16th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

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Preliminary Notice

THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING AND QUEEN have been graciously pleased to grant their Patronage to the 16th International Congress of Ophthalmology, which, by decision of the International Council of Ophthalmology, will be held in London under the Presidency of Sir Stewart Duke-Elder, from July 17th—July 21st, 1950. This is the first International Congress to be held for thirteen years; it is hoped that it will be a great success and bring together a generation of ophthalmologists from many countries who have never yet met each other.

Any qualified medical practitioner may become a member of the Congress; others not so qualified who have rendered service to Ophthalmology and who are approved by the Council will be eligible to attend.

Relatives and friends of members will be welcomed as Associate Members. They will be eligible to attend the opening and closing ceremonies and all social functions.

The three official languages of the Congress are English, French and Spanish: any language, however, may be used.

The International Council have agreed upon two main discussions on the following subjects:

- (a) The clinical and social aspects of heredity in ophthalmology.
- (b) The role of the sympathetic system in the genesis of vascular hypertension and its effect upon the eye.

Those desirous of participating in the main discussions or reading papers on other ophthalmological subjects should communicate with Mr. Keith Lyle, International Congress of Ophthalmology, 45, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2.

Papers should not be longer than 2,500 words and will be read in résumé form, for which the author will be allowed 10 minutes. On their submission, each paper should be accompanied by a résumé of about 250 words translated (preferably) into the three official languages. Papers published before the Congress are not acceptable. As the number of papers submitted may be greater than can be accommodated, the Publications Committee reserves the right of rejection. In view of present printing difficulties, no guarantee can be given that any paper will be included in the Official Report of the Congress unless it is received 6 months before the date of the meeting (*i.e.*, by February, 1950).

In addition to papers, scientific demonstrations and exhibits will be arranged, and there will be scientific and industrial exhibitions. Contributions to all of these will be welcomed.

Further details, including information on the Social Programme, will be published from time to time.

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Secretary-General.