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A TORONTO!

The time approaches for the opening of the 10th International Congress in Toronto, August 10-16 1985! Within a few months, I hope to be greeting each of you at the meeting. The 10th Congress offers a choice of 22 Workshops and an outstanding Congress Scientific Program with representatives from 24 different countries. If you have not yet registered for the Congress, please take advantage -- before the June 30 discount deadline -- of the registration form at the end of the Congress Program which is enclosed with this Newsletter.

An exciting calendar of Special Events has been planned for the ISH Congress. In addition to a breakfast at the CN Tower (the tallest free-standing building in the world) and a Chinese Banquet, there will be a staged reading of portions of the new play by Norman Cousins, Jerome Lawrence, and Robert Lee, entitled "Mesmer," with a personal introduction by Norman Cousins.

Another milestone for ISH this year will be the publication of the 1985 edition of the triennial Membership Directory, which will include all ISH members for 1985. Advance copies of the Directory will be available for perusal at the ISH Exhibit Desk in Toronto and will be mailed to all members in the fall.

Planning ahead to 1988, the 11th ISH Congress will take place August 13-19, hosted by the Nederlandse Vereniging voor Hypnotherapie and sponsored by the University of Leiden. The Board of Directors voted to postpone the hosting by the Israel Society of an ISH triennial Congress until the 1990s due to current inflation and political uncertainties.

Recently, all voting members of ISH should have received a ballot for the election of two officers of ISH for the years 1986-1988: Secretary-Treasurer and President-Elect. Please be sure to exercise your franchise and let the Society know your choice, mailing your ballot to reach the ISH Central Office in Philadelphia before the July 5, 1985 deadline.

Again, I look forward to seeing you at the 10th Congress -- such a landmark event is not to be missed!

A bientot!

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FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

The Sciences is a handsomely produced and clearly written bimonthly magazine published by the New York Academy of Sciences. It is a reminder that the serious study of hypnosis is linked to all of the sciences by an underlying common methodology, be it the planned observations of the laboratory or the keenly observed case history or field study.

The magazine is a barometer of the quite spectacular breakthroughs that we have seen in recent decades. It also shows how little we really know in many fields of scientific endeavor. I was interested to discover in a recent issue that the riddle of what happens to the sea turtle (which disappears during its first year of life) was solved during the early 1970s by the most naturalistic of all methods. In an era of sophisticated tracking devices, a biologist simply swam after some newborn turtles and found where they went.

The magazine is notable for its interest in the sociology of science and scientists. There was, for instance, a recent article on the "cooking" of data both for fraudulent reasons and also to make it correspond even better to a theory (as apparently occurred with Mendel's pea-breeding data). Another story dealt sympathetically with the case of a Professor of Medicine who felt obliged to resign chairmanship of a department because he inadvertently plagiarized others' work. Topics have also included what children's fairy tales tell us about the psychology of children, and how an American anthropologist collected data on the Japanese geisha by training to become one.

In addition, the graphics are visually stunning. Each story is illustrated by a number of paintings by artists representing virtually every century, country, and artistic style. There is in this the subtle hint that good science requires the creativity of an artist and that enduring art relies in part upon the precision of a scientist.

This year marks 25 years of publication for this unique magazine, and we congratulate the editorial board for this achievement. Interestingly, the Academy has links with ISH National Constituent Societies in America. In the first issue (1953) of the Journal of Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis (now IJCEH), Dr. Jerome Schneck recorded the fact that two of the first three meetings of SCEH were held at the Academy. More recently, in 1977 the Academy sponsored a 3 day meeting on hypnosis; the papers were published in the Academy's Annals.

Given that in postwar America, hypnosis tended to be perceived within our professions as fraudulent at worst and as akin to basket weaving at best, the Academy's breadth of mind and vision was impressive. It continues to be celebrated every two months in The Sciences -- hopefully for many quarter centuries to come.

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