

OPHTHALMOLOGY AND PHILATELY IV. OPHTHALMOLOGIC CONGRESSES

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A number of international and regional congresses have been honored by a special stamp or at least by special cancellation.

1. The XV International Congress 1937

(Fig. 1)

This congress was held December 14–18, 1937 in Cairo, Egypt. The president of the congress was Professor Eissa Handi El Maziny Bey and the secretary-general was Mohamed Tewfik.

The congress had two main themes. The first was *arterial hypertension of the retina*. The main reporters were Dr. H.P. Wagener and Dr. N.M. Keith from the United States of America, Professor P. Bailliart from France and Professor Y. Koyanagi from Japan.

The second main theme dealt with *endocrinology and the eye*. Here the main reporters were I. Snapper from The Netherlands, A. v. Szily from Germany, V.J. Imre from Hungary, P. Jeandelize and P.L. Dronet from France and L. Cascio from Italy.

2. The first Afro-Asian Congress 1958

(Fig. 2)

This congress was held March 1–5, 1958 in Cairo, United Arab Republic. The president was Professor Mohammed Abd El Monein Labib and the secretary, Dr. Sabri Kamel.

The main theme of the congress was *trachoma and acute ophthalmia*. In addition several symposia were presented.

The transactions of this congress were published in connection with the Bulletin of the Ophthalmological Society of Egypt (vol. 51, 1958).

3. The XIX International Congress 1962

(Fig. 3)

This congress was held December 2–7, 1962 in New Delhi, India. The president was Professor Kiran Sen and the secretary-general, Y.K.C. Pandit. The main themes dealt with electron microscopy, ocular localizations of tropical parasitologic diseases, complications of cataract operations, corneal degenerations and Eales' disease.

This congress was held under the threat of war as Northeast India was thought to be invaded by Red China. The International Council, under the presidency of Sir Stewart Duke-Elder, awarded the Gonin Medal to Professor Hans Goldmann of Bern, Switzerland.

4. The XX International Congress 1960

(Fig. 4)

The congress was held in Munich, Germany, August 13–19, 1960. The president was Professor H.K. Müller of Bonn. The main themes were anatomy, physiology and pathology of the *retinal circulation* and *uveitis* in childhood. The president of the International Council, Dr. Darrick Vail of Chicago, awarded the Gonin Medal to Professor Jules François of Belgium.

The special cancellation shows the heads of Hermann Helmholtz and Albrecht von Graefe.

5. The XXI International Congress 1970

(Figs. 5 and 6)

This congress was held March 8–14, 1970 in Mexico City. The president was Dr. M. Puig Solanez and the vice-president, Dr. L. Sanchez Bulnes. The secretary-general was Dr. A. Zertuche.



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The first main theme of the congress was *physiopathology of the occipital lobe*. The main speakers were: A. Dubois-Poulsen, C. Magis and A. Remond from France, M.M. Velasco Suarez of Mexico and Dr. R. Pigassou-Albouy of France. The second main theme dealt with *ocular embryopathies* and here the main speakers were J. François of Belgium, G. Tönduri of Zurich, F.W. Newell and A.E. Krill of the United States and N. Raimondo of Italy.

Professor J. Charamis of Greece, as president of the International Council, presented the Gonin Medal to Professor Meyer-Schwickerath of Essen, Germany.

6. The IV Congress of the European Ophthalmological Society 1972

(Figs. 7 and 8)

This congress was held April 17–21, 1972 in Budapest, Hungary. The president was Professor Magda Radnot. The main theme of the congress was *functional examinations in ophthalmology*. At the same time the Helmholtz Medal was awarded to Professor Jules François.

The two stamps depict three Hungarian and three other European ophthalmologists who have been described in previous chapters (cf. this volume pp. 209–216).

7. The XI Congress of the Pan-American Society of Ophthalmology 1977

(Fig. 9)

This congress was held March 20–25, 1977 in Santiago, Chile. The president was Professor A. Gormaz and the secretary-general, Dr. Juan Verdaguer, Jr.

The first symposium dealt with *soft contact lenses* and the main reporters were Dr. J. Buxton of New York and Dr. R. Zaldivar of Argentina. The second symposium on *cataract surgery* was chaired by Dr. R. Barreau of Chile and the third symposium on *trauma and plastic surgery* was directed by Dr. R.N. Tenzel of Miami and Dr. P. Brago de Magalhaes of Brazil. Other symposia dealt with ocular infections, vitrectomy, photocoagulation and glaucoma.

8. The XXIII International Congress 1978

(Fig. 10)

This congress was held May 14–21, 1978 in Kyoto. The president of the congress was Professor Akira Nakajima and the secretaries were Professor S. Mishima and Professor Y. Uemura.

The first main theme was the *retinal pigment epithelium*. The main speakers were Dr. F.E.G. Nilsson of Sweden, Dr. R.W. Young of Los Angeles, U.S.A., and

Dr. I. Tsukahara of Japan. The second main theme dealt with *ocular immunology* and the main speakers were: Dr. A.M. Silverstein, U.S.A., Dr. R. Campinchi, E. Michel and J.P. Faure of France, Dr. R. Witmer and A.C. Martenet of Zurich, Switzerland, and Professor W. Böke of Germany.

Professor Jules François of Belgium as the president of the International Council awarded the Gonin Medal to Professor Norman Ashton of London, England.

Summary

A number of international and regional ophthalmologic congresses have been commemorated by special stamps or at least by special cancellations. These were the international congresses in Cairo (1937), New Delhi (1962), Munich (1966), Mexico City (1970) and Kyoto (1978), as well as the first Afro-Asian congress in Cairo (1958), the 4th European congress in Budapest (1962) and the 11th Pan-American congress in Santiago de Chile (1977).

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Zusammenfassung

Eine Reihe von internationalen und regionalen Ophthalmologenkongressen wurde durch Sondermarken, bzw. durch Sonderstempel geehrt. Es waren die internationalen Kongresse in Kairo (1937), Neu Delhi (1962), München (1966), Mexico City (1970) und Kyoto (1978) sowie der erste Afroasiatische Kongreß in Kairo (1958), der 4. Europäische Kongreß in Budapest und der 11. Panamerikanische Kongreß in Santiago de Chile (1977).

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Resumé

Un nombre de congrès internationaux et régionaux ont été honorés par un timbre spécial ou du moins par une oblitération spéciale. C'étaient les congrès internationaux au Caire (1937), New Delhi (1962), Munich (1966), Mexico City (1970) et Kyoto (1978), ainsi que le premier congrès afro-asiatique au Caire (1958), le IV^e congrès européen à Budapest (1972) et le XI^e congrès panaméricain à Santiago de Chile (1977).

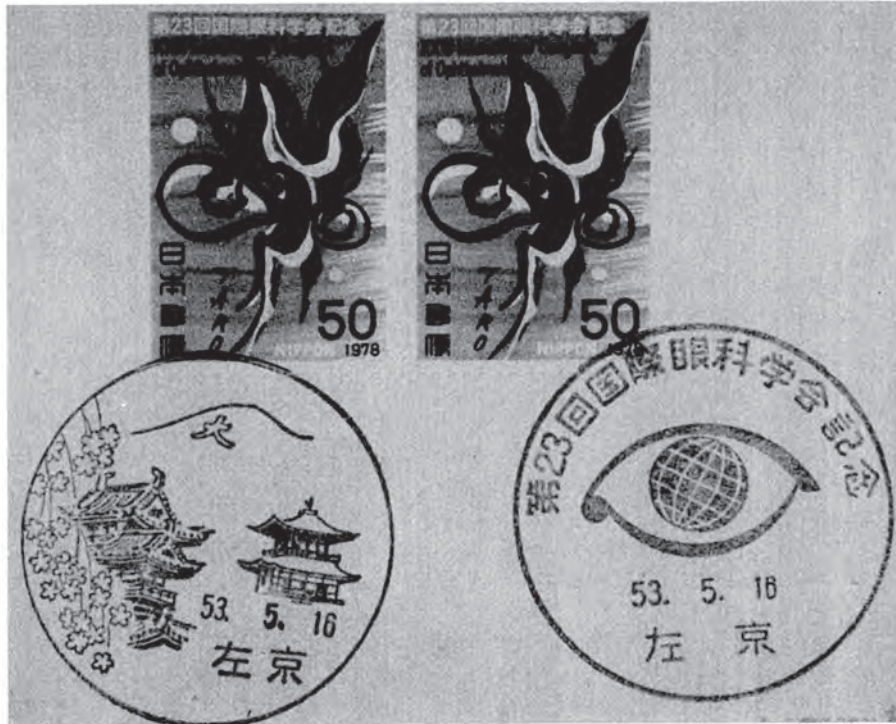


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IV. Los congresos oftalmológicos

Resumen

Un cierto número de congresos internacionales y regionales han sido honrados con un sello especial o al menos con una cancelación especial. Fueron estos los congresos internacionales de Cairo (1937), Nueva Delhi (1962), Munich (1966), Ciudad de Mexico (1970) y Kyoto (1978), así como el primer congreso Afro-Asiático en Cairo (1958), el IV^o congreso Europeo en Budapest (1972) y el XI^o congreso Panamericano en Santiago de Chile (1977).

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