

## EDITORIAL

### XI ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Our XI annual conference was held jointly with API and others at the historic city Hyderabad from 22nd January to 25th January 1969. The climate was moderately cool. The joint conference was inaugurated as usual by the State Governor Shri Khandubhai Desai who dwelt on the high cost of allopathic treatment.

This time there was minor departure from previous routine. Unlike in the past, the presidents of all the participating societies delivered their presidential addresses to the joint session. This had to be done to provide for sizeable audience at least for presidents of small associations.

We held our central council and general body meeting on 23rd, Dr. T. K. Mehta presiding. The attendance this time was encouraging. All the agenda was thoroughly discussed and gone through with clockwork punctuality. The president had to be strict with some members who repeated arguments. This was inevitable as the agenda, particularly the revise constitution had to be passed. It is to the credit of the members that inspite of hectic and divergent discussions on each item of the revised constitution they passed it unanimously. What was more heartening to the president was that every member talked to the chair with very little of cross dialogue and abided by his ruling. The noteworthy features of the whole business session were the active participation and interest of practically each member in the discussion and also their discipline in obeying the president's ruling. This is a healthy trend and bright spot for the future of any association.

On the other two days we had scientific sessions. Before that we should take note of the presidential address by Dr. Mulay. In the joint session he delivered it unflinching and with confidence. He very ably highlighted some of the important functions an association should and could discharge. Coming to scientific papers, it is a matter of deep satisfaction that we are improving every year both in quantity as well as quality. These were some nice basic papers especially from the all India Institute. Mention also must be made about a very highly instructive paper of basic value viz cellular kinetics of epidermis very ably presented by Dr. Bhaktaviziam. This singling out in no way distracts from the significance, importance and utility of other papers which were all selected by a competent scientific committee headed by no less a person than Prof. Kandhari.

This time we were fortunate in having in our midst the august presence of Dr. Rajam, our first president, who blessed and inspired the scientific sessions.

With the grand success at Hyderabad, forward we go to our next conference at Bombay with confidence, courage and conviction.

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## 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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