## TENTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF DERMA-TOLOGY, NEW YORK, 1940.

THE International Committee has decided to hold the Tenth International Congress of Dermatology in New York in 1940, probably in the month of August. The President will be Dr. Oliver Ormsby and the Secretary-General Dr. Paul O'Leary.

# SOCIÈTÉ FRANÇAISE DE DERMATOLOGIE ET DE SYPHILIGRAPHIE.

#### REGULATIONS FOR THE BIENNIAL PRIZE OF FR. 5000.

#### "PRIX ANONYME."

- 1. The prize shall be awarded once in two years to the author of the best work, printed or in manuscript, on a dermatological or venereological subject, on condition that such work represents real scientific progress. On alternate occasions, however, the prize shall be competitive, the subject of the essay being determined by the Committee of Direction.
- 2. The total sum of the prize, consisting of the arrears from the two years of the basic fund, may be divided in the event of several works meriting a reward.
- 3. Candidature is open to French or foreign authors, whose works are written in French, or have been translated into French.
- 4. Books or monographs are eligible if printed during the two years preceding donation, and also typed monographs even if unpublished. But in such case publication must take place during the course of the year in which the prize has been obtained, entire or shared.
- 5. The jury may assign the prize to a work which has been published but not presented.
- 6. The works presented shall be sent postage prepaid so as to be received by the Secretary-General of the Society before November 30th, and assignment announced at the General Assembly following this.
- 7. The works shall remain the property of the author, but eight printed copies shall be presented to the Society, and one of these shall be for the founder of the prize. A summary of the work shall appear in the Bulletin immediately after assignment of the prize.
  - 8. The Commission charged with assignment of the prize shall be nominated by

the Committee of Direction at the meeting held in December, immediately following presentation of the works. It shall consist of nine members, as follows: Five members of the Committee of Direction and four members nominated by the Society from a list of eight names submitted by the Committee.

9. The present regulations may be revised by a committee chosen from the Society if such revision is demanded in a petition signed by fifteen members of the society.

The "prix anonyme" of 5000 francs will be assigned for the first time in 1939, and will be "competitive".

The Committee of Direction has chosen the following subject: "Les Processus de sensibilisation et d'immunisation dans les epidermomycoses." Monographs must be addressed to the Secretary-General, Dr. Pierre Fernet, 11, rue de Sontay, Paris XVI, before November, 1938. The prize will be assigned at the General Assembly in May, 1939.

#### CURRENT LITERATURE.

### INFLAMMATIONS, ETC.

EXTRACELLULAR CHOLESTEROSIS. CARL W. LAYMON. (Arch. of Derm. and Syph., February, 1937, xxxv, p. 269.)

The term "extra-cellular cholesterosis" was applied originally by Urbach to a condition in which histologically both foam and giant-cells were absent, which seemed to negative the possibility that the condition was an atypical form of xanthoma, and pointed to its being a definite entity. The case reported here is that of a girl who presented curious firm brownish nodules situated on the dorsa of the hands over the finger-joints, and about the elbows, knees and the Achilles tendons. In addition the skin of the legs and buttocks showed a peculiar brownish mottled pigmentation, with areas of atrophic and wrinkled skin through which the superficial veins could be seen, and over which were flat atrophic scars. There were no evidences of diabetes, and the cholesterol count of the blood was not high. Histological examination showed an inflammatory mass in the corium composed chiefly of large cells which stained faintly, and in which vesicular nuclei filled almost the entire cell. Staining by Sudan III for fat showed numerous droplets of a sudanophilic substance in the papillary and reticular layers.

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## HYPERTRICHOSIS FOLLOWING PSORIASIS. F. Kogoj. (Derm. Wochenschr., 1937, civ, p. 402.)

A CASE is recorded in which tufts of hair over an inch long grew on the elbows, knees and sacrum of a female in whom these sites had been treated for psoriasis. A number of ointments had been rubbed in, all of them such as are commonly used in psoriasis. The patient was believed to have some ovarian deficiency, and had

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