

Official Transactions of the Second International Conference of Human Genetics

In the Opening Session the President of the First International Congress of Human Genetics and Chairman of the Session, Professor Tage Kemp, proposes the election of the President of this Second Conference.

Professor A. Franceschetti, on behalf of the Provisional Committee elected at Copenhagen, moves that Professor Luigi Gedda, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, be elected President of the Second Conference.

Professor F. J. Kallmann seconds the motion, which is unanimously approved.

Election of the Permanent Committee for the International Conferences of Human Genetics

In the Business Meeting convened by the invitation of the President of the Second International Conference of Human Genetics to the leaders of the national delegations, on September 11th at 2,30 p. m., it was decided, at the suggestion of Professor François, to propose the setting up of a Permanent Committee for the International Conferences of Human Genetics, which would be responsible for the preparation, the date, the site and the program of future Conferences.

It was also decided to submit to the approval of the Membership of the Conference the appointment, as Ex-officio Members of

the Permanent Committee, of the Members of the Provisional Committee elected at Copenhagen, of the Presidents of the past Conferences and of the President pro tempore of the Genetics Section of the International Union of Biological Sciences (Professor Boyes, the incumbent President, approved this proposal) and to elect 12 more members, thus bringing to 18 the first membership of the Permanent Committee.

In the Closing Session of the Conference the President submitted to the membership of the Conference the conclusions of the Business Meeting and a list of candidates drawn up according to its instructions. Both ex-officio and elective members were approved by the membership of the Conference.

The membership of the Permanent Committee for the International Conferences of Human Genetics is thus composed of the following persons, who have accepted their nomination:

Ex-officio Members:

1. Professor J. W. Boyes, *President, Genetics Section, I.U.B.S.*
2. Professor A. Franceschetti, *Member, Provisional Committee.*
3. Professor L. Gedda, *President, Second Conference.*
4. Professor F. J. Kallmann, *Member, Provisional Committee.*
5. Professor T. Kemp, *President, First Congress.*
6. Professor L. S. Penrose, *Member, Provisional Committee.*

Elected Members:

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| 1. Professor G. Anders. | 7. Professor M. Lamy. |
| 2. Professor P. E. Becker. | 8. Professor F. Mainx. |
| 3. Professor J. A. Böök. | 9. Professor A. Nakajima. |
| 4. Professor J. François. | 10. Professor J. V. Neel. |
| 5. Professor F. C. Fraser. | 11. Professor K. Stern. |
| 6. Doctor N. Freire-Maia. | 12. Doctor A. C. Stevenson. |

It was furthermore decided that observers from the World Health Organization and C.I.O.M.S. would be invited to the meetings of the Permanent Committee.

Motion on Atomic Weapons

During its Closing Session the Conference voted and unanimously approved the following resolution concerning ionizing radiations:

RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY PROFESSORS
PENROSE, BOYES, KALLMANN AND GEDDA

« The members of the Second International Conference of Human Genetics, having considered the harmful effects of ionizing radiations on the exposed individual or his offspring, request all responsible governments of the world to enter into an agreement prohibiting the development and use of atomic weapons.

The members also request that the genetical effects of the use of atomic energy and radiation for peaceful purposes be carefully studied and strict control measures be formulated and observed ».