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Dr. G. B. Risse has been recently appointed Associate Professor and Chairman of this Department. He succeeds Dr. Nikolaus Mani who accepted the chair of medical history in Bonn, Germany. Dr. Risse is a native of Argentina where he received his M.D. degree in 1958. After coming to the U.S. for graduate medical training, he received his Ph.D. degree from the Department of History, University of Chicago, in early 1971.

SWISS SOCIETY OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE AND NATURAL SCIENCES

This Society celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its foundation on 9 October 1971 in Fribourg, Switzerland. In the course of a symposium dedicated to the history of scientific exchanges between Switzerland and other countries, E. H. Ackerknecht delivered the Guggenheim Lecture on Swiss-American medical relations. The other speakers were L. Belloni (Italy), S. Gilder (Great Britain), E. Lesky (Austria), G. Rudolph (Germany) and J. Théodoridès (France). At the same meeting the Henry E. Sigerist Prize was awarded to Ursula Bück-Rich, M.D., Zurich, and to Fritz Kubli, Ph.D., Zurich.

The Society conferred honorary membership upon Mrs. E. Guggenheim-Schnurr, Basle, and Prof. E. H. Ackerknecht, M.D., Zurich. Prof. H. Buess, M.D., Basle, was elected as president in succession to Prof. Ackerknecht, who had been an active and most successful president for ten years. The secretary is now: Prof. H. M. Koelbing, Medizinhistorisches Institut der Universität Zürich, Rämistrasse 71, CH-8006 Zürich.