

GENERAL NOTES

CALIBRATION OF AUDIOMETERS

The Royal National Institute for the Deaf has instituted a service of audiometer calibration for the benefit of hospital boards, local authorities, and firms or private individuals concerned in the measurement of hearing losses. This service is the latest stage in the expansion of the facilities of the R.N.I.D. Technical Department, which already runs a testing service on hearing aids, group-hearing aids and other acoustic apparatus.

The new service, which has the full support of the British Association of Otolaryngologists, is the only service of its kind in England and Wales (one is operated for Scotland by the Western Regional Hospital Board in Glasgow), and it has become necessary owing to the increasing number of audiometers used for testing hearing in E.N.T. Departments of Hospitals, Audiology Clinics, etc., and in industrial organizations for measuring the effects on hearing of industrial noise. Audiometers which are not regularly or accurately calibrated can give false reading for the threshold of hearing or reading which are not comparable with those obtained on instruments at other Clinics, etc.

The R.N.I.D. calibration service, which is under the direction of Dr. T. S. Littler, the Hon. Scientific Adviser of the Institute, will ensure that the readings obtained after calibration are derived from a standard "base" in accordance with the recommendation of the British Standards Institution and will enable the actual sounds used in testing to be adjusted so as to correspond exactly with the settings on the dials.

Applications for the calibration of audiometers, either of individual instruments or on a contract basis for a number of audiometers, should be made to the Secretary, R.N.I.D., 105 Gower Street, London, W.C.1.

XXI SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF THE ITALIAN SOCIETY OF ANGIOLOGY

The scientific meeting will be held in Padua on June 8th-9th, 1963, and will be organized by Professor M. Arslan, Director of the Otorhinolaryngologic Clinic of the University of Padua. The meeting is devoted to the following themes: (1) "Angiological arguments of the organs of sense" (panel discussion); (2) "Otorhinolaryngological angiology" (symposium).

The office of the Secretary for the Meeting will be open until May 15th, 1963, at the Dermatologic Clinic of the University of Pisa.

General Notes

FIRST BRITISH ACADEMIC CONFERENCE IN OTOLARYNGOLOGY,

1963

To be held at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, London, W.C.2, from June 17th to 21st inclusive. (Registration from 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 16th.)

His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, has graciously consented to be Patron of the Conference.

The main subjects for discussion at formal sessions will be:

1. *Vertigo*

Speakers: Lord Brain (G.B.)
Dr. Charles Hallpike (G.B.)
Dr. John Lindsay (U.S.A.)
Dr. W. H. Johnson (Canada)

2. *Stapes Surgery*

Speakers: Dr. John Shea (U.S.A.)
Dr. Harold Schuknecht (U.S.A.)
Mr. G. C. Halliday (Australia)
Dr. J. Sullivan (Canada)
Mr. P. Beales (G.B.)

3. *Chemotherapeutic Treatment of Cancer of Head and Neck*

Speakers: Professor F. Bergel (G.B.)
Mr. P. Clifford (Kenya)
Drs. R. D. Sullivan and Elton Watkins (U.S.A.)
Mr. D. F. N. Harrison (G.B.)

4. *Deafness in Children*

Speakers: Professor Sir Alexander Ewing (G.B.)
Mr. Gavin Livingstone (G.B.)
Miss Edith Whetnall (G.B.)

5. *Carcinoma of the Larynx*

Speakers: Professor Sir Brian Windeyer (G.B.)
Dr. E. C. Easson (G.B.)
Mr. Robert Owen (G.B.)
Mr. Philip Reading (G.B.)

In each case the discussion will be initiated by invited persons.

Informal instructional sessions and film shows, also scientific and trade exhibitions, will be arranged.

A Reception will be given by the President and Council of the Royal College of Surgeons on the evening of Tuesday, June 18th.

A Banquet will be held on the evening of Thursday, June 20th.

Enrolment forms and further particulars may be obtained from the Hon. General Secretary, Mr. Ronald Macbeth, Department of Otolaryngology, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

General Notes

SIXTIETH FRENCH CONGRESS OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY

Sixtieth French Congress of Otolaryngology Meeting, October 7th to 10th, 1963. President: Mr. Ombredanne, M.D., 4 rue Logelbach, Paris. General Secretary: Mr. H. Guillon, M.D., 6 avenue Mac-Mahon, Paris.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE HUNGARIAN SOCIETY OF OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGY

This Congress will be held in Budapest from September 19th to September 21st, 1963.

The main subjects to be discussed will be: Tumours of the Paranasal Sinuses; Occupational Ear Disease.

Will those who intend to participate write for further information to: Dr. George Revesz, General Secretary of the Hungarian Society of Otolaryngology, Budapest, 11. Keleti Karoly u. 15/a.

TWO COURSES IN RHINOLOGY TO BE PRESENTED AT LEIDEN UNIVERSITY, HOLLAND, IN JULY, 1963

Two courses in rhinology to be presented at the Leiden University, Holland, in July, 1963, are expected to draw participants from many countries of the world.

A "Boerhaave" course in rhinology will be held July 4th-6th, 1963, and will be followed by the fifth International Course in "Reconstructive Surgery of the Nasal Septum and External Pyramid", July 7th-19th, with the co-operation of the American Rhinologic Society.

Both will be held at the Academisch Ziekenhuis, Afd. Keel-neus-oorheelkunde under the direction of Prof. Dr. H. A. E. van Dishoeck of the University. Dr. Maurice H. Cottle, Professor of Otorhinolaryngology at the Chicago Medical School, will be the guest professor for the two-week course in nasal surgery. Many distinguished specialists from the United States, Europe, and other countries will join in the teaching programme.

For further information, write to Prof. Dr. H. A. E. van Dishoeck, Afd. Keel-neus-oorheelkunde, Academisch Ziekenhuis, Leiden, Holland, or to the American Rhinologic Society, 530 Hawthorne Place, Chicago 13, Illinois, U.S.A.

INTERNATIONAL BRONCHOSOPHAGOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Eleventh International Congress of Bronchoesophagology will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, in conjunction with the Ninth Congress of the Pan-Pacific Surgical Association, November 5th to 13th, 1963. Those who have interest in attending or participating may write for further information to Dr. Charles M. Norris, Secretary, 3401 North Broad Street, Philadelphia 40, Pa., U.S.A.

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Mr. Gavin Livingstone, Oxford. "Congenital Abnormalities of the External and Middle Ear."

Saturday, May 4th, 1963. 10.30 a.m. at the Institute.

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*Friday, April 26th, 1963—*3.30 p.m. "Emergencies in throat, nose and ear practice."—MR. S. E. BIRDSALL.

*Friday, May 3rd, 1963—*3.30 p.m. "Surgical treatment of deafness."—MR. K. McLAY.

*Friday, May 17th, 1963—*3.30 p.m. "Chemotherapy in otolaryngology."—DR. I. FRIEDMANN.

There is a limited number of appointments in the associated Hospital as Clinical Assistants and Out-Patient Assistants for which general practitioners are eligible to apply. Particulars of these can be obtained from the House Governor of the Hospital upon request.

NON-MEDICAL COURSES

*May 29th, 30th and 31st, 1963—*Hearing and mental assessment of the deaf child—for psychologists.

The number of entries is limited in each course. A detailed syllabus of any of the above can be obtained on application from the Secretary-Administrator.

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INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF AUDIOLOGY

The Seventh International Congress of Audiology will take place in Copenhagen, August 26th-29th, 1964.

The main topics of the Congress will be: (1) Binaural hearing; (2) The acoustic impedance of the ear; (3) Modifications of speech audiometry.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

At a meeting of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons on December 13th, 1962, Diplomas of Fellowship were granted to the following candidates in Otolaryngology:

Stephenson, John Waller, St. Bartholomew's.
Lourensz, Donald Ainslie Lambert, Ceylon.
Dowie, Lancelot Newton, St. Bartholomew's.
Thomas, Kelvin Einstein, Guy's.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA MEDICAL CENTER

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE—DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

The William and Harriet Gould Foundation announces the recipient of the 1962 Gould Award: Professor G. Paul Moore, Chairman of the Speech Department at the University of Florida, for his contribution to the art and science of voice pathology.

The Gould Award is presented annually for outstanding fundamental contributions in the field of laryngology. The recipient is selected by an international committee which at present consists of Professor Dr. Luzius Ruedi, Zurich, Switzerland; Professeur George Portmann, Bordeaux, Gironde, France; Dr. A. Bustamante Gurria, Medellia 94-3 Mexico, D.F., and Dr. Hans von Leden, University of California, Medical Center, Los Angeles 24, California, Chairman.

The award consists of an illuminated plaque and cash prize of \$350.00. Nominations for the 1963 award should be filed with one of the members of the international committee prior to June 1st, 1963.

HANS VON LEDEN, M.D.

INTERNATIONAL COURSE IN NASAL SURGERY TO BE PRESENTED AT UNIVERSITY OF LEIDEN

Forty-five specialists in rhinology from the United States, Mexico, Scotland, Australia, Israel, France and The Netherlands will constitute the invited faculty for the 5th International Postgraduate Course in Reconstructive Surgery of the Nasal Septum and External Pyramid, to be presented at the University of Leiden, The Netherlands, July 14th to 27th, 1963.

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The course, directed by Prof. H. A. E. van Dishoeck of the University, will be presented with the co-operation of the American Rhinologic Society. Dr. Maurice H. Cottle, Professor of otorhinolaryngology at the Chicago Medical School, will be the guest professor.

Among the distinguished guests will be Sir Victor Negus of London, consulting Surgeon to the Ear, Nose and Throat Department of King's College Hospital, and Prof. Dr. C. A. Hamburger of the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm. Specialists from all parts of the world, will be enrolled as student participants.

The course will include lectures, surgical demonstrations, laboratory exercises and workshop exhibits. The rôle of allergy in nasal surgery will receive special attention. English will be the official language. Class membership is limited.

For further information write to: (1) Prof. Dr. H. A. E. von Dishoeck, University of Leiden, Academisch Ziekenhuis, Leiden, The Netherlands, or (2) American Rhinologic Society, 530 Hawthorne Place, Chicago 13, Illinois, U.S.A.

UNIVERSITY OF BORDEAUX

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Director Professor: Georges Portmann

FUNCTIONAL OTOLOGICAL MICRO-SURGERY POST-GRADUATE COURSE will be held from July 1st to July 10th, 1963, conducted by Michel Portmann, M.D. (Associate Professor).

This is a practical course of surgical techniques given in English and is strictly reserved for medical doctors certified E.N.T. Specialists.

During this period, every assistant attending the course will be able to watch surgical interventions in the theatre, to follow theoretical courses illustrated with films regarding the major techniques, and to work on his own daily anatomical specimen with all the requisite material, including the binocular microscope.

The number of assistants is limited to 24 divided into two groups (Group 1 and Group 2).

Fees: 200 dollars or 1,000 francs (to be paid at the Faculty of Medicine in Bordeaux) at the beginning of the course.

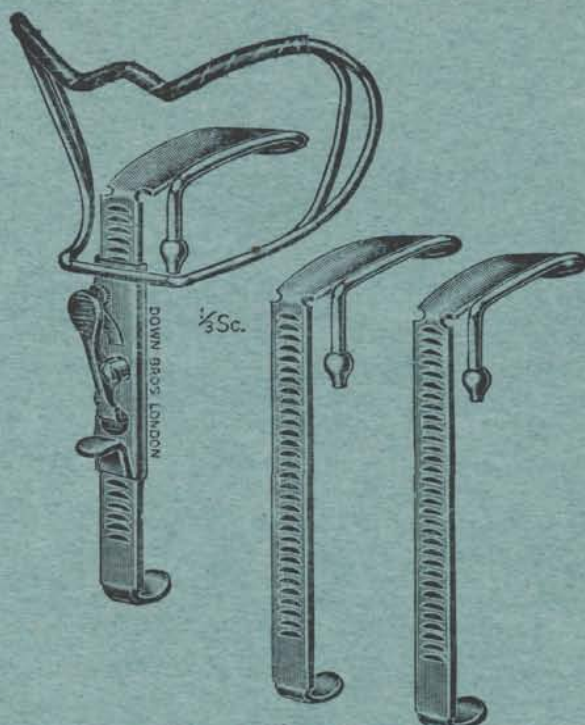
Applications should be sent to Docteur Michel Portmann, 45 cours Maréchal Foch, Bordeaux, France.

NORMAN GAMBLE FUND

An amount of £120 is available from the Norman Gamble Fund of the Royal Society of Medicine for grant(s) in aid of research in otology.

Applications should be sent to the Secretary, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, W.1. not later than October 1, 1963, giving particulars of the research it is intended to carry out.

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