## 学会記事 Newsletter

## 日中医学協会からの入会案内

日中両国の国交正常化に伴い、ここ10年に足らぬ短い期間に各界における両国の関係は緊密の度を加えてきているが、日中両国の医学関係者あるいはその組織間の交流、文献・資料の交換などの事業推進のため、去る4月19日に日中医学協会(会長、黒川利雄)が設立された、学会あてに個人会員入会申込書が送付されているので、興味のある方は庶務幹事まで.

なお, 日中医学協会規約の目的と事業は以下のとおりである.

目 的:日中両国の医学全般にわたる交流を発展させることを目的とする.

事業:(1) 日中両国の医学関係者あるいはその組織のあいだの交流

- (2) 学術的な文献・資料などの交換
- (3) 会報・資料などの発行
- (4) その他, 本会の目的達成のため必要な事業

(庶務幹事 黒木良和)

## 日本学術会議と学協会との懇談会

表記の会が昭和55年5月27日学術会議において開かれ、本学会より井上会長が出席した。第79回総会で採択された"科学者憲章について"その他の声明、仮称"系統生物学研究所"の設置についての勧告等が報告された. (井上英二)

## 日本学術会議遺伝学研究連絡会

昭和55年6月12日に開かれた表記の会議では、いまだ実現をみていない"生物科学研究交流センター"の必要性と、これに関連する生物関係学会の連合を設立する問題が主に検討された。

(井上英二)

## "International Genetics Federation" についてのお知らせ

International Genetics Federation の Secretary である Dr. O.H. Frankel から 1980年3月3日 付で次のような通知がまいりましたので、お知らせします。

#### CIRCULAR LETTER TO SECRETARIES OF MEMBER SOCIETIES

Dear Colleague,

1. XV International Congress of Genetics

In my letter of 17 December, 1979, I informed member societies of the proposal, sponsored by the Genetics Society of America, that the Congress date be changed from August, 1983, to approximately December 10–21, 1983. The Executive Board of IGF had approved the change, subject to confirmation by a majority of member societies. The end of February was named as the terminal

date for replies to be received, and failure to reply was to be regarded as acceptance of the change. Of the replies received, all but one were in favour of the change. Accordingly, the December date is regarded as approved, and the Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding has been informed of the result.

 XX Assembly of the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS), Helsinki, August 20– 26, 1979

As you know IGF is the Section of Genetics of IUBS, within the Division of Cell and Development Biology. I represented IGF at the Assembly, and on behalf of the Federation proposed that IUBS take an active interest in the conservation of two classes of genetic resources of economic plants, namely, (1) the so-called recalcitrant seeds (*i.e.* seeds which cannot be preserved in dry state at sub-zero temperatures), and (2) vegetative material in the form of cell, tissue, meristem or embryo culture, for the preservation of species with vegetative propagation or with recalcitrant seeds. As yet the scientific problems underlying these two issues—which are particulary important for the preservation of many tropical crops—are unsolved and IUBS was urged to convene one (or two) conferences or workshops to review and co-ordinate research in these areas. The Assembly approved, and the Executive Committee allocated \$5000 towards the project. Subsequently a meeting of a small number of scientists representing the two areas was convened at Reading, England, and an organizing committee designated for a joint workshop meeting to be held in September, 1980, at Reading. The secretary is Dr L.A. Withers, Botany Department, University of Leicester, Leicester LEI 7RH, U.K.

## 3. International or Regional Conferences

No further notifications of, or requests for support for international or regional activities has been received. Member societies are urged to let me know of *ideas or proposals for activities* which could be sponsored by the Federation, even if the person or organization suggesting the idea is not able to carry it out themselves.

## 4. IMCG Representation on Executive Council

The amendment to our constitution proposed in my circular letter of mid-1979 has been adopted, and the commission of Microbial Genetics now has a representative on our Representative Council.

## 5. Free Circulation of Scientists

The ICSU Standing Committee on the Free Circulation of Scientists, in dealing with the resolution carried by our Representative Council (see minutes of Moscow meeting, 1978, and my last circular letter) requested a list of all Israeli scientists involved in the complaint which gave rise to the resolution. This list was requested from the Genetics Society of Israel and transmitted to the ICSU committee.

6. Member Societies: (a) Meetings

We have been informed of the following meetings:

German Genetics Society 15-17 May, 1980, Düsseldorf

Symposia on gene expression, plant genetics, and evolutionary and population genetics

Italian Genetics Society: 2-5 October, 1980, Alghero, Sardinia

Swiss Genetics Society: 21 June, 1980, Basle Symposium organized by Professor W. Gehring

#### (b) Advanced courses in genetics

The Italian Genetics Society (Associazione Genetica Italiana) conducts advanced courses which, for 1980, will take the form of two workshops:

June, 1980, a four-day workshop on Recombinant DNA, for about 50 students, with 8 invited speakers

November, 1980, a 10-day workshop on Regulation in prokaryotes and eukaryotes, for about 30 students with 15 invited speakers.

The secretary's name appears below.

(c) Changes of presidents and secretaries

Canada President: Dr. R.C. von Borstel

Secretary: as before

Germany President: Prof. Dr. E. Bautz and Prof. Dr. W.O. Abel

Secretary: Prof. Dr. W. Kunz, Institut für Genetik der Universität Düsseldorf, Univer-

sitätsstr. 1, 4000 Düsseldorf 1.

Israel President: Prof. Jacob Wahrmann

Secretary: Dr. Amiram Ronen, Laboratory of Genetics, The Hebrew University of

Jerusalem, Jerusalem.

Italy President: Prof. Lucio Luzzato

Secretary: Dr. Catello Polito, Instituto Internazionale di Genetica e Biofisica, Via G.

Marconi 10, Naples.

Switzerland President: Dr. med. H.J. Müller,

Secretary: Dr. U. Graf, Institut für Toxikologie, Schorenstr. 16, CH-8603, Schwer-

zenbach bei Zürich

USSR President: as before

Secretary: Dr. Eugenia Sokolova, N.I. Vavilov, Society for Genetics and Selection,

11 Fersman St., p. 4, Moscow 117312.

Venezuela President: Dr. Herbert Villalobos

Secretary: Dr. Alvaro Rodriguez, address unknown—please supply!

(d) Genetics Society of China

Member societies will be interested to know that for some time I have been in touch with officers of the Genetics Society of China, which has its head office at the Institute of Genetics of Academia Sinica in Peking. The Society has shown interest in joining the Federation, and I hope to discuss this matter further during a visit to China in May.

Please continue to keep me informed of forthcoming activities of your Society and of changes of officers.

Yours sincerely,

(瀬柳敏幸)

## 第 3 回国際ふたご学会

第3回国際ふたご学会が、1980年6月15日から20日にかけてイスラエルのエルサレムで開催された。参加者は米国から67名、諸外国から131名で、わが国からは、今泉洋子(人口研)、佐藤幸男、

渡辺正治(広大原医研)が参加した.

この学会のプログラムの簡単な内容を記しておく、なお、会報は1981年に発刊の予定である。

# Third International Congress on Twin Studies (Jerusalem, 16–20 June, 1980)

## Nine symposia (39 papers)

- 1. Incidence and factors of twinning (4 papers)
- 2. Embryology and teratology of twinning (4 papers)
- 3. Twin designs in medical research (4 papers)
- 4. Twin research in personality (4 papers)
- 5. Twin research in developmental studies (4 papers)
- 6. Twin research in chronogenetics, aging, and cancer (4 papers)
- 7. Twin research in temperament (4 papers)
- 8. Twin research in coronary heart disease (4 papers)
- 9. Twin research in smoking, drinking, and substance abuse (7 papers)

#### Twelve workshops (115 papers)

- 1. Twin data analysis (9 papers)
- 2. Twin research in clinical studies (11 papers)
- 3. Twin, parents of twins, and research (11 papers)
- 4. Multiple pregnancy (14 papers)
- 5. Twin research in physiology and anthropology (11 papers)
- 6. Twin research in behavior genetics (13 papers)
- 7. Intelligence-Twin and adoption studies (9 papers)
- 8. Biology of twinning I (11 papers)
- 9. Biology of twinning II (8 papers)
- 10. Twin research in smoking, drinking, and substance exposure (7 papers)
- 11. Psychosocial factors in cardiovascular disease (5 papers)
- 12. Twin research in aging and cancer (6 papers)

わが国からの発表はシンポジウム (1) において井上英二・今泉洋子が Analysis twinning rates in Japan, ワークショップ (2) において渡辺正治・上岡洋史・務中昌己・岡本直正が Sampling survey on atomic-bomb-exposed and -nonexposed twin pairs: Pilot case study from a sociohistorical viewpoint, 佐藤幸男・岡本直正・沖田 肇が Sampling survey on atomic-bomb-exposed and -nonexposed twin pairs: Pilot case study on the natural history of disease を報告した.

学会が閉会した直後、希望者はエルサレムに新しく設立した The Gedda Institute of Jerusalem の開所式に招待され、感大かつ厳粛な式に参列した。

4日半の学会出席を通じて、日本におけるふたご研究者の少ないことを痛感した。出席者一同は、 ふたご研究の重要性の認識と魅力にとりつかれたことは言うまでもない。今後、わが国においてふた ご研究者が増えることを望んでやまない。

なお、今学会の総会において1980~1983年の3年間、わが国の井上英二先生が国際ふたご学会の副会長に推挙された、第4回国際ふたご学会はロンドンで開催されることが決定した。

(今泉洋子・佐藤幸男)

## 学会賞選考委員会

学会賞選考委員会は、昭和55年3月13日開催された. 慎重審議の結果、City of Hope National Medical Center Director、Susumu Ohno (大野乾) 氏に対し、第18回日本人類遺伝学会賞が贈られることに決定した。

## 教育委員会報告

本学会は、昭和52年11月、三輪史朗教授を委員長とする教育委員会を設け、日本学術会議 IUBS 連絡委員会遺伝学分科会と協同して、「医学課程における人類遺伝学の教育」に関する検討を行ってきたが、昭和55年7月21日、報告書(本号掲載)が完成し、委員長より会長宛提出された。会長は本報告書を関係方面に配布し、人類遺伝学教育の改善を強く要望することとしているが、この問題の解決には、本学会評議員・会員の積極的な参加が要請される. (井上英二会長)

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