NINTH INTERNATIONAL LEPROSY CONGRESS

London, England 16-21 September 1968

The Ninth International Leprosy Congress and members of the International Leprosy Association, met in London, 16-21 September 1968. The scientific sessions were held at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, Exhibition Road, South Kensington, London, S.W.7, under the presidency of Dr. Robert G. Cochrane.

Her Majesty The Queen was Patron of the Congress. Her message to the Congress follows:

Balmoral Castle

Doctor R. G. Cochrane President, Ninth International Leprosy Congress 1968

Please convey my warm thanks to all who will be taking part in the Ninth International Leprosy Congress for the kind msssage which you have sent me on their behalf.

As Patron of the Congress, I am glad to know that so many scientists and field workers are assembling from the Commonwealth and other countries, and I join you in welcoming them all.

I trust that the Congress may provide an opportunity for the discussion of recent advances in leprosy research and I send you my sincere good wishes for the success of your deliberations here and of your further work for the relief of suffering.

Elizabeth R.

September 1968

The Vice-Patrons were:

The Rt. Hon. Reg Prentice, MP, Minister of Overseas Development.

The Rt. Hon. Kenneth Robinson, MP, Minister of Health.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Gilbert Inglefield, GBE, TD, MA, DSc., The Lord Mayor of London.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Louis Gluckstein, CBE, TD, QC, DL., The Chairman of the Greater London Council.

Dr. M. G. Candau, Director-General of the World Health Organization.

Professor Sir Hedley Atkins, KBE, MD, MCh. PRCS, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Sir Max Rosenheim, KBE, DM, PRCP, President of the Royal College of Physicians of London.

Professor P. C. C. Garnham, CMG, MD, DSc, FRCP, Hon FRCP (Edin), FRS, President of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

The Rt. Hon. Viscount Boyd of Merton, CH, President of LEPRA.

The Most Rev. G. O. Simms, PhD, DD, Archbishop of Dublin, President of The Leprosy Mission.

Professor G. M. Bull, MD, FRCP, Chairman of the Leprosy Committee of the Medical Research Council.

Sir Harold Himsworth, KCB, MD, FRCP, FRS, Deputy Chairman and Secretary of the Medical Research Council.

Dr. S. G. Browne, Secretary-Treasurer of the International Leprosy Association, served as Secretary-General of the Congress, and also as Chairman of its Organizing Committee. Other members of the Committee were:

Dr. R. J. W. Rees Dr. D. S. Ridley

Dr. J. Ross Innes (until his untimely death)