

## SCIENCE NOTES AND NEWS

## FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR MICROBIOLOGY

The fourth International Congress for Microbiology will be held in Copenhagen, July 20|26, 1947, under the presidency of Th. Madsen. There will be nine sections: General Microbiology (Convener: K. A. Jensen), Medical and Veterinary Bacteriology (H. C. Bendixen), Viruses (J. Orskov), Serology and Immunology (M. Kristensen), Variation and Mutation in Micro-organisms (O. Winge), Plant Pathology and Mycology (N. F. Buchwald), Water and Soil Microbiology (E. Petersen), Dairy and Food Microbiology (E. Olsen), Alcoholic and Other Fermentations (H. Jorgensen). The Secretary, Dr. M. Bjorneboe, may be reached at the Kommunchospitalet, Copenhagen, Denmark.

## INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF EXPERIMENTAL CYTOLOGY

Members of the Bureau of the International Society for Experimental Cytology met at Copenhagen, July 26|27, 1946. It was decided to reorganize the Society considerably (into an International Society for Cytology and Histology), to make it more permanent and to establish, if possible, a new scientific periodical. Dr. Harald Okkels (University of Copenhagen) and Dr. B. Fell are preparing new statutes, and also considering the relations with the Unions and UNESCO. Another conference, preliminary to the Stockholm Congress (cf. *infra*) will be held in Holland, Easter 1947.

## SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON EXPERIMENTAL CELL RESEARCH

The sixth International Congress on Experimental Cell Research will be held in Stockholm, July 20|26, 1947. The Congress will be organized by a Swedish working committee. J. Runnström, of WennerGrens Institute, will act as Chairman for the Conference, and T. Caspersson and H. Hyden, of the Karolinska Institute, as Secretaries. The Conference will include a series of symposia on problems in experimental cell research from physico-chemical, physiological and morphological aspects.

## PACIFIC WAR MEMORIAL

The Pacific War Memorial, established in 1946, after the Pacific Science Conference (Headquarters at 70, Pine St., New York City) proposes to establish throughout the Pacific Ocean area strategically located field stations. These field stations will correspond with many points where Americans died fighting for freedom. In addition the Memorial will initiate a plan for the creation of War Memorial National Parks and Reserves where samples of

the unique wild life of the region may be preserved in its natural habitat for the future. The purpose of the field stations is to serve as bases for original exploration, collecting and research in the natural and physical sciences. These stations will furnish equipment and laboratory facilities for visiting scientists as well as a permanent research staff.

## CENTRAALBUREAU VOOR SCHIMMELCULTURES

The Centraalbureau voor Schimmecultures, at Baarn, N. H. (Dir. Joh. Westerdijk), issued its latest catalogue, a 140-page list of some 2,000 fungi and yeasts, in 1943. Copies of this and further information may be obtained from the Bureau which has not been damaged to any extent during the war years.

## A MYCOLOGICAL AND PLANT PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY FOR INDIA

Drs. J. E. Dastur and B. B. Mundkur have sent us the following circular.

"Several Mycologists and Plant Pathologists have from time to time expressed a desire that a Society of Plant Pathologists and Mycologists for India be formed, following the lines of the Indian Entomological Society and the Society of Indian Plant Breeders and Geneticists. As the number of workers on mycological and plant pathological problems is steadily increasing in India in the Research Institutes, Universities and Colleges of Science and of Agriculture, it has seemed desirable to start a move for founding such a Society.

The primary objective of such a Society would be to advance the study of Mycology and Plant Pathology in India and to publish the work done by Indian Mycologists and Plant Pathologists by issuing a Journal which would include summaries of important papers published abroad, for though plant pathological and applied mycological literature is adequately reviewed in the *Review of Applied Mycology*, articles of purely mycological interest are not abstracted in that Journal. The Society will also strive to be the adviser of the Central and Provincial and State Governments in mycological and plant pathological matters, just as the American Phytopathological Society is doing in the United States of America.

If a fairly good response is received as a result of this appeal, it is proposed to concert measures for founding such a Society during the forthcoming meeting of the Plant Pathological Committee of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research when distinguished Mycologists and Plant Pathologists are expected to be at New Delhi, by calling a meeting for the purpose."