

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ALLERGOLOGY
SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT TO THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The previous Secretary-General, Dr. Frankland, in his report in 1970 stated that he had very little to do, because most of the routine, necessary and important detailed work was so ably managed by our Executive Secretary and her staff. I have the highest praise for her and the office, particularly her marked efficiency and keeping the President, Secretary-General and Treasurer fully informed. Both the President and Secretary-General received copies of all incoming correspondence, and the Treasurer on matters pertaining to his division. Miss Edwards did not take it upon herself to make any policy decisions. Therefore although many of the chores of the office of Secretary-General are eliminated, I feel that it is most important that this position not be abolished so that the Executive Secretary continues to be responsible to the Secretary-General and the Treasurer. Hence the details of this report will be presented by our secretary, Miss Suzanne K. Edwards.

Over these past three years, your Secretary-General has had innumerable telephone conversations and much correspondence with the Secretary - but even more with the President, Max Samter. I have never seen a man, so dedicated and calm, (never flustered) no matter how serious a problem. His famous quotation is "everything will work out, it always does" and he is right, because of his hard, thoughtful work. The Secretary-General "salutes" you.

Your Secretary-General visited Tokyo in November of 1971. He met most of the organizing committee (having known many of them in the past), was shown the various meeting facilities, guest rooms, etc., at this hotel. I was extremely impressed by the organizing committee's far advanced plans, their efficiency and diligence. A full report of this meeting was sent to the President. The President, Secretary-General and Executive Secretary likewise had a meeting in Chicago to discuss various subjects relative to the IAA and the Congress.

In as much as we meet only once every three years, it is most important that the IAA have continuity. This is partially accomplished by the Executive Secretary. I would like to suggest that the following be implemented:

(1) Copies of all correspondence to and from the President be sent to the President-elect and the first Vice-President, so that when his term of office starts he will be fully informed.

(2) That the Executive Secretary send copies of all important correspondence of the present Secretary-General and the Treasurer to the incoming successors of these offices.

(3) That chairmen of various committees implant the same proceedings to the new chairmen.

(4) That all data about the present congress, finances, housing, training programs, tours, entertainment, etc., be sent to the chairman of the next organizing committee through the Executive Secretary.

(5) Many offices and committee chairmen spend much time at their respective positions. Some encounter quite a bit of expenses, postage costs, secretarial help, telephone bills, etc. There should be some way that these items be reimbursed by the IAA. Of course, we could never afford reimbursement for their time and expert advice.

You will hear from Miss Edwards about those member societies whose suspension must be considered according to the Constitution and By-Laws.

I am sure you will find this congress, even better than previous ones both from a basic scientific and clinical program, so well prepared by our President, Max Samter, and with the efficient help and cooperation of the organizing committee under the excellent guidance of Dr. Oshima. You will also be pleased with the social functions for the congress due to the efforts of the local committee.

I wish to thank all of you for bestowing the great honor to act as your Secretary-General during the past three years. I hope I did the job well.

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