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Fourteenth International Veterinary Congress

THE Fourteenth International Veterinary Congress will be held in London during August 8-13, and the meetings will take place in the Central Hall, Westminster, and in Church House, Westminster (see *Nature*, February 5, p. 205). It is now known that H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester will be unable to open the Congress. The main theme of the Congress is the veterinary profession's contribution to world food supplies, and at the plenary meetings in the Central Hall the first address will be given by Lord Boyd Orr on "The World Food Situation". At the sectional meetings, papers (printed and circulated in advance) will be presented by delegates, from many parts of the world, who will discuss animal health and disease control problems. Further information on the International Congress may be obtained from the Organising Secretary, Fourteenth International Veterinary Congress, 10 Red Lion Square, London, W.C.1.

The National Veterinary Medical Association will this year confine its annual congress activities to three days, two of which will coincide with meetings of the International Congress, so that there may be joint discussions; the third day will be devoted largely to demonstrations at the Royal Veterinary College, Camden Town, London, N.W.1. The Association congress will afford opportunities for international discussion on small-animal matters, as opposed to the farm livestock subjects which will occupy the time of delegates during the first four days.

Traditional Art of the British Colonies

AN exhibition of "Traditional Art of the British Colonies" will be opened at the Royal Anthropological Institute, 21 Bedford Square, London, W.C.1, on June 21, and will remain open throughout the "Colonial Month", of which it is one of the principal features, and will be open between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Mondays to Saturdays, closing on Wednesday, July 20. This will be an unusual opportunity for studying the ancient cultures of Nigeria, as well as masks and figures from other African Colonies, from Malaysia and from Oceania. A full descriptive and illustrated catalogue (price 1s. 6d. to visitors) underlines the relevance of the scientific data of anthropology to aesthetic appreciation.

Special Science Exhibition for the Blind

THE first exhibition in Great Britain solely for blind persons is being held at the Science Museum, South Kensington, London, S.W.7, during June 11-26. It has been organised by the Science Museum in conjunction with the National Institute for the Blind, and suitable exhibits covering a wide range of popular science are available for examination by blind visitors. The exhibition includes models and apparatus relating, for example, to the many forms of transport (railways, shipping and aircraft), to mining, the textile industries, hand and machine tools, time measurement, meteorology, printing and typewriting. Descriptive labels, transcribed into Braille, explain the exhibits, and printed labels are available for escorts to read to those not pro-

ficient in Braille. As the Exhibition is intended solely for the blind and partially sighted, it is not open to normally sighted members of the public unless acting as escorts to blind visitors. The Exhibition is free and is open daily from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. (Sundays 2.30-6 p.m.).

Lady Tata Memorial Fund Awards

LADY TATA MEMORIAL FUND international awards for research in blood diseases, with special reference to leukaemia, have been awarded for the year 1949-50 to the following, for work at the places mentioned. *Grants* for research expenses and assistance: Dr. M. C. Bessis (Paris); Dr. J. Bichel (Aarhus); Dr. P. Cazal (Montpellier); Dr. J. Clemmesen (Copenhagen); Dr. E. Kelemen (Szeged); Dr. J. Chandra Mehta (Agra); Prof. C. Oberling (Paris); Dr. Edith Paterson (Manchester); Dr. G. Schallock (Münster); Prof. E. Storti (Pavia). *Scholarships*: Dr. P. Atanasiu, of Rumania (Paris); Dr. C. F. M. Plum (Copenhagen).

University of London: Appointments

THE following appointments in the University of London have been announced: Mr. R. S. Edwards, to the University chair of economics with special reference to industrial organisation tenable at the London School of Economics and Political Science as from October 1; Dr. G. A. D. Haslewood, to the University chair of biochemistry tenable at Guy's Hospital Medical School as from October 1. The title of reader in mathematics in the University has been conferred on Dr. Daniel Pedoe, in respect of the post held by him at Westfield College. The following doctorates have been conferred: *D.Sc.*: H. J. S. King (Northern Polytechnic), F. O. Howitt (West Ham Municipal College) and B. C. Saunders (an external student).

Announcements

MR. T. DALLING, chief veterinary officer, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, has been elected president of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons for the year 1949-50.

A SYMPOSIUM on "Photochemistry in Relation to Textiles" is being arranged by the Society of Dyers and Colourists and will be held at Harrogate during September 22-24. At this symposium, which is open to non-members, special emphasis will be laid on the scientific and technical aspects of the fading of dyed materials and the photodegradation of both dyed and undyed materials. Further information may be obtained from the Assistant Secretary, Society of Dyers and Colourists, 32-34 Piccadilly, Bradford, Yorks.

THE Department of Radiology of the University of California Medical School will be holding a post-graduate course on physics in radiation therapy during September 6-9, after the course on the medical aspects of nuclear energy during August 29-September 3 (see *Nature*, May 14, p. 760). The course will be conducted under the chairmanship of Dr. Robert S. Stone, professor of radiology, and ten lectures will be delivered by Dr. Edith H. Quimby, associate professor of radiology, Columbia University. Ionizing radiations from various types of sources will be considered. Further information may be obtained from Prof. Stacy R. Mettler, Medical Extension, University of California Medical Center, San Francisco 22, California.