

## NEWS & VIEWS

The Second Convention of Indian College of Allergy and Applied Immunology was held on 21st and 22nd December, 1968, at Vallabh Bhai Patel Chest Institute, Delhi University, Delhi. The convention was inaugurated by Professor B. N. Ganguly, Vice-Chancellor, Delhi University and presided over by Professor R. K. Sanyal. The papers presented were on the fundamental and applied aspects of allergy and applied Immunology. Fundamental studies presented were on the determination of the tissue content of the various mediators in states of health and disease. Elucidation of the pathophysiology of allergic states including the role of mediators and immune mechanism was the basis of another group of papers. Various diagnostic tests for drug allergy were discussed. A number of papers were devoted to isolation and study of clinical properties of commonly encountered allergens. Clinical reports were concerned with certain aspects of skin allergy and therapeutic trial of some indigenous plant products in allergic states. An important feature of the convention was presentation of certain newer techniques and studies in this field in the form of demonstrations. A special lecture on "Pharmacological basis of the modern therapy of allergic disorders" was given by Professor S. C. Lahiri. The scientific sessions were followed by a business meeting in which it was resolved that a certificate course in allergy for scientists at post-doctorate level should be started in the Delhi University. Professor R. Viswanthan who delivered the I. C. A. I. oration, was elected President, Dr. Kartar Singh, Secretary and Dr. P. Sen, Treasurer of the College for the year 1969.

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