SECOND WORLD CONGRESS OF CARDIOLOGY

A total of over 3,100 registrants from 50 nations attended the Second World Congress of Cardiology which was combined with the Twenty-Seventh Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association at the National Guard Armory in Washington, D. C., September 12–17. About one-third were physicians from abroad.

Dr. Paul D. White, Boston, who served as President of the Congress, was elected President of the International Society of Cardiology which sponsors these Congresses. He succeeded Dr. Charles Laubry of Paris, who has held the post for the past four years, and who presided over the first international cardiology congress in Paris in 1950. Other officers named at a meeting of the Society's Council include: First Vice President, Prof. Ignacio Chavez, Mexico City; Second Vice President, Prof. D. E. Bedford, London; Secretary-General, Prof. Pierre Duchosal, Geneva; Treasurer, Dr. Louis N. Katz, Chicago; Assistant Secretary, Dr. John Palmer, Montreal.

Brussels, Belgium, was chosen as the scene for the Third World Congress of Cardiology to be held in 1958. The Inter-European Congress of Cardiology will be held in Stockholm in 1956, and the Inter-American Congress of Cardiology will convene in Havana in the same year.

The next regular Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association will be held in conjunction with the Association's Annual Meeting, October 22–27, 1955, at the Jung Hotel in New Orleans.

Copies of the printed program for the Second World Congress of Cardiology are still available at $3.00 a copy from the American Heart Association, 44 East 23rd Street, New York 10, N. Y. The 559-page volume contains abstracts of papers presented at the formal scientific sessions. The abstracts are printed in English, with translations in Interlingua, a new international language, and in some cases in their original language.

NEW OFFICERS OF SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

The following officers of the Scientific Council of the American Heart Association were named at a meeting held during the Second World Congress of Cardiology in Washington. Robert L. King, M.D., Seattle, has automatically assumed the Chairmanship of the Council as the immediate Past President of the Association. Dr. King is Chief of Medical Service of the Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine and Consultant in Cardiology to the Department of Health, Territory of Alaska.

Eugene Stead, M.D., Professor of Medicine at Duke University School of Medicine, Durham, N. C., was named Vice Chairman, and A. Carlton Ernestene, M.D., Chief of Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, was named Secretary. Robert Wilkins, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine at Boston University, and Hans Hecht, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Utah College of Medicine, Salt Lake City, were elected to the Executive Committee of the Council.

"ATLAS OF CONGENITAL CARDIAC DISEASE." REPRINTED

In response to numerous requests from physicians, students, scientific workers and libraries throughout the world, the American Heart Association has reprinted the "Atlas of Congenital Cardiac Disease," by Dr. Maude F. Abbott. This classic monograph, a critical analysis of 1000 cases of congenital cardiac anomalies, was first published by the Associa-
tion in 1936. Long since out of print, it has now been reprinted in a limited edition of 1500 numbered copies exactly as it appeared originally.

The work of Dr. Maude Abbott, who died in 1940, served to bridge the gap between the previous unsystematic and largely descriptive knowledge of congenital cardiac defects and the present era of precise diagnosis and dramatic surgery.

The monograph was published largely at the suggestion of and with the encouragement of Dr. William W. Francis of the Osler Library, McGill University, Montreal, and with the permission of the executors of Dr. Abbott’s estate.

The volume, which was printed by Peter F. Mallon, Inc., Long Island City, is available at a cost of $5.00. Copies may be obtained from the National Office of the American Heart Association or through affiliated Heart Associations and medical booksellers.

INTERPRETATION OF ARRHYTHMIAS

A course in Interpretation of Complex Arrhythmias will be given at Michael Reese Hospital, December 13–16, by Louis N. Katz, M.D., Richard Langendorf, M.D. and Alfred Pick, M.D. This is an advanced course intended only for experienced electrocardiographers. The class will meet daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Further information and a copy of the lecture schedule may be obtained from Secretary, Cardiovascular Department, Medical Research Institute, Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago 16, Ill.

MEETINGS CALENDAR

Nov. 10–12: Seventh Annual Conference on Electrical Techniques in Medicine and Biology, featuring two sessions devoted to circulation and cardiology and on electrical properties of biological materials; Morrison Hotel, Chicago; Herman P. Schwan, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Phila. 4.

Nov. 12–13: American Geriatrics Society, Graduate Symposium on Geriatric Medicine, Roosevelt Hotel, New York City.

Nov. 29–Dec. 2: American Medical Association, Clinical Meeting, Miami; George F. Lull, M.D., Secretary, 535 North Dearborn St., Chicago 10, Ill.

The New England Cardiovascular Society

Scientific Program for 1954–1955

(All meetings will be held in the MORSE AUDITORIUM, MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, Science Park, Boston, at 8:00 p.m.)

Nov. 15, 1954: Boston City Hospital, Laurence B. Ellis, M.D.; Massachusetts General Hospital, Edward F. Bland, M.D.

Jan. 3, 1955: Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Samuel A. Levine, M.D.; Invited Papers from New England, Dr. Bland

Feb. 7, 1955: Beth Israel Hospital, Herman L. Blumgart, M.D.; Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals, Robert W. Wilkins, M.D.

Mar. 7, 1955: New England Center Hospital, Samuel Proger, M.D.; Children’s Medical Center, Benedict F. Massell, M.D.

May 9, 1955: The Henry Jackson Lecture

ASSOCIATION GRANTS-IN-AID

Applications for Research Grants-in-Aid for the 1955–56 fiscal year must be received on or before Dec. 1, 1954. Grants are made to nonprofit institutions in direct support of a particular investigator, for a specific program of research under his direction. Grants are awarded in support of research in the cardiovascular field or basic sciences related to it in amounts up to $10,000 per annum for periods of one or more years. Information and application forms may be obtained from the Association’s Medical Director.
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3. Swineford, O., Jr.,: Don't Do This for Asthma, Virginia M. Monthly 80:129 (March) 1953.
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MARK D. ALTSCHULE, M.D., Director of Internal Medicine and of Research, McLean Hospital, Waverley, Massachusetts.
Dr. Altschule, in this practical monograph, evaluates the clinical concepts of this syndrome by a study not only of clinical phenomena, but also of available physiologic data, throwing considerable light on a common, though incompletely understood, disorder. All phases, including treatment, are taken up.

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1 The Pathogenesis and Treatment of Thrombosis
IRVING S. WRIGHT, M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine, Cornell University Medical College

2 Clinical Progress in Cardiovascular Disease
Edited by HERRMAN L. BLUMGART, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School

3 Accelerated Conduction
MYRON PRINZMETAL, M.D., et al., Institute for Medical Research, Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, and University of California Medical School, Los Angeles

4 Circulatory Dynamics
CARL J. WIGGERS, M.D., Professor and Director, Department of Physiology, Western Reserve University College of Medicine

5 Infectious Mononucleosis
SIDNEY LEIBOWITZ, M.D., Associate Physician, Beth Israel Hospital, New York

6 Physiologic Therapy for Obstructive Vascular Disease
ISAAC STARR, M.D., Hartzell Professor of Therapeutics, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

7 Gout and Gouty Arthritis
JOHN H. TALBOTT, M.D., University of Buffalo Medical School

8 Chronic Pulmonary Emphysema
M. S. SEGAL, M.D., and M. J. DULFANO, M.D., Tufts College Medical School

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