

SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON THE HISTORY OF OCEANOGRAPHY;

CHALLENGER EXPEDITION CENTENARY

EDINBURGH, 12-20 SEPTEMBER, 1972



Third Circular

The Second International Congress on the History of Oceanography (the First Congress took place in Monaco in 1966) will be held in Edinburgh from 12 to 20 September inclusive, 1972, immediately following the Edinburgh International Festival of Music and Drama in that year.

Centenary celebrations in honour of the sailing of H. M.S. 'Challenger' on her historic oceanographical expedition, 1872-1876, will initiate the Congress which will be under the Honorary Presidency of His Royal Highness, the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who will be supported by a distinguished Committee of Patronage.

The Opening Assembly, on Tuesday, 12 September, 1972, in the Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh, together with official opening speeches, will comprise four invited lectures on the Challenger Expedition, the history of its conception, its organisation, and its influence on subsequent progress in oceanography. Addresses will be given by Sir Maurice Yonge, Professor D. Merriman of the Bingham Oceanographic Laboratory, Dr H. L. Burstyn of the Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, and by Dr A. E. Ritchie, Edinburgh. Places at the Opening Assembly which are not required for congress participants and guests will be made available to an invited audience including members of the general public.

Meetings on the six working days to follow, 13-15 and 18-20 September inclusive, will be held in the Appleton Tower of the University of Edinburgh, and will be devoted to summary addresses, by the authors, of their pre-printed papers, and to general discussions on these contributions. Between 60 and 100 papers may thus be presented. It is recommended that contributors should concern themselves particularly with the growth and progress of marine science, fitting modern advances into the perspective of developments from the earliest times. A wide range of topics is thus expected to be covered. Contributions, however, need not be confined to a single topic; papers which deal with general topics, overlapping two or more of the following Sections, will be welcome.

Programme Sections and their Conveners

| 1. | The Sea Floor | • | • | • | Dr S. E. Calvert |
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| 2. | Ocean Circulation | | | | Dr J. C. Swallow |
| 3. | Deep-Sea Exploration and Research | | | | Dr G. E. R. Deacon |
| 4. | Life in the Deep Oceans | | | • | Dr J. A. Allen |
| 5. | Life in the Upper Layers | | | | Dr J. H. Fraser |
| 6. | Meteorology | | | • | Professor II. Charnock |
| 7. | Navigation and Cartography | | | • | Rear-Admiral G.S. Ritchie |
| | Physics and Chemistry | | | | |
| 9. | Fisheries Research | • | | • | Dr C.E. Lucas |
| 10. | Health and Survival at Sea | | | | Surgeon Rear-Admiral S. Miles |

Offers of contributions should be submitted as soon as possible addressed to the Conveners of the Sections, as above, at The Royal Society of Edinburgh, 22 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2PQ. Abstracts of the proposed contributions, not exceeding 500 words and in English, should be rendered to the above address not later than 31 March, 1971. An original copy of each accepted paper, in double-spaced typescript, with illustrations and ample margins, will be required not later than 31 October, 1971.

Visiting Oceanographic Research Ships

It is hoped that representative oceanographic research vessels may find it convenient to visit Edinburgh (the Port of Leith) during the period of the Congress. Advance intimation of the attendance of research ships, with any facilities that may be offered, will be appreciated.

Exhibitions

It is intended to mount exhibitions of relics of the Challenger Expedition — apparatus, photographs, log-books, note-books, original drawings and paintings — as well as of modern oceanographic instruments and equipment. The practical demonstration of modern gear on board visiting research vessels will be welcomed.

Social Functions and Excursions

An official Congress Reception for all participants and their associates will be held, probably on the evening of Tuesday, 12 September, 1972, in the Assembly Rooms, George Street, Edinburgh. Thereafter there will be receptions by Her Majesty's Government, the Corporation of the City of Edinburgh, the University of Edinburgh, and the Royal Society of Edinburgh on succeeding evenings except Thursday, 14 September, which will be free. Saturday and Sunday, 16 and 17 September, will be reserved for excursions, details of which, including costs, will be announced later.

Accommodation

Accommodation has been reserved at the Pollock Halls of Residence, University of Edinburgh. In addition, the Edinburgh Corporation Accommodation Bureau will be pleased to assist those participants who wish to stay in hotels or private guest houses.

Registration Fee

Active participants in the Congress, entitled to attend all sessions, exhibitions, and social functions, will pay a registration fee not exceeding fifteen pounds (£15). Each participant may be accompanied by one or more near relatives (husband, wife, son, daughter, brother, sister), with similar entitlements, at a fee of three pounds (£3) each. Bona fide students will be required to pay a registration fee of two pounds (£2).

Intimation of Attendance

All who expect or hope to attend the Congress are asked to indicate their interest on the enclosed postcard. (not enclosed).

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