

Association News

These notes are being written after a burst of considerable activity by the Council of the Association. This activity was prompted by a Conference held at the Hunt Valley Inn, Baltimore from 2-4 March 1975. The Conference was on Epidemiology as a Fundamental Science in Health Services Planning, Administration, and Evaluation: International Experiences Relevant for the United States. Council Members of the Association and other invited speakers gave precirculated papers at the Conference to which 80 participants had been invited by the Administrator, Kenneth M. Endicott, M.D., of the Health Resources Administration of the US Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Participants included national leaders in the fields of medical education, health care, and health organizations in both the public and private sectors, senior officials of philanthropic foundations, professionals from major committees dealing with health in the United States Congress and other individuals, both from US and abroad, with interests in health affairs. The content of the papers will not be discussed here, as arrangements for their publication are now under way. The proceedings will be edited by Kerr L. White and Maureen Henderson. It is hoped that copies of this book will be available for every member of the IEA.

Despite the rapidity with which the Conference was organized, it was possible to hold a Council Meeting in Baltimore. The Executive Committee met on 26 and 27 February and the Council met on the two days before the Conference and again after it was over. This chance to get the Council together only six months after the Seventh International Scientific Meeting in England was very welcome. Considerable effort will be made to try and involve the Council as often as possible during the next few years as there are many decisions to be made that will affect the future of the Association. Of particular importance is the work of the Constitution Committee under Basil S. Hetzel and several members of this Committee met during the Baltimore meetings. Their proposals were discussed in detail by both the Executive Committee and the Council.

Our book *Epidemiology: A Guide to Teaching Methods* which was edited by C. R. Lowe and J. Kostrzewski for the Association has been selling well. A new printing of

the English edition is now being arranged. As well as the original Polish edition, the book has been translated into French, German, Spanish and Serbo-Croatian. Copies of the French edition are available from Dr. E. Roelsgaard, WHO (Geneva), and the Spanish edition is obtainable from the Pan American Health Organization (527 23rd Street, NW, Washington DC, USA). Greatly encouraged by the response of epidemiologists to this teaching guide, the Council has approved the preparation of a guide to epidemiology in planning, management and evaluation of health services. It was agreed that such a guide would fill an important gap and would be useful as epidemiological techniques become more widely used in these important fields.

8th International Scientific Meeting

One decision of interest to members made during the Baltimore Council meetings of February-March was the site and timing of the 8th International Scientific Meeting. Several possible sites were considered with information obtained since the August meetings and from this discussion a decision was reached to try to hold the meeting in Puerto Rico during the third week in September 1977. Under present stringent financial circumstances, this will allow members time to plan and organize their visit for these meetings. The general theme would be *Epidemiological Strategies for Health in a Changing World*. More details will be given in this *News* as soon as they are known. The two previous International Scientific Meetings in the Americas were in Cali, Colombia in 1959 and Princeton, USA in 1964.

Other meetings

A number of other meetings are being planned. Johannes Mosbech is organizing a Regional Meeting for the Scandinavian Countries in Copenhagen on 25 and 26 August 1975. Subjects to be included are the evaluation of screening programmes, epidemiology and primary health care and the use of hospital data. Plans are also in preparation for meetings in 1976 and 1977 in Iran, Poland, the Philippines and the United States (Atlanta).

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