GENERAL NOTES

JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN OTO-LARYNGOLOGY

r. This Committee has been set up by the following bodies:-

British Association of Oto-laryngologists Mr. Myles Formby. British Medical Association Mr. E. D. D. Davis.

British Post-graduate Medical Federation Professor F. C. Ormerod.

Institute of Laryngology and Otology Mr. C. Gill-Carey.

Professor F. C. Ormerod has been elected Chairman and Mr. John H. Young Honorary Secretary.

- 2. The objects of the Committee are
 - "To consider and co-ordinate the facilities which are or may be available for post-graduate students in oto-laryngology in London and the Provinces, and to give advice and guidance where possible in regard to such posts as House Surgeons and Registrars for oto-laryngological departments or hospitals."
- 3. It has been decided to establish a bureau at the Institute of Laryngology and Otology, 330-332 Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.I (TERminus 43II) for the advice and guidance of post-graduate students, either by interview or correspondence, in regard to courses and training facilities and to posts available, also for the assistance of hospitals in selecting suitable applicants to fill vacancies.
- 4. The existing post-graduate bureau at the Royal College of Surgeons of England is similarly available for enquiries for those who find it more convenient.
- 5. The Joint Committee is desirous of co-operating to the fullest possible extent with all other bodies concerned with post-graduate medical education in this specialty, and, therefore, any enquiries or suggestions for increasing the usefulness of the bureau will be welcomed. They should be addressed to:—

The Honorary Secretary,
Joint Advisory Committee,
Institute of Laryngology and Otology,
330-332 Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.I.

A series of nine lectures on Pharmacology as applied to oto-rhino-laryngology will be given by Dr. C. A. Keele at the Institute of Laryngology and Otology at 330/332, Gray's Inn Road commencing on 27th February, 1950. Particulars of the dates and times may be obtained from the Dean.

INTERNATIONAL COURSE IN AUDIOLOGY STOCKHOLM, SEPTEMBER, 1950

In a letter to the editor, published in Volume 37, No. 6 of *Acta Oto-laryngologica*, it was proposed that a practical course in audiology should be arranged in Stockholm this year.

In the editor's reply the desirability of arranging such a course was emphasized, and all those who might be interested were requested to communicate with *Acta Oto-laryngologica*. The response was most encouraging, and the large number of inquiries and preliminary enrolments attest the very keen interest that has been aroused by the proposal. The signatories of this communication have therefore formed a committee for the purpose of organizing such a course, to run from September 11th to 20th.

Unfortunately it is impossible at the present juncture to provide any exact information concerning the details of the programme. It envisages, however, the following subjects, with main emphasis on the practical teaching. Moreover, the course will be devised in such a way as to enable every otologist to follow the lectures, demonstrations, etc. without any special grounding.

A. Lectures:

- I. Anatomical, Physiological, Physical and Psychological Background.
 - 1. Anatomy—normal and pathological.
 - 2. Functional anatomy—physiological and pathological.
 - 3. Acoustics and Electro-acoustics.
 - 4. Psycho-physics of Hearing.

II. Hearing Loss.

- I. Prophylaxis of Hearing Loss.
- 2. Incidence of Hearing Loss.
- 3. Causes of Hearing Loss (especially Traumatic).
- 4. Psychology of Hearing Loss.

III. Hearing Tests.

- I. Physical Basis of Audiometry.
- 2. Comparison between old and modern methods.
- 3. Tone Audiometry—basic and special tests—interpretation.
- 4. Speech Audiometry—basic and special tests—interpretation.
- 5. Group Audiometry—basic and special tests—interpretation.
- 6. Standardization of Determinations, Audiometers and Audiograms.

IV. Treatment of Hearing Loss.

- 1. Treatment of Hearing Loss in Children.
- Medical and Surgical Treatment of Hearing Loss, except in Otosclerosis.
- 3. Fenestration.

V. Remedies.

- 1. Speech Re-education.
- 2. Lip Reading.
- 3. Hearing Aids.
- 4. Rehabilitation and Re-employment.
- 5. Social, Psychological and Educational Aspects.
- 6. The Audiology Centre.

B. PRACTICAL COURSES AND DEMONSTRATIONS:

- I. Tone and Speech Audiometry—Basic and Special Test Methods.
- II. Selection of Hearing Aids.
- III. Fenestration: training on specimens. (The course will be arranged if the amount of interest warrants it. Reservations can be made only for a few participants. A special fee will be payable to cover the costs of specimens, instruments, etc.)

The above survey is not to be regarded as the final programme for the course; certain subjects may be combined in one and the same lecture, and others divided into several lectures by different teachers. Broadly speaking, it is proposed to give the theoretical training in the forenoons, with two or three lectures for the entire assembly, and the practical training for two or three hours in the afternoons to small groups of participants.

The number of teachers required will naturally depend on how many physicians enrol for the course, wherefore no binding agreements can be concluded with the prospective teachers until the approximate number of participants is known. However, preliminary negotiations have been conducted with most of the leading authorities in the field of audiology and all but four of those listed below have given preliminary assurances that their services will be available, whereas others have informed us that they may not come or are definitely unable to do so. There still remain some to be contacted as the plans mature and accordingly the following list should not be regarded as final.

Bijtel, Amsterdam. Bordley, Baltimore. Carhart, Chicago. Cawthorne, London. Dishoeck, Amsterdam. Ewing, Manchester. Frenckner, Stockholm. Furrer, Zürich.

Glorig, Washington.
Groen, Utrecht.
Hardy, Baltimore.
Holmgren, G., Stockholm.
Holmgren, L., Stockholm.
Huizing, Groningen.
Knapp, Boston.
Larsen, Odense.
Lempert,* New York.
Littler, London.
Lund, Copenhagen.
Lüscher, Basel.

de Maré, Karlstad.
Peyser, Stockholm.
Rüedi, Zürich.
Shambaugh, Chicago.
Siirala, Abo.
Simson-Hall, Edinburgh.
Sourdille, Strasbourg.
Stevens, Harvard.
Tato, Buenos Aires.
Tegnér, Stockholm.
Vetter, St. Gallen.
Zwislocki, Basel.

In view of the necessity of concluding definite agreements with the prospecive teachers as soon as possible, as well as the difficulty of arranging hotel accommodation, it is essential that those who wish to participate should notify he committee without delay; for in respect to applications received later than April 1st, we cannot guarantee either hotel accommodation or participation in he practical section of the course, since the latter will be run in groups of imited size. The fee for the course will not exceed 250 Sw. Crowns, of which 100 Cr. should be sent together with the application for enrolment, which is binding. The deposit will be refunded should the course fail to materialize.

Stockholm, February 25th, 1950.

GUNNAR HOLMGREN. TORSTEN SKOOG. PAUL FRENCKNER. LENNART HOLMGREN. C. A. TEGNÉR, Secretary.

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For rooms with bath the above prices will be increased by about 10 Cr. a tay in price range 1 A, about 6 Cr. in price range 1 B, and about 5 Cr. in price range 2.

Applications for enrolment together with the deposit should be forwarded is soon as possible to the Secretary,† who will keep the applicants informed

^{*} According to information just received Dr. Lempert will bring with him as teachers Dr. Meltzer, Dr. Weaver and Miss Dorothy Wolff.

[†] Office of the Secretary: 33 Birger Jarlsgatan, Stockholm C., Sweden. Telegrams: LATEGNER, Stockholm.

about the progress of the scheme. Further information of general interest concerning the course will be published in each number of *Acta Oto-laryngologica*. Applicants who wish the committee to reserve hotel accommodation on their behalf should state the price range and type of room, whether it should be single or double and with or without bath, as well as the date of arrival and probable date of departure.

C. A. TEGNÉR, Secretary.

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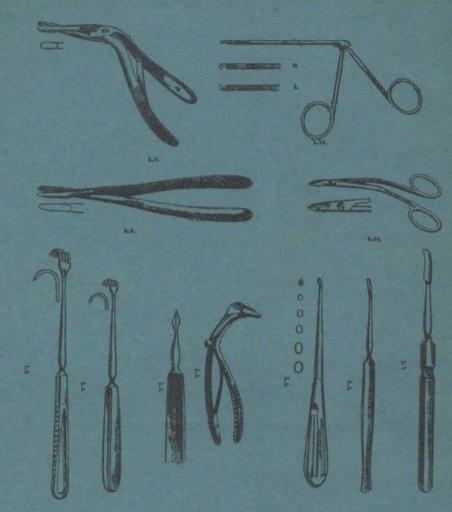
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