REPORTS OF MEETINGS
THE CAIRO CONGRESS*

"THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON LEPROSY"

ORGANIZED BY
THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT
TOGETHER WITH
THE INTERNATIONAL LEPROSY ASSOCIATION
UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF
HIS MAJESTY KING FAROUK I.
CAIRO, MARCH 21ST TO 27TH, 1938

LOCAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

President: H.E. The Minister of Public Health, Mohamed Kamel El Benjady Pasha.
Vice-Presidents: H.E. Dr. Ahmed Hilmy Bey, Under-Secretary of State for Public Health (Medical Affairs).†
H.E. Prof. Aly Ibrahim Pasha, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.
Members: H.E. Mohamed Shaker Pasha, General Manager of the Egyptian State Railways, Telephones and Telegraphs.†
H.E. Abdelrazik Abdul Khoir Pasha, Under-Secretary of State for Finance.†
H.E. Abdel Salam El Shady Pasha, Governor of Cairo.
Prof. Dr. Mohamed Khalil Abdel Khalek Bey, Director of the Research Institute.
Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahid El Wakil Bey, P.M.O. of the Cairo Health Inspectorate.
Dr. Hassan Kamal, Director of the Technical Bureau, Ministry of Public Health.
Dr. Mahmoud Soliman Abaza Bey, Director of Chest Diseases and Leprosy Section, Ministry of Public Health.†
Dr. Ibrahim Mustafa Sabey Bey, Dermatologist, Alexandria Government Hospital.

Elected Secretary: Prof. Dr. Mohamed Khalil Abdel Khalek Bey.†
Adjunct Secretary: Dr. Mohamed Abdel Khalek El Dalgamouni.

*The minutes of the final meeting of the Congress, the reports of the meetings of the Resolutions Committee, and the reports of the technical sub-committees of that committee, are reprinted from the official preliminary report of the Congress entitled Resolutions and Reports of the International Congress of Leprosy, held in Cairo, March 21st-27th, 1938, which was published in The Journal of the Egyptian Medical Association, 21 (1938) 185-199.
†Member of the Executive Committee.
PROGRAM OF THE CONGRESS

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1938

Introductory reception and tea at the Continental Hotel.

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1938

Morning.—Official inauguration of the Congress at the Royal Opera House in the presence of His Majesty, the King. Addresses by: H.E. the Minister of Public Health, President of the Local Organization Committee, by Prof. E. Marchoux, Secretary of the previous leprosy conference (Strasbourg), and by Dr. V. G. Heiser, President of the International Leprosy Association. Declaration of inauguration by His Majesty the King. Addresses by Dr. E. Muir, General Secretary-Treasurer of the International Leprosy Association, and by official delegates of Germany (Prof. Dr. Klingmüller), Argentina (Prof. Balbi), Italy (Prof. Bosellini), the Philippines (Dr. Rodriguez) and Sweden (Dr. Reenstierna).

Afternoon.—First scientific session. Section A: Distribution of leprosy and epidemiology.

Evening.—Reception at the Royal Palace of Abdine.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1938

Morning.—Second scientific session. Section B: Clinical types and classification, tuberculoid leprosy, etc.

Afternoon.—Visits to the museums and mosques of Cairo. Tea at Groppi’s, by the International Leprosy Association.

Evening.—Committee meetings.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1938

Morning.—Third scientific session. Section C: Research, including cultivation of the bacillus, inoculation, immunology, etc.

Afternoon.—Nile excursion to the Barrage, tea served there; musical entertainment en route.

Evening.—Committee meetings.

1 Dr. Reenstierna absent because of illness.
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1938

Morning.—Fourth scientific session. Section D: Treatment, general and special.
Afternoon.—Excursion to the Pyramids of Gizah and the new excavations near them. Tea at the Mena House Hotel.
Evening.—Committee meetings.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1938

Morning.—Fifth scientific session. Section E: Leprosy control.
Afternoon.—Tea in the Zoological Gardens, Guiza, on invitation of H.E. The Governor of Cairo.
Evening.—Committee meetings.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1938

Morning.—Visit to Abu Zabaal Lepre Colony.
Afternoon.—Sixth scientific session. Section F: Animal leprosy, work of private organizations, and miscellaneous.
Evening.—Committee meetings.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 1938

Morning.—General meeting of the International Leprosy Association. Final meeting of the Scientific Committee.
Afternoon.—Final meeting of the Congress.
Evening.—Dinner at Sheeprard's Hotel. During the dinner a discourse by H.E. the Minister of Public Health, Minister, previously recorded, was delivered by loud-speaker. After the dinner a toast to the King of Egypt was given by Dr. Burnet, and one to the Kings, Queens, Presidents, Governments and Peoples of the countries represented at the congress was given by the Minister. Other toasts were: to the voluntary workers in leprosy, by H.E. Dr. Ahmed Hilmy Bey, responded to by Mr. Miller; to the International Leprosy Association, the American Leprosy Foundation and the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association, by Dr. Dalgamoun, responded to by Dr. Muir and Mr. Burgess; and to the First International Congress on Leprosy, by Dr. Wade, responded to by Dr. Khalid Bey. Musical and other entertainment was provided.

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

The following tabulation of countries represented at the congress differs from the one published in the official program, which...
was prepared before the meeting; it is based on the list of members that follows. In certain cases a member who was accredited as an official representative of one country actually works in another one and is listed under the latter. In certain instances a single individual represented officially more than one territory; all such territories are listed below, but the members concerned are listed only under their own regions of residence. Asterisks indicate the countries with official representation.

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Total members: 167

Countries represented by members: 46
Countries officially represented: 40

* Represented by an official stationed in Cairo.
* Represented by a member from another territory.

The following list of members, totalling 167, was prepared after the close of the Congress. It includes associate members of the International Leprosy Association who were present, and also a few other nonmedical persons who represented their Governments officially but who took no active part, but it does not include the numerous ladies who registered in order
that they might participate in the social functions, or a number of the local officials who joined as a matter of courtesy. Official delegates from foreign countries are indicated by asterisks.

Abaza Bey, Dr. M. Solomon, Cairo, Egypt.
Abdalla, Dr. N. W., Cairo, Egypt.
Adilhagh, Dr., Cairo, Egypt.
Adler, Dr. S., Jerusalem, Palestine.
*Agriola, Dr. Ermani, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
Aguiar Pupo, Dr. J. de, Rio Paulo, Brazil.
Ahmeda, Dr. A. O. de, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
*Ansir, Mr. Alifed (Delegate for Uruguay), Cairo, Egypt.
Austín, Dr. C. J., Makogai, Fiji.
Aser, Dr. Michael, Cairo, Egypt.
*Balóña, Dr. Pedro L., Buenos Aires, Argentina.
*Balog, Prof. Paul (Delegate for Hungary), Cairo, Egypt.
*Balog, Dr., Cairo, Egypt.
Barrada, Dr. M. Kamal, Cairo, Egypt.
Bashat Bey, Dr. M., Cairo, Egypt.
*Bassamirin, Dr. Guillermo, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Bea-Cheikh, Dr. T., Tunis.
Bendery, Dr. M. Abdel Aziz el, Cairo, Egypt.
Bendery Pasha, H.E. Kamel El, Cairo, Egypt.
*Bernard, Prof. A. V., Valletta, Malta.
Betache, Dr. M. H., Cairo, Egypt.
Birkhagen, Dr. Konrad, Bergen, Norway.
Bloom, Dr. A., Cairo, Egypt.
*Boer, Dr. H. de, Entebbe, Uganda.
*Boezelini, Prof. P. L., Italy.
*Brederooff, Dr. R. (Delegate for Nigeria and Sierra Leone), Lagos, Nigeria.
*Brogess, Mr. Perry, New York City, U.S.A.
*Burnett, Dr. E. (Delegate for Tunisia and the League of Nations), Tunis.
*Chajes, Dr. B., Palestine.
*Chowdhry, Dr. B. G., Chinglepat, Madras, S. India.
*Coire, Dr. J., France.
*Col, Dr. H. L., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
Dalgarno, Dr. M., Cairo, Egypt.
Davvy, Dr. Frank, Umukoki, Port Harcourt, Nigeria.
Dobbie, Dr. Roy, Cairo, Egypt.
Dostrovsky, Dr. L., Jerusalem, Palestine.
Doull, Dr. James A., Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A.
*Dubois, Dr. A., Pawa, Kinde-Jimi, Congo Belg.
Edgar, Mr. A. C., London, England.
Ellis, Dr. W., Peru.
Faccetti Bey, Dr. M., Cairo, Egypt.
*Fernandez, Dr. J. M. M., Rosario, Argentina.
*Flandin, Dr. Charles, Paris, France.
*Fonnd, Dr. Skyyed, Guina, Egypt.
Freund, Dr. Arthur, Palestine.
Hackett, Dr. L. W., Rome, Italy.

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Magdi, Dr. Abdel, Zaqayq, Egypt.
*Magroux, Prof. E., Paris, France.
*Mariani, Prof. G., Italy.
*Massry Bey, Dr. Ismael Houndel, Egypt.
*Menenhender, Dr. J., Poland.
*Migone, Dr. L., Asuncion, Paraguay.
*Miller, Mr. A. Donald, Purbia, Bihar, India.
*Mintchev, Mr. (Delegate for Bulgaria), Cairo, Egypt.
*Monier, Dr. B., Nomsakarn, S. Rhodes.
*Mosna, Dr. Labib A., Egypt.
*Motulski, Dr. Julius, Palestine.
*Moura Costa, Dr. Henrique de, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
*Naggar, Dr. Khalil, Helicopt, Egypt.
*Naka, Dr. M. Mat. El, Cairo, Egypt.
*Nauj, Prof. E. G., Hamburg, Germany.
*Oberdorfer, Dr. M., So. Nigeria.
*Osman Bey, Dr. Abdel Rahmaan, Egypt.
*Paieh, Dr. Hadi, Baghdad, Iraq.
*Paldrock, Prof. Tartu, Estonia.
*Pena, Dr. Hugo, Cairo, Egypt.
*Pelisella, Jr., Dr. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
*Pudoluiak, Dr. Milan, Sarajevo, Yugoslavia.
*Romstenbo, Prof. John, Upsala, Sweden.
*Blind Bey, Dr. Mahmon, Egypt.
*Bon, Dr. M. V. (Delegate for Indo-China), Saint Nannime, France.
*Bodewaldt, Prof. E., Heidelberg, Germany.
*Rodríguez-Cifuentes, Dr. E., Colombia.
*Roeder, Dr. Louis (Delegate for Denmark), Cairo, Egypt.
*Ross, Dr. F. G., Malabo, British Guinea.
*Rose, Mr. Emory, New York City, U.S.A.
*Rose, Dr. R., Bombay, India.
*Rusell, Col. A T H., I.M.S., Delhi, India.
*Byrne, Dr. G. A., Kuala Lumpur, Federated Malay States.
*Nabi, Dr. M. Abd Al Momin, Cairo, Egypt.
*Nalib Dr. M., Cairo, Egypt.
*Nadler, Dr. Martin, Cairo, Egypt.
*Barker, Dr. R. J. (Delegate for Trinidad and Tobago), Trinidad.
*Natra, Dr. J., Calcutta, India.
*Navern, Dr. G. M., New York City, U.S.A.
*Scheunje-Perren, Prof., Cairo, Egypt.
*Setien, Dr. A. Onias, Havana, Cuba.
*Shorey, Dr. J., Calcutta, India.
*Shone, Dr. J. E., Cairo, Egypt.
*Sinem, Dr. D. S., de, Colombo, Ceylon.
*Stanas, Dr. J. B., Sanaa, Java.
*Shoby Bey, Dr. G., Egypt.
The following is taken from the editorial report of the congress, published in the last issue of the Journal, with certain corrections of figures.

The Congress was opened formally at the Royal Opera House by His Majesty the King of Egypt at a ceremony held on Monday, March 21st, in which representatives of several selected countries took part. The scientific sessions began on the afternoon of the same day, a total of six daily ones being held, each devoted to a certain topic or group of related topics. In addition, a forenoon was given over to a visit to the Abu Zaabal leprosarium, located on the edge of the desert some twenty miles from the city.

In total, 67 papers were actually read, either in full or in summary, some of the latter being in the form of lantern-slide demonstrations. This number represented somewhat over forty percent of the total of 160 titles that were submitted, of which total nearly one-half (77) were by authors who did not attend. Because of the limited time for the sessions all papers the authors of which were absent were read only by title, and several others were so read by their authors' choice or because speakers were limited to fifteen minutes in any one session.
With regard to the subjects of the papers, they have been tentatively classified under the following heads: history and distribution of leprosy, 20 titles; epidemiology and control, 43 titles; clinical aspects of the disease, 37 titles; treatment, 25 titles; chemistry, 7 titles; immunology and serology, 13 titles; bacteriology, inoculation and animal leprosy, 15 titles. Undoubtedly, the problems of epidemiology and control took first place in interest as well as in the number and variety of papers. Of the clinical features of the disease the question of the nature and relationships of tuberculoid leprosy stood first, and in connection with that was the matter of classification of cases and lesions. Stress was also laid on leprosy in children. With regard to treatment, chaulmoogra continues to be the principal medicament used; surprisingly little was said about dye treatment; one or two innovations were reported upon, including the use of oxygen under pressure which its proponents in Brazil consider highly promising. Considerable interest was shown in several other matters, among which may be mentioned specifically the work of Dr. J. Adler, of Jerusalem, who has produced at least temporarily progressive lesions in splenectomized Syrian hamsters after inoculation with leproma material. Widely divergent views regarding the cultivation of the leprosy bacillus were presented, and the matter still stands unsettled in the opinion of the majority. [The Current Literature section of this issue of the Journal is devoted exclusively to the papers presented to the Congress.]

MINUTES OF THE FINAL MEETING OF THE CONGRESS

The final meeting of the congress was held on Sunday, March 27th, 1938, at 4 p.m., with H.E. Prof. Aly Pasha Ibrahim in the chair.

1. The following resolution was introduced and approved by the Congress standing:

Having been informed of the deaths of two official delegates to this Congress, Dr. Nils Heitmann, the Director of Medical Affairs of Norway, and Dr. Federico Lleras Acosta, Chief of the Office of Leprosy Investigations of Colombia, on their way to Cairo, the International Congress on Leprosy wishes to express its regret of the loss of these two prominent scientists, and to extend its condolences to their relatives and to the governments of Norway and Colombia.

2. The following resolutions were presented by the President of the International Leprosy Association and adopted by the Congress:
(a) That the minutes of the general meeting of the International Leprosy Association, held on March 27th, 1938, because of their interest to leprosy workers, be included in the printed proceedings of this International Congress of Leprosy. [These minutes appear separately, on p. 418.]

(b) That this meeting of the Congress associate itself with the following resolution of the International Leprosy Association, passed at its general meeting:

"The International Leprosy Association wishes to express its profound thanks to the Egyptian Government, to H.E. The Minister of Public Health, to Prof. Khalil Bey, and to Dr. Dalgamouni, for their gracious hospitality and for all they have done to make this leprosy congress a success."

(c) That the Congress, while appreciating the full work of voluntary organizations in antileprosy work, wishes to emphasize strongly its opinion that the control of leprosy is essentially the responsibility of the governments of the countries where the disease is common, and that antileprosy work should form an important integral part of the public health programmes of such countries. It is also urged that governments should do everything possible to initiate and encourage research with a view to improving methods of leprosy control.

(d) That powers be delegated by the Congress to the subcommittees on classification, treatment, and epidemiology and control to complete their reports, which, after acceptance by the Resolutions Committee, shall then be included, as approved, in the findings of the Congress.

(3) It was announced that a fourth subcommittee, on in vitro cultivation of M. leprae, had been appointed during the course of the meeting. The report of this committee was read and accepted. [This report appears together with those of the other subcommittees.]

4. The office bearers and councillors of the International Leprosy Association for the next five years were announced.

5. An invitation from the City of Paris that the next International Congress of Leprosy be held in Paris in 1941 was presented by Prof. Marchoux. The opinion was expressed that a longer interval should elapse before another such meeting, and on vote it was decided that the next congress should be held in Paris in 1943. It was agreed that the exact date and other details should be left to the Organizing Committee to decide.

The following Organizing Committee was appointed and empowered to make the necessary arrangements for the next congress:

The President of the International Leprosy Association.
The Chairman of the Western Section of the Association.
The Secretary-Treasurers of the Association.
The Secretary of the present Congress, Prof. Khalil Bey.
The Assistant Secretary of the present Congress, Dr. Dalgamouni.
It was moved and adopted that summaries in two languages (English and French) should be supplied by the authors of all papers read before the next congress.

It was resolved and approved that the acceptance of the Paris invitation include the following statement, made by Dr. R. G. Cochrane:

As the French delegation to this International Congress of Leprosy has graciously asked the Council of the International Leprosy Association to confer with them with regard to the invitation of the City of Paris for the next congress, we should like to have it known to the membership of the International Leprosy Association, and others interested in leprosy, that the French delegation has kindly agreed that the International Leprosy Association shall have the same part in organizing the Paris congress as it has had in assisting in the organizing of the Cairo congress. We regard it as a happy circumstance that our president, Prof. Marchoux, lives in Paris and is therefore in a position to participate in this work conveniently.

6. The following resolution was moved and adopted:

The Congress wishes to express its gratitude to Dr. Germond and others for their valuable services as interpreters for the different languages used during the various sessions of the Congress.

7. Prof. Marchoux and Prof. Balífi said that, as representatives of France and of Argentina, they would join in commending the great aid given to leprosy work by the well-known Brazilian philanthropist, Dr. Guilherme Guinle, who has done so much to promote leprosy research in Brazil.
should prepare reports to be handed to the Resolutions Committee for submission at the final meeting of the congress.

FINAL MEETING

On Monday, March 28th, the committee accepted the reports of the various subcommittees, subject to editing, for which purpose an editorial committee was appointed, consisting of Drs. Wade, Dalgamouni and Muir.

The subcommittee on classification reported that, because it is important that any translation of its report should be exact as to sense, it had arranged to have a translation into French made by certain of its own members, namely, Drs. Dubois and Germond. This was agreed to. It was further agreed that this translation should be submitted to Prof. Marchoux for final revision, who would provide two copies of it, one for inclusion in the transactions of the congress, the other for publication in the International Journal of Leprosy. In this connection the following proposal, put forward by Dr. Dalgamouni, was approved:

With regard to the report on classification it is recommended that, in making translations into other languages, the English or French nomenclature and the standard symbols of the report should be added in brackets after the translated terms.

The reports of the subcommittees follow.
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