

MORNING SESSION—11 MAY 1967

Chairman: Dr. Paul Fasal

OPENING REMARKS



Dr. Shepard. This conference represents the second annual leprosy research conference sponsored by the U. S. Leprosy Panel of the U. S.-Japan Cooperative Medical Science Program. The intention of these conferences is to provide a focus for presentation and discussion of recent research advances and topics of special interest. The large national meetings in the United States frequently do not provide an audience that is sufficiently interested and informed in leprosy research to be helpful to the reporting scientists.

In Japan a leprosy research conference has been held each spring for many years.

We are unfortunate not to have any of our Japanese colleagues here this year. Trans-Pacific travel is a major item of expense and our colleagues in Japan are concentrating their efforts to achieve travel to a meeting on leprosy and tuberculosis to be held in eastern United States this coming fall. We are fortunate in having with us several leprosy scientists from other parts of Asia that are the concern of the U. S.-Japan Cooperative Medical Science Program. They will add a great deal in providing experience and orientation to the conference.