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The American Academy of Pediatrics is a member association of the International Paediatric Association, which makes each member of the Academy a member of the International as well.

The Constitution of the International Paediatric Association and the report of Prof. G. Fanconi, the Secretary-General, are presented for your attention.

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## CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PAEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION

### Article I—Name

The name of this association shall be "The International Paediatric Association."

### Article II—Objects

The objects of this association shall be:

- 1) to promote closer relationship between the paediatricians of all countries by holding an international congress every 3 years.
- 2) to promote the dissemination of paediatric knowledge.
- 3) to cooperate with other agencies concerned with the improvement of child care, paediatric education or research in any part of the world.

### Article III—Membership

Membership shall be composed of national paediatric associations. These associations shall pay dues in proportion to their per capita memberships, as determined by the International Paediatric Association. Applications for membership shall be made to the general secretary of the association. Membership shall be terminated by resignation or non-payment of dues.

Members of Member-Associations shall automatically be members of the International Paediatric Association. It shall be the obligation of the secretary of each Member-Association to furnish the general secretary of the International Paediatric Association with a list of the officers and members of his national association on January 1st of each year.

Members shall have the privilege of submitting communications or exhibits to the Congress. The program committee of the Congress may, however, exercise its discretion in selecting these and may solicit communications or exhibits from any source.

### Article IV—Governing Bodies and Officers

#### A. General Council

The control of policies of the International Paediatric Association shall be vested in a General Council, consisting of one delegate from each Member-Association. Each delegate shall have one vote, except that in the case of a country having more than one Member-Association only one vote shall be accorded that country.

Where there is more than one Member-

Association in a country, a delegate from each association may attend the General Council and may speak in the discussion, but only one vote may be used by each country.

When a country has not a Member-Association which has joined the International Paediatric Association it may be permitted to send a delegate to the General Council as an observer without a vote.

The General Council shall meet every 3 years at the time of the Congress.

#### B. Officers

The officers of the Association shall be: a permanent *General Secretary* who shall also act as *Treasurer*, the *President of the Congress* and an *Executive Board* of 8 members. The General Secretary-Treasurer and the President of the Congress shall be ex officio members of the Executive Board, the remaining 6 being members-at-large. The term of office shall be from the termination of one congress to the termination of the next. The officers of the Association shall be elected by the Council. Three of the six members-at-large of the Executive Board shall be eligible for re-election to succeed themselves for a second term.

The Executive Board shall elect its own chairman. Its functions shall be to approve applications for membership in the Association, to carry out the policies of the Association between meetings of the Council, and to prepare the programme of each International Congress in collaboration with the president and the local committee.

Members of the Executive Board shall not vote in the General Council unless they are the official delegates of their Member-Association.

#### Article V—Congress

The General Council shall determine the location of the triennial Congress, the exact time to be determined by the president in consultation with the Council for the Coordination of International Congresses of Medical Sciences. The official languages of each congress shall be determined by the president, who shall have the authority to appoint such committees as are necessary for the conduct of the Congress which shall be sponsored by the national Member-Association or Associations of the country in which it is held.

#### By-Laws of the International Paediatric Association

- 1) *Dues*. Dues for Member-Associations shall be recommended by the Executive Board and approved by the General Council. They shall be based on the per capital membership of each Member-Association. They shall be payable in advance on January 1st of each year. Non-payment of dues for 2 years will automatically terminate membership, due notice being given. It may also be terminated by vote of the council.
- 2) *Voting*. A two thirds vote of those present at the meeting of the General Council shall be valid for changing the Constitution. A majority vote of either body shall be valid for all other matters.
- 3) *Congress Attendance*. Attendance at the Congress shall be open to any reputable physician on payment of registration fee. Only by special invitation, however, can physicians who are not members of a Member-Association participate in the discussions.
- 4) The first meeting of the Executive Board and the General Council shall take place on the day before the opening of the International Congress.

#### INTERNATIONAL PAEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION

##### A. Communication of the Secretary-General to the Presidents of National Paediatric Associations

At the 7th International Congress of Paediatrics in Havana the Executive Board has been newly constituted. According to the "Constitution" 3 members had to be replaced. Professor F. Gomez and Professor H. F. Helmholtz have resigned. They were replaced by Professor Alvaro de Aguiar, M.D., Chief, 5° Distrito de puericultura, Rio de Janeiro, and Dr. E. H. Christopherson, Executive Secretary, American Academy of Pediatrics, Evanston, Ill. The place of Professor M. S. Maslov, Leningrad, from whom the secretary-general has not heard anything for more than 4 years, is taken again by Professor A. Wallgren, M.D., Stockholm, until the next international congress.

Copenhagen (Denmark) was selected as the

place for the 8th International Congress of Paediatrics. The president of the congress, Professor P. Plum, M.D., Chief, Paediatric Department, Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, will be ex officio member of the Executive Board until the termination of the 1956 congress. Professor F. Hurtado automatically resigns after the termination of the 7th International Congress of Paediatrics.

#### B. Report of the Activity of the Secretary-General

from July 26, 1950, to October 1, 1953

1) The "Constitution and By-Laws" of the International Paediatric Association prepared at the 6th International Congress of Paediatrics in Zurich (1950) and revised at the 7th International Congress in Havana (1953). We are well aware that this Constitution is not yet ideal, but it will be subject to further alterations according to the requirements and the tasks of our Association. The wording of the Constitution as it was adopted in Havana is contained in the enclosure.

2) On October 1, 1953, the International Paediatric Association comprized the following 33 member-associations from 30 nations:

The representatives of several other national paediatric associations have declared their willingness to join our Association at the Congress in Havana.

3) The activity of the secretary-general in the period from July 26, 1950, to October 1, 1953, can be summarized as follows:

a) The secretary-general has put at the disposal of the president of the 7th International Congress of Paediatrics all the experience gathered during the organisation of the congress in Zurich. He went twice to Geneva to meet Professor Hurtado there, and once Professor Hurtado came to Zurich. An extensive correspondence was exchanged and the secretariat forwarded the decisions regarding the Congress to all the member-associations and the paediatric journals.

b) In October 1951 a conference was held in Zurich on the coordination of paediatric abstract journals where "Excerpta Medica," "Courier" of the International Children's Center and "Zentralblatt für Kinderheilkunde" (edited by Springer) were represented. Not only the chief editors, but also the directors of the publishing houses were present. It was decided that the task of publishing abstracts should be

divided amongst the three mentioned paediatric journals. "Courier" consented to continue publishing indicative abstracts in French and English, "Excerpta Medica, Section on Paediatrics" and "Zentralblatt für Kinderheilkunde" agreed, on the other hand, to publish informative abstracts. Besides it was suggested that the publishers and editors of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese paediatric journals should seek an agreement with one of these three journals that authority for complete or partial translation be put at their disposal.

c) According to a suggestion made by the World Health Organisation the International Paediatric Association together with this organisation launched a study on paediatric education in Europe. The WHO set up for this behalf a detailed questionnaire which was discussed in a meeting in Zurich in March 1953 where paediatricians from 14 European countries were present. This study will be continued and we hope to be able to extend it to Latin America with the help of Professor Myron E. Wegman, Director of the Division of Education and Training of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Washington. As our Association has at its disposal only a half-time secretary and as the secretary-general has much to do besides, its progress is highly dependent on the assistance from the WHO. In the last months financial difficulties have arisen, but we hope that they can be overcome.

d) The chief activity of the secretary-general was concerned with information of great variety given to all kinds of organisations, paediatricians, etc., all over the world. We had also a large correspondence and a close contact with the WHO and the "Council for International Organisations of Medical Sciences" (CIOMS). In November 1952 the secretary-general attended in Paris a "Conference on Congress Organisation" which was held under the auspices of UNESCO.

e) Though it does not lie in the sphere of activity of the secretary-general to organise postgraduate courses for doctors, there were held two such courses in Zurich under the auspices of the International Paediatric Association, without touching in any way the funds of the association, viz., a postgraduate course in child psychology, child psychiatry and paediatrics in October 1951, and a course in paediatrics in May 1952, in association with the International Children's Center. It is

planned to hold a symposium on electrolytes in October 1954, before the postgraduate course for doctors of the Medical Faculty of Zurich. This symposium will last a week and will comprise not more than 20 to 25 participants, young paediatricians who are working in the field of the electrolytes from the different countries of Europe and of the United States of America. The papers, which must be short, may be read in English, French, German, Italian and Spanish. Observers will be allowed to attend the symposium and will be given every day the opportunity of asking questions during one hour. The deeper meaning of this meeting will be to promote the contact and friendship between the younger generation of research workers and paediatricians from different parts of the world.

f) Receipts and Payments Account of the Treasurer from July 26, 1950, to October 1, 1953.

	<i>Dr.</i> SFrs.	<i>Cr.</i> SFrs.
Dues received from member-associations	17.157.75	
Advance by a Swiss Institution	4.641.10	
Contribution of the Council f. Internat. Org. of Med. Sciences (\$500.-) ceded to the secretariat by Prof. Hurtado	2.140.-	
Interests on Bank Account	27.70	
Salary for a half-time secretary		9.372.05
Secretarial expenses		2.284.80

Travelling expenses of the secretary-gen.	389.50	
Subscriptions to the CIOMS	868.-	
Expenses for the Conference on Paediatric Abstract Journals (October 1951)	1.651.75	
Expenses for the Conference on Paediatric Education (1953)	2.600.80	
Balance	6.799.65	
	<u>23.966.55</u>	<u>23.966.55</u>

The Balance of Frs. 6.799.65 is deposited with

- 1) Zürcher Kantonalbank, current account SFrs. 4.416.10
  - 2) Post Office Account No. 10812 SFrs. 2.383.55
- SFrs. 6.799.65

The funds of the International Paediatric Association having been very modest during the last 3 years, a Swiss institution made an advance which increased in the course of time to SFrs. 7.241.90. The Executive Board proposed that this advance must be repaid. The amount of SFrs. 2.600.80 (expenses for the conference on paediatric education in March 1953) has already been paid back. The rest of SFrs. 4.641.10 will be repaid within the next two or three years.

At the congress in Havana, Professor S. van Creveld, Amsterdam, was officially authorized to audit the accounts.

**PROFESSOR G. FANCONI**  
*Secretary General*

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