

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF LYMPHOLOGY INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

(August 26-September 2, 1985)

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The 10th International Congress of Lymphology, another milestone in the history of the Society, was a successful combination of science and pleasure. Lymphologists came from far distances to attend the meeting and were well rewarded by an appealing setup, sunny spring days, friendly South Australian countryside and a challenging scientific program. The Congress featured more than 125 scientific papers including 20 posters, a "basic science" section in conjunction with the Australian Microcirculation Society, and clarification of staging and treatment of peripheral lymphedema based on a preliminary pre-congress discussion on Hamilton Island. High peaks and great outlooks were reached (not only for those climbing Ayers Rock) and the discourse provided a solid framework for future investigation.

John and Judy Casley-Smith and Neil Piller are to be congratulated for the superb arrangements. Those who attended the meeting are not likely soon to forget the scientific camaraderie and festivities whereas those who were unable to attend missed a real treat.

General Assembly Meeting, August 30, 1985,

11:30am

MINUTES

1) REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:

The meeting was called to order by J.R. Casley-Smith who reviewed the major pro-

blems in the Society he encountered soon after the last business meeting with changeover of Secretary-General, President, Treasurer and LYMPHOLOGY Editors. R. Cluzan, M. Foldi, Ch. and M. Witte were applauded for their achievements which helped turn a potentially disastrous situation into a successful enterprise.

The *Lymphatic Manifesto*, (see Lymphology 17 (1984) 109-110) which was distributed world-wide including the USSR and China has been well received and published widely. Its chief purpose-to create interest and provide information about the ISL and the importance of the lymphatic system in many poorly understood diseases-has been achieved.

2) REPORT OF THE EDITORS:

Ch. Witte submitted and commented on the Editorial Report for the members. LYMPHOLOGY is now financially solvent and it is anticipated that it will remain monetarily sound with subscriptions currently keeping pace with cost of production.

The rejection rate during the past 1½ years has been about 50%. Ultimately, the standards of the journal and the reputation of the ISL depend on the membership. Ch. Witte encouraged the members to send high quality papers for publication. Accepted manuscripts are likely to be published within six months but with better, more numerous high-quality papers LYMPHOLOGY could easily expand its size without financial strain. Some modifications in Editorial policy and the Editorial Board are anticipated.

3) REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

R. Cluzan announced that the financial situation of the ISL is satisfactory. Assets are now Swiss franc 52,000. Only 58% of the members, however, have thus far paid 1985 dues. Although Society finances are stable it still requires careful management. For example, at the end of 1984 the balance was negative. The President reemphasized the importance of early, prompt payment. Fees must be collected by the end of 1985. Members were invited to take advantage of the new credit card system; the ISL now works with Diners, VISA and American Express. Members may also select an automatic remittance at their preferred bank for regular dues payment. The Treasurer moved that the dues be increased for the following reasons:

- a. Dues have been frozen at the present level for more than 10 years.
- b. The Society needs greater financial security for unexpected expenses.
- c. Young people need to be recruited into the ISL and junior membership should be underwritten by the Society.
- d. Funds to invite prominent scientists as speakers to future congresses.

The majority of the members present voted in favor of an increase in membership dues to Swiss francs 130 per annum (US \$60). A. Miller moved to establish a reduced junior membership fee to help recruit young members into the Society without straining assets. This proposal was accepted.

4) SELECTION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT:

Based on the experience during his presidency, J.R. Casley-Smith moved that the office of President-Elect be established. This additional office allows a future president to become familiar with the upcoming tasks and administrative aspects of the Society. Discussion ensued concerning this new office and its format. Should it be an ex-officio nomination? Would this term convey automatic executive voting rights? B. Tjernberg moved that the past president should remain on the Executive Board for one more business period lest the expired

term as Board member coincide with termination of the Presidency. The two motions passed unanimously. This necessitates a change of the Constitution which now reads Article 13 (1) "The Executive Committee consists of the President, the President-Elect, Secretary-General, the Treasurer and at most 12 additional members." The President-Elect automatically becomes President at the next General Assembly.

5) ELECTIONS:

Nominations for vacant offices as suggested by the Nominating Committee and which were posted prior to the meeting were presented to the Assembly. The President requested other nominations from the floor. Hearing none the following nominations were unanimously elected.

PRESIDENT: M.H. Witte, USA

PRESIDENT-ELECT: E.M. Mannheim, Austria

TREASURER: R. Cluzan, France

ASST-TREASURERS: R. Levillain, France; L. Clodius, Switzerland

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: J. Bruna, CSSR; J.A. Gruwez, Belgium; S. Jamal, India; S.E. Leeds, USA; H. Partsch, Austria; K. Tallroth, Finland; S. Uchino, Japan; (Remaining members on the Executive Committee: Z. Braf, Israel; J.R. Casley-Smith, Australia; J. Edwards, U.K.; M. Foldi, W. Germany; R. Musumeci, Italy; Ch. Witte, USA).

6) FUTURE CONGRESSES:

a. E.M. Mannheim briefly outlined the 11th Congress scheduled for Vienna, 1987. The time will be between mid-September to mid-October. Pre and Post Congress functions are already in the planning stage with social programs to be conducted in true Viennese style. Suggestions for the scientific program included recruitment of a few key individuals from different specialties to be invited as chairmen and for leading discussions. A broad overview of the entire lymphatic system was favored as

well as soliciting requests of national societies and chapters on the particular areas they wish covered. For example, some nations have special problems related to lymphatic disorders such as filariasis.

T. Ryan proposed that Lymphology as a discipline appear on the programs of other meetings such as Angiology Congresses to more globally disseminate the interests of the ISL and the importance of the "third" circulation.

b. 12th Congress. The Society received two invitations for the 1989 Congress: J. Edwards offered to host the 12th Congress in London; K. Seki and S. Uchino invited the ISL to Japan. The Assembly recognized both the advantages and disadvantages of these two excellent sites. Because London committed the Society to two consecutive meetings in Europe, the Assembly voted unanimously for Tokyo, Japan as location of the 12th International Congress with a post-congress meeting in Kyoto.

c. Tjernberg recalled for the Society previous difficulty with the site for the 3rd Congress which for political reasons had to be hurriedly changed. To avoid a potential problem he suggested that London be retained as a possible alternative in case of an emergency in 1989.

7) SOCIETIES AND CHAPTERS:

The President emphasized the importance of world-wide lymphologic interest and activity. Accordingly, the formation of regional and national working groups is deemed essential. The regulations and guidelines for affiliation of national or regional chapters and societies shall be the basis for liaisons with the ISL. J. Beninson moved to change paragraph B to "A national or regional society of Lymphology shall consist of a minimum of 15 members (rather than 25) who may or may not be members of the ISL. A. Miller seconded the motion and it carried. The President encouraged the members of the national societies to send reports of regional ac-

tivities, meetings, etc to the Zurich office. They will be published in the newsletter section of LYMPHOLOGY.

8) MEMBERSHIP:

A new title of Emeritus Membership was suggested. This designation would apply to longstanding members retiring from formal professional position but still interested in lymphology and membership in the ISL. The new title was accepted unanimously.

Two members were proposed for Honorary Membership: G. Szabo and J. Yoffey. These nominees were approved by acclamation. Article 5 of the Constitution was changed as follows: "The membership of the Society will be as follows: Active Members, Honorary Members, Associate Members, Junior Members and Emeritus Members.

9) MISCELLANEOUS:

The Asellius Medal was awarded to Prof. K. Seki for outstanding contributions to the advancement of the ISL. S. Uchino received the medal on behalf of K. Seki. It was proposed that advertisements be accepted in the Proceedings of the Congress to help defray the cost currently estimated at US \$35. This idea was approved. The ISL has been invited by the 4th World Congress for Microcirculation (to be held in Tokyo on July 26-August 2, 1987) to participate in organizing a symposium on current topics in microcirculatory research. An affirmative answer had already been sent to M. Tsuchiya of Keio University. The new President, M.H. Witte, was introduced to the membership by outgoing President J.R. Casley-Smith. She thanked the Society for the honor and looked forward to the challenge. In particular the ISL must redouble its efforts to foster research and communication world-wide about the importance of the lymphatic system in both health and disease.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.