

XXIII INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE
LONDON, 2-9 SEPTEMBER 1972

Patron: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

CONGRESS BULLETIN

GREAT PROGRESS has now been made in organizing the Congress. The Scientific Programme has been developed on the lines set out in the preliminary programme, with the following modifications: (1) At the suggestion of the President and the Executive Bureau of the International Society the two main themes of the Congress, i.e. *Clinical Medicine* and *Social Medicine*, have been chosen as the subjects of two important symposia, each occupying two general sessions of three hours each. Specially qualified speakers have been invited to contribute papers for these symposia, which will be pre-printed and circulated to delegates on their arrival in London. A small panel has been selected for each of these sessions to open the general discussion on the topics presented. Interpreters will be in attendance at all of these general sessions. The papers already offered by delegates which fall within either of these two sections will be given on days and times which will *not* conflict with any of these special sessions. (2) The other sections of the scientific programme will be organized in parallel sessions under the general headings of (A) *Relations between Britain and Other Countries*; (D) *Varia*. Within Section D a number of papers on *Medicine and the Arts* will be grouped together and introduced by a special paper by Professor Frans Verdoorn on 'Medicine and the Humanities'.

As part of the scientific programme whole-day visits have been arranged to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge and to the ancient colleges and buildings there of particular medical and historical interest. One half-day will also be devoted to special visits to medical centres of historical interest in London (hospitals, libraries, etc.)

Social Programme: An attractive social programme has been arranged. The Royal Colleges and other medical institutions of London have been generous in their offers of hospitality and delegates will receive invitations to evening receptions. The Congress Banquet will be held on Friday evening, 8 September. A programme of tours and visits has also been organized for ladies and others accompanying delegates, who will not wish to attend the scientific sessions.

The *Congress Office* is located in the Wellcome Institute of the History of Medicine. The Institute's Museum and Library will be open to all delegates and their guests from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (except Sunday), and a special Congress Club Room will also be open to delegates wearing the Congress Badge.

All enquiries about the Congress should be addressed to:

The Congress Office,
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183 Euston Road, London, N.W.1.