

NEWS

New Members in the Editorial Board of "Hansenologia Internationalis"

Professors Estevam de Almeida Neto and Walter de Paula Pimenta are now members in the Scientific Council of "Hansenologia Internationalis" Reverend George E. Appel is contributing to this periodical as English language consultant.

"Hansenologia Internationalis" acknowledges Mrs. Thelma Hanin Rotberg for the valuable cooperation she gave to this periodical as English language

consultant, a function she is resigning due to health problems.

Renata Barco de Abreu Leme and Lucia de Fátima Rodrigues de Freitas are the new journalists working with the editor of "Hansenologia Internationalis", dr. Teresa A. E. Kliemann Professor Abrahão Rotberg, its founder and former editor, is now its scientific consultant.

II International Congress of the College of Hansenology of the Endemic Countries

The II Congress of Hansenology of the Endemic Countries will be held at Carville, LA, U.S. America. The address of Dr. Robert C. Hastings, who will preside over the II Congress is : "National Hansen's Disease Center", Carville, LA, 70721, U.S. The address of the College follows: Rua Nascimento Silva 16/ 201, CEP 22.421, Rio de Ja-

neiro, **RJ**, Brazil. (President: Prof. R. D. Azulay. Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Célio de Paula Motta).

News and reports of the First Congress (Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 1980) are being prepared for publication in the coming number of "Hansenologia Internationalis".

Sao Paulo Hospitals Change Names

The names "Pirapitingui", "Aimorés" and "Santo Angelo" of the old "Asylum-Colonies" in the state of S. Paulo, Brazil, more widely known as "leprosaria", have always been a shocking reminder of the ominous epoch of compulsory segregation and leprostigma. They are now "Hospitais de Dermatologia Sanitária" (Hospitals of Public Health Dermatology) and had their names recently changed to "Francisco Ribeiro Arantes", "Lauro de Souza Lima" and "Arnaldo Pezzuti Cavalcanti", respectively.

Besides being a homage to those distinguished deceased hansenologists, the new designations are supposed to contribute to project a new public image for the hospitals. The hospitals "Padre Bento" (whose name did not change) and "Lauro de Souza Lima" are admitting dermatological patients without hanseniasis, which corresponds to the beginning of their gradual change into general hospitals and/or research centers.

ILEP

ILEP and its Medical Commission are very concerned about the shortage of teaching material of all kinds appropriate for the use of health personnel in the Third World.

Many ILEP Member-Associations are devoting substantial funds to the publication of teaching booklets on leprosy, to the provision of audio-visual equipment and material and to regular subsidies to the various leprosy journals. Probably, however, other teaching material is being produced outside ILEP and, in order to provide information about what is available in various languages world-wide, a leprosy documentation service has been established in Amsterdam. At its recent Meeting in Copenhagen, on 12th June 1981, the ILEP Medical Commission re-

quested that copies of all teaching material in whatever language should be sent to this Centre. The address is: The Leprosy Documentation Service — Royal Tropical Institute — 62 Mauritskade 1092 AD Amsterdam.

At its recent Meeting in Copenhagen, the International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP) elected "Secours aux Lépreux" (Canada) a full Member of the Federation.

A revised Atlas of leprosy distribution in the world has been prepared by the Damien Foundation, Belgium.

ILEP is collaborating with the International Leprosy Association in the planning and financing of the International Leprosy Congress to be held in New Delhi in November 1983.