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MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

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WFP\WHO

The Secretary received a letter from Dr.H.Nakajima, Director General of the WHO. It was stated that the WHO Executive Board reviewed the relations with all its non-governmental organisations. They were pleased to inform WFP that they decided to maintain the official relation in the next coming three years.

The WHO technical officer who is responsible for the relation with WFP will soon visit the secretariat to further discuss strengthening the cooperation in detail.

"Revista Parasitologia al Dia"

The WFP regularly gets the Journal "Revista Parasitologia al Dia" which is the Latin American Journal promoted by the Chilean Society of Parasitology. For anybody interested in receiving this publication we include in this newsletter a registration form.

NEWS FROM OTHER SOCIETIES

Turkish Society for Parasitology
(message from Prof.Dr.M.Ali Ozcel)

New board of Turkish Society for Parasitology

President: Prof.Dr.M.Ali Ozcel
Vice President: Prof.Dr.Seza Budak
Secretary: Dr Ahmet Uner
Treasurer: Dr.Ilkin Sermet
Member: Dr.H.Aydinten Kuman
Member: Dr.Nilgün Daldal
Member: Dr.Nazmiye Altintas

The activities of the Turkish Society for Parasitology in 1990 up to march 1991 are as follows:

Four issues of the News Bulletin in 1990 and one issue in 1991, informing about activities and interesting news in the field of parasitology, have been published. The news bulletins are very useful to keep in touch with our members.

Three issues of the Journal of the Turkish Society for Parasitology in 1990 and one issue in 1991, were published and mailed to our members.

There is a new section in the Journal of the Turkish Society for Parasitology called "Recent Publications in Parasitology". This provides information on the contents of Parasitology Journals from all over the world. If our members wish to receive a copy of any article in these Journals, we make a photocopy and send it free of charge.

The VIIIth National Congress of Parasitology will be organized by Turkish Society for Parasitology in Acapulco Holiday Village in Cyprus-Girne between 22-24th October 1991. Would you please put this congress and date in your calendar. All parasitologists and members of WFP are welcome to our congress. There will be two round table discussions and two

Conferences on major topics in Parasitology. If anyone is interested, please write to Dr. Nazmiye Altintas, Secretary VIIth National Congress of Parasitology, Dept. of Parasitology Medical Faculty of Ege University. 35100 Bornova-IZMIR Turkey.

Professor Olga Paljakova-Krusteva, who is the delegate of the Bulgarian Society of Parasitology has sent us a letter asking for close cooperation with the Turkish Society. She also asked to support in organizing the Second International School, Parasite-Host-Environment in Bulgaria, May, 1991. As you know, the Turkish Society for Parasitology is rich in science but poor in money. We wanted to help our sister Society and 40 kg of printing paper and 100 U.S. Dollars were sent to Prof. dr. Olga Paljakova-Krusteva as a symbolic help. We thought WFP members should help each other whenever it is necessary and possible.

Two Symposia were organized by the Turkish Society for Parasitology in IZMIR.

1. Monoclonal antibodies in Parasitology, 28th May 1990
2. Economic Importance of Malaria 12th October 1990

ICOPA VII, Izmir, Turkey

The Turkish Society for Parasitology is preparing for the organization of next ICOPA in IZMIR, Turkey which will be held in the first half of October 1994. We are corresponding and discussing with professional centers which are going to take care of accomodations, exhibitions and social activities. The scientific secretariat already has been established for ICOPA VIII.

The Secretariat has five secretaries as follows:

1. Dr. Ilkin Sermet, for Asia
2. Dr. Nazmiye Altintas, for Europe
3. Dr. Ahmet Uner, for Africa
4. Dr. Nilgün Daldal, for Australia and for Oceania
5. Dr. Mucide Ak, for the Americas

We have just started to work on next ICOPA. We hope and expect to have some help from EFP too.

ICOPA VIII will be organized in IZMIR, TURKEY in 1994. The Turkish Society for Parasitology cordially invites you to IZMIR, a fascinating region of TURKEY. Located on the west coast of TURKEY, IZMIR is the largest city and an ideal center from which to visit some of the most famous archeological and touristic sites in TURKEY like Ephesus, Priene, Miletos, Pergamum, Bodrum and Cesme.

IZMIR, with hotels, cafes, restaurants, pubs and shops will be the ideal place to relax after the sessions or to have an exciting day of sight-seeing.

We do hope you will be able to be present.

Prof. dr. M. Ali Özcel
President of the Turkish Society for Parasitology
Head of the Department of Parasitology
Ege University Medical Faculty, Bornova-IZMIR

Australian society for Parasitology (march 1991)

World Association for the advancement of Veterinary Parasitology

The proposed conference in Rabat, Morocco in August this year has been abandoned due to the mood in Morocco regarding the war in the Middle East.

The next conference, in 1993, will take place at the University of Cambridge England, August 8-12. The choice of Cambridge is particularly felicitous since Professor **Lord Soulsby**, chairman of the organizing committee and a founder member of the Association, is due to retire in 1993. The next President of the Association will be Professor **Owen Slocombe**, of the Department of Veterinary Pathology, the University of Guelph, starting from August this year.

Current President Dr. **George Urquhart**, retired from the University of Glasgow last September, but has taken up a 2-yr contract as Director of the International Trypanotolerance Centre in Gambia, from April this year.

Dr. **Sayed Gaafar** retired in June last year from Purdue University, Indiana USA.

European Federation of Parasitologists:

It is with regret that we report that one of the members of the Executive Board of the EFP, Prof. **Francisco de Paula Martinez-Gomez** from Spain died at the age of 55 in September last year.

Activities of the Polish Parasitological society for 1990

Executive Board:

president: W. Kasprzak

Vice-Presidents: K. Niewiadomska

L. Grzywinski

J. Uminski

Secretary: W. Kociecka

Treasurer: T. Martynowicz

Members, Branches and Sections of the Society:

Ordinary Members: 322
(on december 31, 1990)
Honorary Members: 14
Local branches: 11
(in 11 larger cities)
Sections: 3
(General, Medical, Veterinary)

National symposia and conferences:

- Seminar on Modern drug for control of endoparasites of domestic animals, May 15, 1990, Krakow.
- Session on Mechanisms of evolution of lower groups, June 7-9, 1990, Olesnica.
- Seminar on Giardia and giardiasis, June 20, 1990, Poznan
- Workshop "Tropical Medicine Week", September 24-29, 1990, Poznan.
- Seminar on Ecological education a fashion or a necessity? October 4, 1990, Olsztyn.
- Conference "29. Clinical Parasitology Day", October 26, 1990, Lodz.

Publishing activity:

1. Wiadomosci Parazytologiczne (Parasitological News, in Polish) monthly journal, ca. 40 editorial sheets
2. Katalog Fauny Pasozytniczej Polski, (Catalog of Poland's Parasitological Fauna, in Polish) non periodical, part V, No. 3 about 10 editorial sheets.
3. Informator ZG PTP (Polish Parasitology Society Newsletter, in Polish), No. 1-6.

Other activities:

- Dr.W.Kociecka is the Secretary General of International Commission on Trichinellosis for actual tenure.
- Dr.K.Niewiadomska is the member of the Executive Board of the European Federation of Parasitologists.
- Members of the Society took part in organizing nine national courses on parasitology and mycology for post-graduate students.

Dr.W.Kasprzak
President,
Polish Parasitological Society

RESOLUTIONS ICOPA VII

At the council meeting in Paris, it was decided to postpone the formal acceptance of the resolutions which were proposed in Paris. The reason why was because of the late final formulation of and discussion on some of the resolutions. The Societies got the chance to react upon the final proposals until June 1991. Various Societies have taken the opportunity to write a letter of support to the secretary. Only some individuals had questions about the procedure or the usefulness of some of the resolutions. No society voted against. Therefore the following resolutions are formally put forward by the WFP/ICOPA VII.

Recommendations by Council Meeting of the WFP, August 23, 1990 in Paris and read at the General Assembly of Friday 24th August 1990.

Resolution I:

The World Federation for Parasitologists (WFP) is aware of the involvement and support of WHO for research into and control of parasitic diseases including the important contributions of UNDP/World Bank/WHO special programme for Research and training in Tropical Diseases. The WFP also notes that WHO has recently undertaken a reorganisation of two divisions involved in parasitic disease control. The WFP wishes to reiterate its willingness to assist international organisations, such as WHO, involved in research and control of parasitic diseases as the WFP believes its extensive expertise should be utilised in the decision making processes.

Resolution II:

The significance of parasitology as a scientific field of work has been increasingly recognised by institutes for promoting research and by state institutions. Specific support for research work has already started, but it definitely needs to be complemented at university level by appropriate measures. In particular, the institutes and working groups who have wide-ranging tasks in training and patient care, e.g. in diagnostic services and consultation, are experiencing ever greater difficulties. The shortage of staff and of funds in these fields at time of increasing demands due to tourism, AIDS, examinations of non-nationals etc. are threatening the ability of these units to function properly. Their capacities are fully tied up, with the result that scientific research has to take second place. This also means that support and research opportunities are not being utilised. Ministries and universities are urgently called upon to make available adequate funds

tand staff for parasitological facilities in their sector so as to make meaningful activities possible in research training and patient care.

Resolution III:

To stop the spread of parasites and parasitoses will require the cooperation of all parasitologists in every country and the exchange of scientific and technical knowledge and experience. International congresses represent a forum at which such exchanges can successfully take place. For this reason the World Federation of Parasitologists calls on all its member associations to appeal to their appropriate national authorities to ban the discrimination of persons on the basis of

- nationality
- political association
- race, religion, sex or
- diseases

and thus to make attendance at and participation in international meetings possible for everyone.

Uniform Nomenclature of Parasitic

Diseases - Adopted by the WFP

Council (By Tibor Kassai)

The Council of the World Federation of Parasitologists (WFP) has made an important step towards the usage of uniform and proper terms for denominating parasitic diseases or infections. During ICOPA VII in August 1990 in Paris it adopted the principles of the Standardised Nomenclature of Animal Parasitic Diseases (SNOAPAD) published in 1988 as a guideline proposed by the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology (WAAVP). The WFP Council strongly recommended the principles of SNOAPAD for general use in parasitological literature and practice concerning parasitic infections of humans and animals.

What are the basic principles of the new disease nomenclature?

Today there is a considerable degree of variation in spelling the terms used for denominating parasitic infections largely due to the different usage of endings -osis, -iasis and -inosis (e. g. schistosomiasis, schistosomiasis; taeniosis, taeniasis, taeniinosis). SNOAPAD recognizes that uniform nomenclature can only be achieved if two of

the three suffixes are dropped from routine use. Therefore, for coining disease names only the suffix -osis (plural -oses) should be used.

Another major source of nomenclatural heterogeneity originates from variation in the stem of words which are formed either from the nominative (e. g. trypanosom-osis, hypoderm-osis) or from the Greek genitive of the name of the parasite taxon (e. g. trypanosomat-osis, hypodermat-osis). SNOAPAD offers a simplifying revision by proposing the addition of the suffix -osis to the stem of the name of the parasite taxon which is, in general, formed from the nominative of the taxa by the omission of the last one or two letters, as in the following examples:

Trypanosoma - trypanosom-osis, Sarcocystis - sarcocysti-osis, Fasciola - fasciol-osis, Taenia - taeni-osis, Trichostrongylidae - trichostrongylid-osis, Ascaris - ascari-osis, Hypoderma - hypoderm-osis, Varroa - varro-osis, etc.

In some cases the disease name is formed from the full generic name of the parasite by adding the suffix -osis, e. g. Hepatozoon - hepatozoon-osis, Multiceps - multiceps-osis, Loa - loa-osis, Dermacentor - dermacentor-osis, etc.

For further details the original published version which also contains a taxonomic and an alphabetic list of standard names of parasitic diseases should be consulted (Kassai, I., Cordero del Campillo, M., Euzeby, J., Gaafar, S.Hiepe, Th., Himonas, C. A. 1988. Veterinary Parasitology, 29: 299-326.

Before ICOPA VII, the SNOAPAD as a nomenclature guideline has been sent for critical assessment to the boards of member societies of the WFP. No serious reservation or criticism was expressed. Moreover, the unanimous agreement of the national representatives in the Council of the WFP reflected that the parasitological community gave support to the principles offered by the SNOAPAD.

It is hoped that the consideration by all parasitologists, lecturers, authors, referees, editors and data retrieval services, of the benefits which may arise from the uniformity in usage of nomenclature of parasitic diseases, especially in the present era of computerized literature searches will lead to the general acceptance of the above recommendations. In this case, the name of SNOAPAD should be changed to SNOPAD, i. e. Standardized Nomenclature of Parasitic Diseases.

Calender

30th June - 5th July 1991: Gold Coast, Australia: Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australian Society for Microbiology
Information: Conference Secretariat: ICMS, P.O.Box 1728, Southport 4215, Australia

27-28 July 1991, Seattle, Washington, USA: Annual Meeting American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists
Information: Dr.S.D.Folz, Secretary Treasurer, The Upjohn Company 9690-190-40 Kalamazoo, MI 49001, USA

4-8th August 1991, Madison, Wisconsin, U.S.A.: Annual Meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists
Information: Dr.L.F.Mayberry, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Texas at El Paso, 500 W University Ave, El Paso, Texas 79968-0519, U.S.A.

13-17th August 1991, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: IVth International Congress on Malaria and Babesiosis
Information: Dr.Claudio Tadeu Daniel Ribeiro, Dept. Immunology, Oswaldo Cruz Institute, Av. Brasil 4365-CEP: 21045 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Fax scientific secr. (021) 280 1589

26-30th August 1991: Kruger National Park, Republic of South Africa: Congress on wildlife Parasitology
Information: The Congress Secretariat, Parasitology of Wildlife, P.O.Box 4345, Bloemfontein 9300, Republic of South Africa

1-6th September 1991, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; XXIV General Assembly IUBS
Information: Dr.H.M.van Embden, IUBS 24th General Assembly, c/o Biologische Raad, KNAW, P.O.Box 19121, 1000 GC Amsterdam, The Netherlands

9-11th September 1991, Oslo, Norway: 5th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
Information: Congress-Conference, P.O.Box 7609 Skillebekk, N-0205 Oslo 2, Norway

12-13th September 1991, Poznan, Poland: XVth Congress of the Polish Society for Parasitology.
Information: Dr.A.Rydzewski, Department of Biology and Medical Parasitology, Academy of Medicine, Fredry Street 10, 61-701 Poznan, Poland.

17-20th September 1991, Piestany, Czechoslovakia: Czechoslovak Conference of Tropical Medicine, Imported Infections and Clinical Parasitology
Information: Prof.O.Balint, Limbova 5, 83305 Bratislava, Czechoslovakia

23-27th September 1991: The High Tatras, Czechoslovakia: 6th International Helminthological Symposium: Helminths, Helminthoses, Environment
Information: Dr.P.Dubinsky, Helminthological Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Dukelskych hrdinov 3, 04001 Kosice, Czechoslovakia

4th October 1991, London, U.K.: British Society for Parasitology Autumn Symposium: Human Parasitic Disease in the field and the Laboratory
Information: Dr.D.a.P.Bundy, Department of Pure and Applied Biology, Imperial College, Prince Consort Road, London SW7 2BB, U.K.

4-6th October 1991, Uppsala, Sweden: 15th Scandinavian Symposium of Parasitology
Information: A.Uggla, Department of Cattle and Sheep Diseases, Swedish University of Agricultural sciences, P.O.Box 7019, S-75007 Uppsala, Sweden

29th November - 4th December 1991, Choburi, Thailand: XIII International Congress for Tropical Medicine and Malaria
Information: Congress Secretariat, The Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University, 420/6 Rajvithi Road, Bangkok 10400 Thailand

16-19th June 1992, Berlin, W.Duitsland: 3rd World Congress Foodborne Infections and Intoxications.
Information: Generalsekretariat Weltcongress, c/o Institut für Veterinarmedizin des Bundesgesundheitsamtes, Postfach 33 00 13, D 1000 Berlin 33, Germany, Fax (030) 8308-2741.

2-4th August 1992: Boston, Massachusetts, USA: Annual Meeting American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists
Information: Dr.S.D.Folz, Secretary Treasurer, The Upjohn Company 9690-190-40 Kalamazoo, MI 49001, USA

7-11th September 1992, The Hague, The Netherlands: 6th European Multicolloquium of Parasitology (EMOP-6)
Information: EMOP VI secretariat, Holland Organising Centre, Lange Voorhout 16, 2514 EE Den Haag, The Netherlands

29th November - 4th December 1992, Choburi, East Coast Thailand: 13th World Congress of Tropical Medicine and Malaria.
Information: Dr.Santasiri Sornmani, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University, 420/6 Rajvithi Road, Bangkok 10400, Thailand (fax 66-02-246-8340.

OBITUARIES

Gerald Schmidt

Gerald D. Schmidt, 56, Greeley, died Tuesday, Oct. 16, at University Health Center in Denver.

He was born March 12, 1934, in Greeley.

Mr. Schmidt attended school in Greeley and Cheyenne, Wyo., and graduated from Greeley High School in 1952. He attended Colorado A&M, now Colorado State University, for a year and majored in pre-forestry. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1953 and trained in electronics as a fire control technician in Washington, D.C. He served on the aircraft carrier USS Valley Forge until his discharge in 1957.



He then enrolled as a biology major at Colorado State College, now the University of Northern Colorado. He graduated with a bachelor's degree and a Lifetime Teaching Certificate in 1960. During the summers he worked as a mosquito technologist for the Center for Disease Control Laboratory at Island Grove Park. He also worked as the curator of the Morraine Park Museum in Rocky Mountain National Park for two summers. In 1959, he married Andra Riggs. They were divorced in 1979. In 1985, he married Pauline Huber.

After receiving his bachelor's degree, Mr. Schmidt entered graduate school in zoology at CSU. He received his master's degree in 1962 and his Ph.D. in 1964.

His main academic interest in graduate school and throughout his career was parasitology. After teaching for one year at the University of Montana he joined the faculty at UNC and rose to full professor. He was active in research and promoting research activities on campus and had published more than 160 articles on parasitology in scientific journals, as well as six books.

Mr. Schmidt was active in establishing the Sigma Xi Club on campus and was its first president. He also was instrumental in establishing the UNC Research Committee and was its first chairman. He was one of three people who established the Rocky Mountain Conference of Parasitologists.

He received the UNC M. Lucille Harrison Award for Outstanding Teaching in 1968, the UNC

Distinguished Scholar Award in 1972 and the UNC Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1975. He was a member of more than a dozen professional organizations, including serving as secretary-treasurer of the American Society of Parasitologists for seven years.

He was a board member of the World Federation of Parasitologists, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, London, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of South Australia. He was a NATO research scholar, an Organization of American States scholar and held research grants with the Armed Services Institute of Pathology and the Smithsonian Institution.

He received a lifetime membership award from the Rocky Mountain Conference of Parasitologists, a President's Special Award and the Henry Baldwin Ward Medal from the American Society of Parasitologist.

Survivors are his wife, Pauline of Greeley; two sons, Stephen Gerald and Jeffrey Scott, both of Denver; his father and stepmother, Gus and Lorraine Schmidt of Greeley; his mother and stepfather, Burton and Elsie H. Bush of Greeley.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Another memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Panorama Room on the UNC campus.

Contributions may be made to the Gerald D. Schmidt Biology Scholarship in care of the Department of Biology at the University of Northern Colorado.

Deadline next newsletter:

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