



A section of the audience in the main hall of the Kursaal at Scheveningen during the Opening Session of the XI International Congress of Genetics

## Meeting of the Permanent Committee for the International Conferences of Human Genetics

*Held on the occasion of the XI International Congress of Genetics*

On the occasion of the XI International Congress of Genetics, held in Scheveningen (the Netherlands) on September 2-10, 1963, a meeting of the Permanent Committee for the International Conferences of Human Genetics was called.

Since the main point on the Agenda concerned the organization of the Third International Congress of Human Genetics, scheduled for 1966 in Chicago, invitations were also extended to Prof. Arthur G. Steinberg, Chairman of the National Organizing Committee and Prof. Bernard Strauss, Chairman of the Local Committee at the University of Chicago.

The meeting, held on September 3rd in a room kindly provided by the Secretary of the Scheveningen Congress, Prof. Geerts, was attended by the following members: F. J. Kallmann (Chairman), A. Franceschetti (Vice-Chairman), L. Gedda (Secretary), J. W. Boyes (for the I.U.B.S.), L. S. Penrose, G. Anders, P. E. Becker, J. François, F. Mainx, A. Nakajima, J. Neel, C. Stern and A. C. Stevenson. The Assistant Secretary, M. Milani-Comparetti, was secretary to the meeting.

The World Health Organization was represented by Dr. Sanghvi; Professors Steinberg and Strauss were also present. Drs. Kemp, Böök, Fraser, Freire-Maia and Lamy, as well as Dr. Messerli for C.I.O.M.S., had been unable to come.

Following the reading of the main points from the minutes of the previous meet-



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ing (Paris, November 5-6, 1962 – A. Ge. Me. Ge., Vol. XI, No. 4, Oct. 1962), Professors Kallmann and Gedda reported on progress made in the negotiations with the University of Chicago and the American Society of Human Genetics.

The University of Chicago had undertaken to organize the Third International Congress of Human Genetics, appointing a local Committee under the chairmanship of Professor B. Strauss of the Department of Microbiology.

The Board of Directors of the American Society of Human Genetics had appointed a National Organizing Committee under Professor A. Steinberg's chairmanship. Drs. J. E. Crow and J. V. Neel were co-chairmen of the Program Committee, while Dr. V. A. McKusick was head of the Finance Committee.

The various bodies responsible for the organization of the Third International Congress of Human Genetics having thus been appointed, it remained for the Permanent Committee to set the date and duration of the Congress. Consideration of the various factors involved led to the choice of September 5 to 10 inclusive as the date of the Congress.



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A discussion concerning the need of simultaneous translation against that of providing travel grants for participants from abroad led to the decision that simultaneous translation, while desirable, would be provided only if funds obtained for this specific purpose would not be otherwise available.

A first announcement concerning the place and date of the Congress was drafted; request for information should be addressed to: Professor Bernard Strauss, Department of Microbiology, University of Chicago, Chicago 37, Illinois, U.S.A.

## Second Symposium on Dermatoglyphics

On the occasion of the XI International Congress of Genetics (The Hague, Sept. 2-10, 1963), the *Second Symposium on Dermatoglyphics* (digital, palmar and plantar dermal ridges) took place, and in the course of this conference invited papers were read by Prof. L. S. Penrose ("Dermatoglyphics in mosaic mongolism