

NOTÍCIAS/NEWS



Congress of Hansenology of the Endemic Countries Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, November, 1980

XIIth International Leprosy Congress/New Delhi

The XIIth International Leprosy Congress, originally planned for November 1983, has had to be postponed

until February 1984: training workshops — 16/18 February 1984; Congress — 20/25 February 1984.

College of Hansenology of the Endemic Countries Constitution and Bye-Laws

Constitution

1 Name — The name and title of this organization shall be "The College of Hansenology of the Endemic Countries", with its Portuguese equivalent, "Colégio de Hansenologia dos Países Endêmicos".

2 Purposes — The purposes of the College shall be the integration of Hanseniasis (Hansen's disease) into the mainstream of modern medicine, the research in all scientific fields of the disease and the study and elimination of all cultural barriers which are creating psycho-social problems and hindering preventive efforts.

3 Memberships — The College is open to professionals in the fields of Medicine, Biology, Chemistry, Psychology, Anthropology, History, Social Sciences, Nursing, Health Education, Communication and others who would wish to cooperate. *Sustaining membership* is a special class consisting of individuals, philanthropic and other organizations, including commercial, approved by the Council, who desire to contribute annually a minimum of US\$ 200,00 for the support of the College.

4 Officers and Council — (a) The general officers of the College shall be a President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and seven Vice-Presidents, one from each endemic region of the world (Asia, Oceania, Africa, Central America and the Caribbean Islands, South America, North America and Europe). The Council shall consist of these officers and ten elective members selected to provide proportional geographic representation. Newly elected officers of the College shall assume office after the termination of the sessions and functions of the Congress at which

they were elected. (b) The President and Vice-Presidents shall not hold office continuously in the same posts for more than one term.

5 Offices — The location of the official headquarters of the College is Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

6 Meetings — It shall be a purpose of the College to hold general Congresses every five years and regional meetings whenever necessary and possible.

7 Publications — The College shall provide for the publication of a scientific periodical devoted to Hanseniasis (Hansen's disease), and issue other publications.

8 Affiliations — The College shall encourage affiliation with it on the part of medical and welfare organizations especially concerned with Hanseniasis (Hansen's disease) and its problems, subject to approval of the Council. Fees to be paid by affiliates shall be determined by the Council. The College itself may enter into relationships with other international bodies, also subject to approval of the Council, when by doing so it can render service.

9 Funds and expenses — (a) Funds for the expenses of the College other than for meetings, shall be obtained from membership dues, subscriptions to and sales of its publications, and by donations and subsidies. (b) Expenditures from the funds of the College shall be by appropriation by the Council. (c) The balance shall be prepared yearly, in the month of December.

10 Referendum — Questions of importance to the College which cannot be deferred until the next general Congress, but not including amendments

of this Constitution, may be acted upon by postal referendum. Any such question, submitted by any member to the Secretary-Treasurer, shall be referred by him to the Council members by mail for consideration regarding the matter and its immediacy. If approved for immediate action by a majority of the Council members responding within a reasonable period of time, the matter shall be presented to the members of the College, for postal votation. A majority of those responding shall decide the issue.

11 *Amendments* — Any proposal to amend this constitution shall be decided at a General Congress of the College. Such proposals should be presented to the Secretary-Treasurer prior to or during a Congress in time to be considered by the Council members present, and then communicated to the College members present, together with the opinion of the Council group, at least twenty-four hours before the general Congress. The name and title of the College are unchangeable.

Bye-Laws

1 *Memberships* — (a) Applicants for membership shall direct to the Secretary-Treasurer, (1) a written application for membership, in which shall be given such personal data, including a statement of the applicant's connection with Hanseniasis (Hansen's disease) work : and (2) the annual dues. The Secretary-Treasurer shall enter said applicant on the roster of the College. (b) All members whose dues are paid for the current year shall be issued a current member's card. (c) Any member who fails, in any year, to pay his annual dues shall be considered not in good standing and shall be removed from the mailing list of the College until payment is made, and shall be notified of such action. (d) Mem-

bers shall not be made responsible for the liabilities assumed by the College.

2 *Election of Officers and Councilors* — Elective Officers and Councilors of the College shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast by regular members attending a general Congress of the College.

3 *Duties of Officers* — (a) The President shall fulfill such duties as law, custom, parliamentary practice and existing conditions require. (b) The Vice-Presidents shall aid the President in the performance of this duties as may be required, and in case of death, resignation, or removal from office, the Council shall select from among them a successor to complete his term. (c) The Secretary-Treasurer shall be the custodian of all records and documents belonging to the College, shall carry on its official correspondence, and shall keep an accurate register of the membership. He shall demand and receive all funds due to the College, shall receive all subsidies, donations and bequests made to it, shall deposit all funds received in an accredited bank in the name of the College, shall disburse such funds on proper authorization of the Council attested by the President, and shall submit to the Council a properly audited account at the end for each year or otherwise as required by the said Council. (d) In cases of temporary vacancy of any office, due to absence of the incumbent or other condition preventing him from fulfilling the functions of his office, the said office shall be filled temporarily by designation by the President. (e) In case of the death, resignation or removal from office of an officer or other member of the Council, the said Council shall select a successor to serve until the next election.

4 *Council and Committees* — (a) The Officers and Council shall be re-

sponsible for the management of the affairs of the College. (b) In any meeting of the Council, three shall constitute a quorum provided that one shall be an officer. In any action by said Council that may be taken by mail, a decision shall be by a majority of replies received. (c) The Council shall be empowered to create other committees, permanent or temporary, as may be found necessary or expedient.

5 *Meetings* — (a) In organizing a general Congress or Regional meeting of the College the Council shall serve as the Executive Committee and may for that purpose add to its memberships and form such special committees with members from outside that group as it may deem expedient. (b) Any member of the College in good standing may register, participate and vote in any general Congress or Regional meeting of the College. Any Society affiliated with the College may certify a delegate to any general meeting of the College to serve as a member of the Executive Committee of that meeting. (c) Non-member guests may be invited by the Executive Committee of a meeting to attend such meeting and to present papers and participate in discussions, but not to vote. (d) A general Congress convened by the College shall be presided over by the President or one of the Vice-Presidents of the College. For a Congress convened and supported by another entity, such as a government, with the College co-operating, the presiding Officer may be chosen locally. At such meetings shall be heard such addresses, scientific papers and discussions as may be arranged for in the programme. The last session, or a part thereof, of a Congress shall be a business meeting to receive and act on reports, resolutions, memorials, and such other matters as may be referred to it by the Council. (e) All addresses and scientific papers

read before a meeting of the College as such shall be the property of the College, and shall be forwarded by the Secretary concerned to be considered for publication. If, however, notice has not been received by the authors within three months from the date of receipt by the Editor that the papers have been accepted and will be published in the near future, the authors will be permitted to withdraw them and offer them for publication elsewhere.

6 *Congress Council* — (a) The Council of the College supplemented as hereinafter proscribed to form the Council of the Congress, shall meet immediately before the opening of a Congress of the College to consider matters that may be brought before it, and may meet again from time to time during the Congress as may be required. (b) The Council of the Congress shall receive and consider all reports of Officers and all resolutions and memorials prior to their submission to the business session of the Congress.

7 *Dues* — The dues of all members shall be twenty dollars (U.S.) or the equivalent thereof per annum, and each paid-up member shall be entitled to the publications issued by the College. The dues may be changed by the general officers. Any regular member of the College may become a life member on payment of a sum of \$200 (U.S.) or the equivalent.

8 *Amendments* — These by-laws may be amended at a Congress of the College by the procedure specified for amendments of the constitution, a majority vote being decisive. Amendments may be made during intervals between such meetings by referendum. Any such proposal shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer and referred by him to the members of the Council by mail, after which the proposal together with the opinion or opinions of the Council

members responding shall be published, and/or communicated to all members for votation. The issue shall be decided by a majority of those responding.

Dissolution

The dissolution of the College or its incorporation into another organization shall be decided by a majority of Officers and Councillors, and approved by a majority of members, by postal referendum. In case of dissolution, all funds and properties of the College

shall be donated to an international organization chosen by a majority of Officers and Councillors and approved by a majority of members, also by postal referendum.

Founders of the College

All persons who have sent their applications for membership to the former Organizing Committee of the College and have paid their dues before the votation of this Constitution, shall be considered Founders of the College.

Prix "Paul Laviron"

Un prix annuel Paul LAVIRON destine à récompenser des travaux de recherche sur la lèpre sera mis au concours en 1983 comme précédemment.

1 Présentation

Le prix est décerné par l'Institut de Médecine Tropicale du Service de Santé des Armées (I.M.T.S.S.A.), Parc du Pharo, Marseille, France. Le montant du prix est fixé à CINQ MILLE FRANCS pour 1983. Il confèrera ses bénéficiaires le titre de lauréat de l'Institut de Médecine Tropicale du Pharo. Ce titre est honorifique et ne devra pas servir b. des fins commerciales.

2 Modalités du concours

Les candidatures au concours devront être adressées au Médecin General Inspecteur, Directeur de l'I.M.T.S.S.A. pour le premier mars de l'année d'attribution. Les candidats devront y joindre, en double exemplaires, un mémoire dactylographié décrivant leurs recherches. Seuls les travaux substantiels et originaux, rédigés en français, et n'ayant pas fait l'objet de publication antérieure seront retenus. Ces travaux devront présenter un caractère de nouveauté et leur qualité ne sera pas inférieure à celle d'une these d'université. Le jury s'attachera à récompenser de preference des travaux realises outre-

-mer ou susceptibles d'application outre-mer. Enfin, le prix pourra être partagé. Son attribution pourra être retardée si le jury estime insuffisante la contribution apportée par les candidats.

3 Composition du jury

Le prix sera décerné par un jury de dix membres, à savoir :

— 7 membres de l'I.M.T.S.S.A.: le directeur, le sous-directeur, le chef du Centre de recherche, les professeurs titulaires des chaires de médecine tropicale, de chirurgie tropicale, d'hygiène et santé publique tropicale, et de biochimie tropicale; 2 professeurs de l'Université d'Aix-Marseille, membres du Conseil de perfectionnement de l'I.M.T.S.S.A.; le directeur de l'Institut Marchoux de Bamako (Mali) ou son représentant. La composition du jury pourra être modifiée si la nature spécialisée des travaux présentés l'exige.

4 Remise du prix

Le prix Paul LAVIRON sera remis au lauréat lors de la cérémonie annuelle de fin de scolarité de l'I.M.T.S.S.A.

Adresser les travaux (ou les demandes de renseignements) : Monsieur le Médecin General Inspecteur Directeur de l'I.M.T.S.S.A. Parc du Pharo 13998 MARSEILLE ARMÉES — FRANCE.