

Announcements...

International Congress of Dermatology

The XV International Congress of Dermatology will be held from October 16-22, 1977 in Mexico City with scientific programme, social programme and exhibitions:

Following are the themes of courses which will be conducted:

Immunology, Pathology, Photobiology, Structure and Function of the Skin, Dermis and Connective Tissue, Physical Methods in Dermatology, Tropical Dermatology, Diseases of the Oral Mucous Membranes, Dermatologic Surgery, Pediatric Dermatology, Cosmetic Dermatology.

Themes of Workshops are as follows:

Chemistry and structure of keratinization, Epidermal regeneration, Epidermal Cellular Kinetics, Dermal-Epidermal Interaction, Collagen, Hair Growth, Percutaneous absorption, Methods in cutaneous pharmacology and Drug Testing, Tissue culture of isolated systems, Macrophages, Chemical Mediators of inflammation, Lymphokines, Complement, IgE in Dermatology, Diseases due to Immune Complex formation, Immunofluorescent Techniques as Diagnostic aids, Immunologic aspects of pemphigus and pemphigoid, Immunology of infertility, Immunology of Melanoma, Oncogenic viruses of the skin, Mechanisms in Atopic Dermatitis, Mechanisms in Urticaria, Mechanisms in Contact Dermatitis, Mechanisms in photosensitivity, Genodermatoses, Mechanisms in Acne, Microbiology, Melanin, Electron microscopy and Freeze fracture Techniques as an experimental tool, Scanning electromicroscopy, Cyclic AMP and Cyclic GMP, Mechanisms in Psoriasis, Sweating, Ultraviolet and chemical carcinogenesis, Hormonal control of skin appendages, Mechanisms in Dermatitis Herpetiformis, Blood supply of the skin, Structure and function of cutaneous innervation.

Subsequent issues of this Journal will announce more details. For further information contact: General Secretariat, Avenida Veracruz 93, Mexico, 11, D. F. Mexico.

From the Editor's Desk

We launch upon two new features for the Journal in the year 1977. The first is an Editorial column which we hope to have as a regular feature*. The second is a "Self-Assessment Programme". The Editorial Column will be contributed by one of the members of the Editorial Board, whereas the Self-Assessment Programme for this year would be prepared by Dr. L. K. Bhutani, Professor of Dermatology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

We trust that you will enjoy reading these new features and also the Journal as a whole.

On the back-side cover you will also note that the articles are classified under various headings. We hope that this also will be a welcome change this year.

Please remember to renew your membership and subscription to the Journal as early as possible if you have not already done so.

We wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

* Due to unseen circumstances we are unable to have the 'Editorial' in this first issue.

Association News and Notes

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF DERMATOLOGISTS, VENEREOLOGISTS & LEPROLOGISTS

Central Office

Dr. A. G. Amin, Honorary General Secretary of I.A.D.V. & L. requests all the members to send one passport size block of their photograph to reach his office on or before 31-3-1977. This is for printing in 'Who is Who' membership roster.

He further informs that a special tour is being planned to attend the International Conference of Dermatology at Mexico in October 16-22, 1977. Those who desire to join may please write to him as early as possible.

Karnataka Tamilnadu Branch

The Annual Meeting of K. T. branch of IADVL was held in Bangalore on 13th November 1976 with Doctor T. S. Sambasivan, the President of the Branch presiding. Dr. Harijivan Shetty, Professor of Dermatology, Bangalore Medical College, made necessary arrangements.

The following office - bearers were unanimously elected for the year 1977.

<i>President</i>	: Dr. Harijivan Shetty, Bangalore
<i>Vice-President</i>	: Dr. (Mrs.) Isaac, Bangalore
<i>Hon. Genl. Secretary</i>	: Dr. K. Siddappa, Davanagare

Central Council Members

Drs. A. Krishna (Madras),	T. V. Venkatesan (Madurai)
K. M. Prakash (Bangalore)	K. Siddappa (Davanagare).

The General Secretary's letter regarding proposed amendments to the present rules and by-laws was discussed in the General Body in detail. It was unanimously decided to support the proposed amendment.

The term of the office of the General Secretary and the Treasurer would be for a period of three years. The term of the President, Vice-Presidents, Jt. Secretaries and Central Council members would be for one year or till the next elections are held.

Periodically a conference may be held exclusively of the Association as may be decided by the Central Council at the invitation of a branch.

It was decided by the General Body that Dr. P. N. Rangaiiah, Professor Emeritus, Madras Medical College, one of our oldest members should be made Honorary Member of our Association in view of his service, long association and eminence in the speciality. Opinion of the Centre was sought.

For future correspondence regarding branch activities, kindly write to the Honorary Secretary Dr. K. Siddappa, 191/2, 9th Cross, 3rd Main Road, P. J. Extension, Davanagare-577002.