

INTERNATIONAL CANCER RESEARCH COMMISSION MEETING IN PARIS, JULY 18 TO 22, 1949

History.—The Commission was established at the Fourth International Cancer Research Congress held in St. Louis, September 2 to 7, 1947. The American Association for Cancer Research organized this Congress, with the approval of the Department of State and with the cooperation of the Union Internationale Contre le Cancer. Dr. E. V. Cowdry was selected as President of the Congress and appointed appropriate committees to expedite arrangements and finance of the Congress. Invitations to send delegates to the Congress were transmitted by the Department of State to all nations having diplomatic relations with the United States. President Truman appointed the following U.S. delegates:

John J. Bittner	C. P. Rhoads
James P. Cooney	Leonard A. Scheele
E. V. Cowdry	Shields Warren
W. U. Gardner	Richard B. Williams
Elise L'Esperance	

Encouraged by the President's letter and telegram to the Congress, recognizing the importance of international cooperation in cancer research and expressing the hope that the cooperation therein achieved "will carry over into other problems of world concern," and with the deepest feelings of urgency, these delegates together with those of 39 other nations recommended to the Congress establishment of an organization to be known as "The International Cancer Research Commission" to operate in accordance with the following principles:

1. That cancer research include all efforts to advance our knowledge of cancer by clinical, experimental, or other means.
2. That the Commission consist of one member from each country here represented, with equal voting power. Other nations not here represented will be welcome on the same basis.
3. That the principal source of financial support should be governmental.
4. That the governments should be invited each to send one national representative who should be actively engaged in cancer research, to serve for a period of three years, and advises that such representation be changed at the end of this three years. Further, that the governments after two years select an additional representative who will serve without vote prior to succeeding the voting nominee.
5. That the Commission should arrange meetings once a year, and never consecutively in the same country.
6. That an executive committee be constituted made up of five members and not more than seven as follows with alternates: one each from Latin America, Asia, United States and two from Europe.
7. That the first executive committee be constituted as follows:

Latin America	—Dr. Ignacio Millan (Chairman)
	Dr. Felix E. Leborgne, alternate
United States	—Dr. E. V. Cowdry
	Dr. W. U. Gardner, alternate
Asia	—Dr. V. R. Khanolkar
	Dr. Tu-Shan Yung, alternate

Europe	—Dr. J. Maisin
	Dr. A. Lacassagne, alternate
	Dr. A. Haddow
	Dr. J. Engelbreth-Holm, alternate

8. That the Commission form part of the Union Internationale, replacing the Comité Scientifique. It advises that this Commission, within the organization of the Union Internationale, be given the greatest possible freedom of action to attain its goal, and that it have direct power to solicit and distribute financial aid, which has been agreed to by the Union.
9. That this Fourth International Cancer Research Congress request of governments that the group of national representatives here assembled and its executive committee be permitted to serve as the first appointees.

Official French and Spanish translations of these "principles" were also made and the Congress enthusiastically and unanimously approved.

The forty nations and their representatives, which constitute the charter members of the Commission, are:

Argentina	—J. E. Pessano
Australia	—R. Kaye-Scott
Belgium	—J. Maisin
Bolivia	—H. F. Ferrufino
Brazil	—A. Prudente
Canada	—G. E. Richards
Chile	—A. Rahausen
China	—T. S. Jung
Colombia	—R. A. Garcia
Czechoslovakia	—H. Siki
Denmark	—J. Engelbreth-Holm
Egypt	—J. N. Azzouni
France	—A. Lacassagne
Great Britain	—A. Haddow
Greece	—E. G. Minopoulos
India	—V. R. Khanolkar
Iran	—C. Oberling
Iraq	—S. Faik
Israel	—A. Hochmann
Korea	—I. S. Yun
Luxembourg	—S. Hertz
Mexico	—I. Millan
Netherlands	—R. Korteweg
Nicaragua	—F. V. Paiz
Norway	—L. Kreyberg
Panama	—E. Zubieta
Peru	—E. Caceras
Philippines	—J. A. Arcella
Portugal	—M. Pinto
Salvador	—D. R. Posada
Siam	—C. Ruangsi
Sweden	—E. Ask-Upmark
Switzerland	—H. R. Schinz
Tunisia	—C. W. Anderson
Turkey	—P. Cambel
Union of South Africa	—M. Weinbren
United States	—E. V. Cowdry
Uruguay	—F. Leborgne
Venezuela	—H. Rivero

Finally the U.S. Department of State transmitted to all nations a memorandum on the formation of the Commission.

Attendance at the Paris Meeting.—

Arabia—R. Pharaon
 Australia—Douglas Pearce
 Austria—J. Kretz
 Belgium—J. Maisin
 Brazil—A. Prudente
 Cuba—N. Puente Duany
 Denmark—J. Engelbreth-Holm
 Egypt—M. Ashour
 Finland—Otto Jarvi
 France—A. Lacassagne
 Great Britain—A. Haddow
 Greece—E. G. Minopoulos
 Iceland—N. Dungal
 India—V. R. Khanolkar
 Iran—A. H. Radji
 Israel—A. Hochmann
 Yugoslavia—X. Chahowitch
 Korea—I. S. Yun
 Lebanon—J. Zahar
 Luxembourg—S. Hertz
 Mexico—I. Millan
 Netherlands—R. Korteweg
 Norway—L. Kreyberg
 Poland—Fr. Lukaszczuk
 Portugal—L. Basto
 Sweden—E. Berven
 Switzerland—H. Schinz
 Tunisia—C. Anderson
 Turkey—M. Cincin
 United States—E. V. Cowdry

Officially accepted as members, but not present:

Bulgaria—R. Papaskov
 Indochina—M. Long

Also attending the meeting were additional representatives of many nations; from the United States were W. U. Gardner, alternate member of the Executive Committee, and R. G. Meader representing the U.S. Public Health Service and the American Cancer Society.

Progress Reports.—

1. The Chairman, Ignacio Millan (Mexico) recalled the fact that at the Fourth Congress in St. Louis the Commission was empowered to recommend to the Union Internationale Contre le Cancer the location of the Fifth Congress. In accordance with this directive Paris was recommended as the site and Dr. A. Lacassagne as President.

2. Dr. J. Maisin (Belgium) reported that the Union, and consequently the Commission as a part of the Union, has been incorporated in both WHO and the International Council for the Coordination of International Congresses in Medical Sciences (a UNESCO and WHO subsidiary). He mentioned, among the advantages of this relationship, a grant from UNESCO to help defray the cost of publication of the Transactions of the Fourth Congress. He explained that this publication was almost completed, 4 of 6 parts having already appeared in ACTA; but that the number of subscriptions was very disappointing. The discussion which followed showed that the publication of the Transactions had not been sufficiently advertised, that some individuals and libraries were ignorant of the size (about 2000 pages), of the cost (\$25.00) and of the mechanism of ordering both the Transactions and Reprints through Dr. J. Maisin, 61 Voer des Capucins, Louvain, Belgium.

3. Attention was called by E. V. Cowdry (United States) to the progress that has been made in expanding the Commission by the addition of 11 new member nations to the 40 charter members, making a total of 51. The following have officially expressed interest in the Commission, which it is hoped will develop into membership and active participation:

Afghanistan	Honduras
Dominican Republic	Costa Rica
Eire	Paraguay
Ecuador	Liberia
Ethiopia	Java (Indonesia)
Hungary	U. S. S. R.

The goal set for 1950 is all nations.

4. The national representatives presented reports on advances in cancer research in their several countries which it is not feasible here to summarize. Much interest was shown in mimeographed summaries of expenditures by the American Cancer Society and other organizations prepared by J. H. Teeter. The Texas and Michigan Cancer Bulletins were exhibited. Dr. Ralph Meader of the U.S.P.H.S. reported briefly on governmental financing of cancer research. Dr. W. U. Gardner spoke about the publication of cancer atlases and reviews of cancer literature—a service repeatedly urged by the national representatives. It was unanimously agreed that such annual progress reports are of great value and that more time should be devoted to their discussion.

New Business.—

After long discussion by the Executive Committee of the Commission it was unanimously agreed that:

The duties of the International Cancer Research Commission are to advance research on cancer:

1. By serving as the Conseil Scientifique of the Union.
2. By pooling information at annual meetings and on specific topics at special small meetings.
3. By obtaining more agreement on cancer nomenclature through the publication of atlases and other means.
4. By giving advice in the planning of cancer research when asked.
5. By helping to secure equipment and supplies when asked.
6. By promoting studies on environmental (occupational and geographic) pathology of cancer.
7. By facilitating adequate review of the cancer literature.

Serving as Conseil Scientifique to the Union Internationale Contre le Cancer involves mainly giving advice regarding the research programs of the large International Cancer Congress held every three years.

Because progress is now being made in the direction of agreement on cancer nomenclature by the publication of atlases and by other means on both sides of the Atlantic, which it is important to bring together, a committee was appointed to carry on consisting of Perry, Millan, Denoix, and Meader.

The geographic pathology of cancer is a problem in which the Commission is obviously qualified to take a leading part. This duty was assigned to a committee made up of Millan, Khanolkar, Maisin and Engelbreth-Holm.

In order to profit by an excellent beginning made by

Meador in the registry of cancer research institutions, equipment and workers, it was decided that Meador would supply Millan with copies of a suitable questionnaire which Millan would forward to all members of the Commission with the request that it be answered and returned direct to Meador.

The question of an adequate review of cancer literature was left to *Khanolkar*, Korteweg and Lacassagne acting as a committee to make tentative plans, to send these plans to all members of the Commission for suggestions and to submit final plans to the Executive Committee of the Commission.

These duties of the Commission, as defined by the Executive Committee, were presented in English and in French to the entire Commission and approved. They now are incorporated into the charter of the Commission with the principles adopted by the Fourth Congress in St. Louis.

The location of the next annual meeting of the Commission was discussed. Item 5 in the "Principles" of organization provides that annual meetings shall never be held consecutively in the same country. To have the 1950 meeting in Paris, where the 1949 meeting was then in session, would be inconsistent with this principle; but it would be convenient because all members of the Commission would be in Paris attending the Fifth Congress. To accept a cordial invitation from Portugal to have the 1950 meeting in Lisbon would necessitate much additional travel and expense. In deciding in favor of the first alternative of having the 1950 meeting in Paris, all members of the Commission affirmed their belief in the principle of change in location and agreed that this action did not constitute a precedent. The meeting will therefore take place immediately before the V Congress (July 15-22, 1950) in Paris where the entire membership can be accommodated in a single hotel to be selected. Detailed arrangements were left to Dr. A. Lacassagne, representative of France on the Commission. It is expected that official invitations will be dispatched by the French Foreign Office as was the procedure in the case of the present meeting.

Members.—In the following list of members the number of years each individual will have served at the 1950 meeting is given after the name. The Commission is committed to the principle of a change in membership after 3 years or earlier in order to spread the responsibility and to obtain the support of a steadily increasing group of people familiar through experience with the working of the Commission. However, governments are of course free to delegate whom they wish for as long as they desire to serve on the Commission. Probably most of the third year class will be replaced without difficulty.

MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL CANCER
RESEARCH COMMISSION
JULY 22, 1949

- ARABIA: R. Pharaon, Minister of Arabia, Paris (1st year)
 ARGENTINA: Juan Esteban Pessano, Secretaria De Salud Publica de la Nacion Direccion de Neoplasias, Pozos 2073, Buenos Aires (3rd year)
 AUSTRALIA: Douglas Pearce, 12 Collins Street, Melbourne (1st year)
 AUSTRIA: J. Kretz, Brahmplatz 5, Vienna IV (1st year)
 BELGIUM: J. Maisin, University of Louvain, 61, Voer des Capucins Louvain (3rd year)
 BOLIVIA: Hector Fernandez Ferrufino, Hnos, Machego No. 908, La Paz (3rd year)
 BRAZIL: Antonio Prudente, Benjamin Constant 171, Sao Paulo (3rd year)
 BULGARIA: R. Papasov, Rue Strandja 136, Sofia 2 (1st year)
 CANADA: G. E. Richards, Ontario Cancer Treatment & Research Foundation, Toronto (Deceased, awaiting new representative)
 CHILE: Alberto Rahausen, Chief of Curietherapy Instituto Nacional del Radium, Avenida Zanartu 1000, Santiago (3rd year)
 CHINA: Tu-Shan Jung, Dept. of Radiology, Peking Union Medical College, Peking (3rd year)
 COLOMBIA: Ruben A. Garcia, Instituto del Radium, Bogota (3rd year)
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- UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA:** Lt. Col. Maurice Weinbren, X-ray Dept., Chamber of Mines Hospital, P.O. Box 774, Johannesburg (3rd year)
- UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:** E. V. Cowdry, Prof. of Anatomy, Washington University Medical School, St. Louis, Mo. (3rd year)
- URUGUAY:** Felix Leborgne, Ibicuy 1210, Montevideo (3rd year)
- VENEZUELA:** Hermogenes Rivero, Instituto de Oncologia, Luis Rozetti, Caracas (3rd year)

Signed E. V. COWDRY

W. U. GARDNER

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