preparation and carrying on of this Congress in Rio de Janeiro. Many have taken part in this work and it is not possible to mention all by name but the list can be found in the Programme of Congress. I would, however, like to mention specially by name Dr. F. G. Castelo Branco, the President of COCIL and Dr. Orestes Diniz, the Organizing Secretary of COCIL, for their magnificent work. The social side of the Congress has equally well been taken care of and our thanks are due to the ladies of the Social Committee. It has been a

Statement of Receipts and Payments, London Office
1 October 1958 to 30 June 1963

RECEIPTS

	£	s	d	U. S. dollars (approx.)
Balance at 1 October 1958	1,439	4	5	4,044
Subscriptions:				
Members (dues)	1,119.	9.	2.	
Life members	72.14.	0.		
Non-members	308.	7.10.		4,218
Subscriptions from Sustaining Members	821	16	6	2,310
Subscriptions from Affiliated Societies	156	12	11	441
Donations	71	1	2	199
CIOMS grant for secretariat expenses at Rio Congress	250	0	0	700
Sale of reprints of <i>Journal</i> articles	27	2	1	76
	4,266	8	1	11,988

PAYMENTS

Sums transferred to U.S.A. (for <i>Journal</i>)	2,100	0	0	5,901
CIOMS grant for Tokyo Congress:				
Expenses in Tokyo	255.	0.	0.	
Expenses in London	42.10.	0.		
Congress issue, <i>Journal</i>	300.	0.	0.	
Refunded to CIOMS	400.12.	4.		2,804
CIOMS membership dues	142	15	9	402
I.S.T.D. membership dues	3	13	10	10
Translation fees	63	13	9	180
Office expenses:				
Honoraria	95.	0.	0.	
Postage and printing	173.	9.10.		
Sundries	7.	8.	7.	
Auditor's fees	31.10.	0.		864
Balance on 30 June 1963	650	6	0	1,827
	4,266	8	1	11,988

—J. ROSS INNES

Certified by C. Bone, Esq., F.A.C., C.A., London, 3rd September 1963.

great privilege to visit such a beautiful city as Rio and I personally should like to express my appreciation of the opportunity of hearing spoken the beautiful Portuguese language—an experience which, as it happens, I have not had before.

“In regard to the expenses of the Congress, a considerable part has been borne by Brazil and in addition we have great pleasure in acknowledging the following:

1. From the British Leprosy Relief Association, London, the sum of £700 to the Secretariat of the Association.
2. From COCIL, one fare to the Congress provided to the secretariat of the Association.

Statement of Income and Expenditures, Washington, D. C. Office
1 June 1958 - 30 June 1963

INCOME

Fiscal year	Memberships and subscriptions	Sustaining members	Reprints (reimbursement)	Sale of back issues & misc.	Total
6/1/58-6/30/59	6,949.40	5,491.14 ¹	-460.38	1,224.65 ²	14,125.57
7/1/59-6/30/60	13,173.05 ³	4,499.87	401.43	399.69	18,474.04
7/1/60-6/30/61	9,005.56 ⁴	3,230.13	479.09	102.68	12,817.46
7/1/61-6/30/62	10,556.92 ⁵	3,045.25	895.61	49.18	14,546.96
7/1/62-6/30/63	8,530.62 ⁶	1,624.13	20.25	23.53	10,198.53
TOTAL	\$48,215.55	\$17,890.52	\$2,256.76	\$1,799.73	\$70,162.56

¹Includes \$ 691.50 (Atlas account).

²Includes 841.87 (CIOMS for Vol. 26, No. 4, 1958).

³Includes 3,000.00 (ICA for Vol. 27); transfer from London, \$2,795.

⁴Includes 3,000.00 (ICA for Vol. 28).

⁵Includes 3,000.00 (ICA for Vol. 29); transfers from London, \$1,390 and \$841.53.

⁶Includes 1,500.00 (ICA for Vol. 30, Nos. 1, 2); transfer from London, \$838.44.

EXPENDITURES

Fiscal year	Salaries	Soc. Sec., ins. retirement	Printing	Reprints (reimbursable)	Office expense*	Total
7/1/58-6/30/59	750.00	73.23	10,679.93	624.78	2,454.73	14,582.67 ¹
7/1/59-6/30/60	4,822.08	163.43	7,606.32	497.95	1,507.28	14,597.06 ²
7/1/60-6/30/61	5,851.95	220.05	9,078.99	360.69	1,164.34	16,676.02 ³
7/1/61-6/30/62	3,794.80	204.90	10,633.68	553.99	1,239.26	16,426.63 ⁴
7/1/62-6/30/63	3,866.84	196.17	10,695.32	231.04	909.96	15,899.33 ⁵
TOTAL	\$19,085.67	\$857.78	\$48,694.24	\$2,268.45	\$7,275.57	\$78,181.71

*Includes rent, office supplies, postage and contingencies.

¹Vol. 25/4 (balance); Vol. 26; Vol. 27, No. 1, No. 2.

²Vol. 27/2 (balance) No. 3 & 4; Vol. 28, No. 1, No. 2 (\$1,000).

³Vol. 28/2 (balance), No. 3, No. 4; Vol. 29/1.

⁴Vol. 29, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4; Vol 30/1.

⁵Vol. 30, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4.

3. From the British Leprosy Relief Association, one fare provided for a scientist who was otherwise unable to go to the Congress.

4. From Geistlich & Sons Ltd., Switzerland, the sum of £50 donated to the expenses of the Secretariat of the Association.

5. From CIOMS, \$700 (£250) towards the expenses of the Association and also \$300 (in cruzeiros) on condition that five copies of the programme of the Congress were sent to CIOMS. This latter sum has not been received at time of writing.

“Thanks also are due for the voluntary help of Mrs. Elizabeth Innes, who has put at the disposal of the Secretary-Treasurer her very considerable knowledge and skill in bookkeeping and accounting and who has attended the Congress. She has been co-opted as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

“Thanks are due also to Miss Lily Thomas who has given her voluntary services as secretarial assistant to the Association and has attended the Congress.

“We offer thanks also to faithful colleagues who helped in the organization of the Congress, namely, Dr. Wade and Dr. Muir and Dr. Fernández, who went in person to Rio as representatives of the Association in order to discuss plans with COCIL and reported most generous hospitality and kindness extended to them all by COCIL, for which we thank our Brazilian colleagues very much.

“I wish to express my thanks to the chairmen and members of all scientific panels and round tables of this Congress for their truly magnificent labors. They have followed out in effect the recommendations of the Association as formulated by Dr. Muir after the Madrid Congress (*THE JOURNAL* 26 (1958) 411) and made a judicial survey of all new knowledge and given the whole world guidance for the future in the campaign against leprosy.

“I wish to note in this Congress the great value of personal meetings between members of Congress. I am sure that this is to them a great comfort and inspiration for the future.”

—J. ROSS INNES

REPORT OF ASSISTANT EDITOR, INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEPROSY

In the absence of the Editor, Dr. H. W. Wade, the report was given by Miss Delta Derrom, Assistant Editor, for the period 1958-1963.

The Business Office of the *International Journal of Leprosy* was transferred to Washington, D. C., from New Orleans, Louisiana, on 1 July 1958.

At the VIIth International Congress of Leprology, held in Tokyo, 12-19 November 1958, it was decided to increase the subscription rate of *THE JOURNAL* from US \$7.00 to US \$10.00 per annum effective with Volume 27 (1959). A letter notifying members, subscribers and agencies of the increase was sent out on 5 December 1958, requesting them, in case they had already renewed for 1959 at \$7.00, to please send an additional \$3.00. All subscribers were most cooperative and no complaints were received.

In 1959, for greater convenience, the existing printing arrangement with the Upton Printing Company of New Orleans was terminated and a new contract was made with the Monumental Printing Company, Baltimore, Maryland. Various new procedures were introduced to lower the cost of printing and mailing.

In 1959 the International Cooperation Administration signed a contract for 3 years (1959, 1960, 1961) with the Leonard Wood Memorial under the terms of which the ICA (now Agency for International Development, AID) would pay for 300 copies of each issue of *THE JOURNAL*, which were to be sent by the Memorial to addresses in Africa approved by the health authorities of the country concerned and AID. The list is subject to annual revision, and the contract to cancellation

by AID upon 30 days' notice. The contract was renewed for 1962, 1963, and 1964). A letter signed by Dr. James A. Doull, then Medical Director, Leonard Wood Memorial, and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the *International Journal of Leprosy*, was sent each year to all recipients of the AID gift, advising them that THE JOURNAL was being sent and asking them if they wished to continue receiving THE JOURNAL. The response was most gratifying.

Sustaining Members. In 1957 Dr. Doull and Dr. E. Muir, then Secretary-Treasurer of the International Leprosy Association, began an attempt to obtain Sustaining Members. The number has varied from 47 to 62 over a period of five years. The amount taken in may be seen in the Statement of Income for that period.

It has been hoped during the past five years that THE JOURNAL would be mailed on time. Unfortunately this has not been accomplished. Mailing of renewal notices is costly and because of irregularity of publication multiple notices have sometimes been necessary. This can be avoided when THE JOURNAL appears regularly.

Table 1 shows the mailing list for Volume 30 (1962) by area. Also shown is a summary for the years 1958-1961.

TABLE 1.—Mailing list for volume 30 (1962) by area.

Area	Members	Subscriptions	Exchange	Sustaining Members	Total
Africa	56	341	2	—	399
Europe	64	47	19	12	142
Asia	175	108	8	5	296
Central America & Caribbean	14	19	2	1	36
Australia, Philippines & Pacific Islands	15	24	2	2	43
South America	51	13	5	7	76
Canada	2	2	—	—	4
U. S. Possessions	1	2	—	—	3
United States	46	63	9	27	145
Total	424	619	47	54	1,144

Mailing list summary for Volumes 26-29

Vol. 26, 1958	431	331	51	49	879
Vol. 27, 1959	454	728 ^a	47	62	1,291
Vol. 28, 1960	459	689	47	61	1,256
Vol. 29, 1961	453	618	47	54	1,172

^a300 (AID).

Table 2 shows payments by type and source for the years 1958-63, i.e., payments made to the London office and payments to the Washington office. The latter payments are divided to show the number paid through agencies that received a 25 per cent discount (\$7.50 instead of \$10.00).

TABLE 2.—Payments by type and source for each year.

Year	London	United States	Number at discount ^a	Per cent at discount
1958	79	793	269	34
1959	124	803	320	40
1960	89	834	258	31
1961	90	733	271	37
1962	86	668	289	43
To Aug. 31, 1963	73	635	229	36

^aOnly those paid in U.S. currency.

The Statement of Income and Expenditures, for the period 1 June 1958-30 June 1963, as presented in the Report of the Treasurer, shows an abnormally low income for 1962-63. The reduction was due in part to the fact that no issues for 1963 had been printed. Renewal notices were sent out only once, in January 1963, and the Sustaining Members were not billed, because the Business Manager did not feel that request for payment was justified until the regular schedule was restored.

—D. DERROM

Editorship of THE JOURNAL.—The Secretary-Treasurer then read the following brief statement on the future editorship of THE JOURNAL:

Dr. Wade has sent a cable formally retiring from the position of Editor of the *International Journal of Leprosy* at the end of Volume 31. The Council considered two nominations for the editorship:

Dr. Esmond R. Long, age 73, a worker in the field of pathology, with long experience in editorial work. This nomination was made by Dr. Wade and supported by the Leonard Wood Memorial.

Dr. J. Ross Innes, age 60, a leprologist of wide experience, with seven years' experience as Editor of *Leprosy Review*. This nomination was made by Dr. R. G. Cochrane, Vice President of the International Leprosy Association.

After discussion, Dr. Innes withdrew his name in order to facilitate solution of a difficult problem, and the Council approved the appointment of Dr. Long as Acting Editor for a period of two years. The Council also approved appointment of Dr. Dharmendra as an additional Associate Editor.

Amendments to the constitution.—Notice having been duly posted with regard to amendments to the constitution, an amendment to Byelaw 5 (e) *re* the publication of scientific papers was put forward by Dr. R. G. Cochrane. It was proposed that the following sentence be added to the Byelaw:

"If, however, notice has not been received by the authors within three months that the papers have been accepted and will appear in THE JOURNAL in the near future, the authors will be permitted to withdraw them and offer them for publication elsewhere."

Dr. S. G. Browne proposed that it be altered to read:

". . . within three months from the date of receipt by the Editor that the papers . . ."

This alteration was accepted and the amendment was carried.

Site of the next congress.—The site of the IXth Congress was discussed. Two invitations for this had been received by the Secretary-Treasurer: (1) from the Society of Pathology in Denmark, and (2) from Britain, (in each case subject to the approval of the government concerned). A suggestion that it be held in Italy was put forward, but no written confirmation was received. It was suggested that the Xth Congress would take place soon after the centenary of the discovery by Hansen of the leprosy bacillus and that it would be appropriate to hold the Congress in Scandinavia at that time. So the offer of Britain was accepted subject to government approval.

It was suggested by a number of members that the next Congress be held near the same date and place as the Congress of the International Society of Tropical Dermatology (to be held in 1967) so that members might attend both. This was given sympathetic consideration and left to the President and Council for action.

Election of officers and councillors.—Officers: Because of ill health Dr. Wade was unable to stand for reelection. The Council proposed the names of J. M. M. Fernández for President and Ernani Agricola as Vice-President for the Americas Region, and recommended the reelection of R. G. Cochrane and K. Kitamura as Vice-Presidents. All of these nominations were approved.

Councillors: On Council nomination the following members were elected as councillors, filling several vacancies: R. J. W. Rees to succeed E. Muir; C. H. Binford to succeed J. A. Doull; S. G. Browne to succeed A. R. Davison; F. E. A. Rabello to succeed E. Agricola, and J. Languillon to succeed R. Chaussinand.

In order to make room for another Council nominee, R. V. Wardekar of India, Dr. H. D. Fraser of Hong Kong withdrew from the Council. The name of Dr. Wardekar was then approved.

The members expressed desire to increase the number of councillors. This will require amendment of the constitution at a later date.

The members unanimously approved election of E. Muir and K. Mitsuda as Honorary Vice-Presidents in recognition of their great achievements.

Dr. R. G. Cochrane proposed a series of resolutions clarifying and stressing various paragraphs in the constitution and byelaws, as follows:

1. That all subscriptions, dues, donations and other monies be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer of the International Leprosy Association without deduction and that the Secretary-Treasurer be responsible to the President to furnish duly audited accounts at the end of each fiscal year, these accounts to be published in the *International Journal of Leprosy*. This, however, shall not apply to monies contributed directly to THE JOURNAL, e.g., charges for advertising, etc., the Editorial Office being responsible for these sums and an account of them in due course.

2. That the Secretary-Treasurer, being *ex officio* Associate Editor, be asked to communicate with the Acting Editor, Dr. E. R. Long, conveying to him the good wishes of

the Association and assuring him of the complete support and loyalty of the Council and offering any aid in their power.

3. That the Secretary-Treasurer, as Associate Editor, be requested, in consultation with the Acting Editor, to prepare the report, summary of papers, resolutions, etc., of the Congress for publication in the *International Journal of Leprosy*.

4. That the Acting Editor be asked to assume his post at once on the understanding that the Editor Emeritus completes Volume 31.

5. That the Editorial Office be requested to submit an estimate for the fiscal year 1964-65 and subsequent years to the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer. The financial year shall be deemed to close on 30 June each year.

6. That the Editorial Office be requested to submit before the end of the fiscal year an audited account setting forth the financial state of THE JOURNAL.

7. That the appointment of Miss Delta Derrom as Assistant Editor be confirmed.

Dr. C. H. Binford took exception to the phrase "Acting Editor," as Dr. Long had already been informed that he was appointed Editor. So the word "Acting" was deleted. Dr. M. F. R. Waters asked what arrangements had been made for a successor to Dr. Long if he gave up the position before the next Congress, since he had indicated a probable term of two years for his editorship. It was reported that no arrangements had been made.

With this one alteration the seven resolutions were passed.

Dr. Agricola put forward suggestions for the formation of permanent scientific groups as follows:

1. There shall be permanent scientific groups or sections in reference to different specialties of leprology and members shall be appointed by the President of the International Leprosy Association or by request of the membership.

2. Each group or section of the Association shall have a chairman by designation of the President of the Association and a reporter appointed by the chairman of the group or section, but these officers shall not necessarily belong to the General Council.

3. The groups or sections shall work so that at each International Congress of Leprosy papers can be presented on the results of observations and studies of activities.

4. Groups or sections shall be created on (1) epidemiology, control and statistics; (2) therapeutic and clinical medicine; (3) pathology, including histopathology; (4) bacteriology and immunology; (5) physiotherapy and rehabilitation. Other groups or sections shall be created, after approval by the Council, by proposal of the President or of three members of the Council.

It was noted that the groups or sections would carry out regularly the work that the panels accomplished with difficulty for the VIIth and VIIIth Congresses. The suggestions were approved in principle and the details of their application were left to be worked out by the President and the Council.

The Government of Brazil, and in particular the states of Guanabara and São Paulo, were warmly thanked for their welcome to the Congress and all the help they had given.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

—J. ROSS INNES
Secretary-Treasurer, ILA