

Permanent Committee
for the International Congresses of Human Genetics

Announcement

Following the adoption of the Statutes, the election of members and the meeting of the Permanent Committee that took place at Chicago in September, 1966 (*cf. A.Ge.Me.Ge.*, 15, 4: 436-439) the Secretary General, Professor Luigi Gedda, wrote to those who had extended preliminary invitations for the Fourth International Congress of Human Genetics (Brussels, Edinburgh and Paris) requesting that the invitations be finalized and information provided on the following points:

Availability of convenient accommodation.

Availability of travel and/or accommodation grants for foreign participants.

Possibility of providing simultaneous translation (if only for the main sessions and Symposia).

Planned policy concerning prepublication of Abstracts and publication of Proceedings.

The answers received were circulated to the members of the Permanent Committee on May 15th, 1967. Members were requested to indicate their choice for the site of the next Congress, according to Art. 8 of the Statutes.

On July 1st the Chairman, Secretary General and Assistant Secretary (A. Franceschetti, L. Gedda and M. Milani-Comparetti) met in Geneva in order to examine the answers of Committee members.

It was found that 12 out of 13 geographical representatives had expressed their vote, unanimously choosing Paris as the site of the Fourth International Congress of Human Genetics. The opinions expressed by the other members of the Committee also unanimously concurred.

Since unanimity certainly represents the "common agreement" requested by the Statutes, the invitation of the University of Paris was declared accepted.

Professor Maurice Lamy, Professor of Medical Genetics in the University of Paris, representing France in the Permanent Committee (who had first submitted the invitation) was officially informed of the decision and asked to initiate the necessary steps leading to the formation of the French National Organizing Committee for the Fourth International Congress of Human Genetics, to be held in Paris in the year 1971.

The cities of Brussels and Edinburgh were informed of the Committee's vote and thanked for having invited the Congress.

At Professor Nakajima's request it was suggested that a meeting of the Permanent Committee be scheduled in Tokyo on the occasion of the International Congress of Genetics in August, 1968. Professor Lamy invited to prepare a preliminary report on the organization of the Congress to be submitted at Tokyo.