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EDITORIAL.

THE SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF OTOLOGY.

THE following particulars with regard to the forthcoming Congress have been furnished to us by the General Secretary, and those of our readers who are interested are requested to note the particulars given below. It is hoped that a large number will find it possible to attend this important meeting in this charming locality, where a very cordial reception may be counted on. A reduction of 50 per cent. will be allowed by the French railway companies to members attending the Congress.

Dr. Lermoyez, Secretary-General, requests us to state that the Seventh International Congress of Otology will be held at Bordeaux from August 1 to 4, 1904, and will be patronised by the Minister of Public Instruction.

The official languages of the Congress will be French, English, German, and Italian.

A sum of 3000 francs was presented by the Baron Léon de Lenval, of Nice, to found the Lenval Prize to be awarded on the occasion of the International Congresses of Otology.

It was decided by the fifth International Congress, held at Florence in 1895:—

1. That the interest of this sum accumulated in the interval between two otological congresses should be presented to the author who had effected the most marked progress in the practical treatment of affections of the organs of hearing during the period

in question, or to the inventor of some easily portable apparatus capable of markedly improving the hearing of deaf people.

2. That this sum of 3000 francs should be deposited in a public bank in the hands of the President of the Jury.

3. That the International Otological Congress should elect on each occasion a Jury of seven members, who should announce their decision at the last sitting of each Congress.

The present members of the Jury are:—Professor Politzer, of Vienna (President), Dr. Benni, of Warsaw, Dr. Gellé, of Paris, Professor Pritchard, of London, Professor St. John Roosa, of New York, Professor Kirchner, of Würzburg, Professor Grazzi, of Florence, and Professor E. J. Moure, of Bordeaux.

The Lenval Prize will, therefore, be awarded at the forthcoming International Congress, which will be held in Bordeaux from August 1 to 4, 1904.

Those desirous of competing for the prize are invited to send in the grounds of their candidature before July 1, 1904, to Dr. E. J. Moure, President of the Committee of Organisation of the Congress, 25 bis Cours du Jardin-Public, Bordeaux.

A museum of instruments, as well as of anatomical and pathological specimens dealing with diseases of the ear, the nasal fossa, and the naso-pharynx, will be organised during the Congress. The museum will include naked-eye and microscopical preparations, and also drawings and photographs. It will be placed in the building of the Faculty of Medicine, and the large amphitheatres will allow of an effective arrangement of whatever collections members of the Congress may wish to send.

This part of the programme will be organised by Drs. Guément and Lafite-Dupont.

Those who wish to send exhibits to the museum are requested to give the earliest possible notice; in any event packages ought to arrive at Bordeaux by July 1 next at the very latest. A special form of label is sent with the notices which have been distributed to most of those interested, and they can be procured on application by those who have not received them.

Those who have received invitations are requested to reply not later than May 1, and those who wish to make any communication should send in the title as soon as possible after having been inscribed as members of the Congress. They are also requested to address to the secretary before May 1 a *résumé* in a few lines of the paper which they wish to present. The time occupied in the reading of a paper is not to exceed fifteen minutes, and any communications which take a longer time will require to be condensed.

The following subjects for discussion have been arranged :

1. *The Choice of a Simple and Practical Acoumetric Formula.* Introduced by Professor Politzer, Professor Gradenigo, and Dr. Delsaux.

2. *Diagnosis and Treatment of Suppurations of the Labyrinth.* Introduced by Dr. Brieger, Dr. von Stein, and Dr. Dundas Grant.

3. *Methods of Opening and of Treatment of Cerebral Abscess of Otitic Origin.* Introduced by Dr. Knapp, Dr. Schmiegelow, and Dr. Botey.

The subscription amounts to 25 francs, and this entitles to a copy of the *Transactions*. It should be paid to the Treasurer, Dr. Lannois, Rue Émile-Zola, 14, Lyons.

Those attending are requested to state whether they will be alone or accompanied by ladies or other members of their families.

The local organisation at Bordeaux consists of : President of Organisation of the Congress, Dr. E. J. Moure ; Secretary, Dr. Brindel ; Museum Committee, Drs. Guément and Lafite-Dupont ; Hôtel and Reception Committee, Drs. Claoné and Dupond ; Entertainment Committee, Drs. Ardenne and Beausoleil.

Proposals for admission to the Congress ought to be addressed to M. le Docteur Lermoyez, Rue de la Boétie, 20bis, and the subscription, 25 francs, should be sent to M. le Docteur Lannois, Rue Émile-Zola, 14, Lyons.

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GENTLEMEN,—It was with much misgiving that I accepted the invitation of the Council to allow myself to be nominated for the Presidency of this Association. I felt my entire unworthiness to fill so important and honourable an office, and this feeling was greatly enhanced when I looked back on the list of former Presidents and saw there the names of the great pioneers of our specialty. I knew I should make but a poor and unworthy successor to such as Morell Mackenzie, Lennox Browne, or McNeil Whistler. I could not claim a place in the temple of fame with them. Looking to more recent times, to last year indeed, I