

LEAGUE OF NATIONS

C.H./Malaria/230.

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HEALTH ORGANISATION

Malaria Commission.

The Secretary of the Malaria Commission has the honour to bring to the notice of its members the following communication:

The Health Committee, at its XXIIInd session (October 1935), has examined the work of the Malaria Commission which, in the absence of the President, Dr. Lutrario, has been summarised by Prof. Ed. Sergent, Vice-President.

The conclusions of the Vice-President having been approved, the following programme of work for the Malaria Commission for 1936 was adopted:

1. Continuation, probably until the end of May 1936, of the co-ordinated studies on the efficacy, compared with quinine, of synthetic preparations in the treatment and prevention of malaria and the eradication of the disease by the administration of drugs. These studies are being carried out in Algeria, Italy, Malaya, Roumania and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

2. Continuation of the co-ordinated studies on the biological properties of different strains of plasmodium.

These studies, which are being carried out in the centres of malariatherapy at Horton (England), Costugeni and Socola (Roumania), will also end in May 1936.

3. Preparation of a further report on the treatment of malaria.

This report will take account of new scientific developments and of the results of the above-mentioned studies; it will be the fourth General Report of the Malaria Commission. Its preparation will be entrusted to Professor G. Bastianelli (Italy), Professor Ciuca (Roumania), Professor Ed. Sergent (France), Professor Serguieff (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Colonel Sinton (British India) and to a representative of the Kuala Lumpur (Federated Malay States) Institute for Medical Research.

This drafting Committee will meet in July 1936, and its report will, it is hoped, be presented to the Malaria Commission when the latter meets in October 1936, on the occasion of the third International Malaria Congress.

4. As in 1934 and 1935, it will be necessary to consider the possibility of organising two international malaria courses, one in Europe and one in the Far East, during the year 1936.

The Health Committee has appointed the following additional members of the Malaria Commission:

Professor Serguieff, Director of the Institute of Tropical Medicine "Merzinowsky" Moscow (U.R.S.S.).

Dr. Soesilo, Chief of the Anti-Malaria Service of the Netherlands East Indies, Batavia C.

Professor Warrington Yorke, School of Tropical Medicine, Liverpool,

The Chief of the Malaria Research Division of the Institute for Medical Research, Kuala Lumpur (Federated Malay States).

In the course of the discussion on the report of the Vice-President of the Malaria Commission, some of the members of the Commission, referring to document C.352.M.179.1935.VII, Settlement of the Assyrians of Iraq, Report of the Committee of the Council on the Settlement of the Assyrians of Iraq in the region of the Ghab), called the attention of the Committee to various questions concerning malaria, which might affect the settlement of the Assyrian refugees. The Health Committee thought that it was its duty to remind the Council that its Malaria Commission would willingly give technical assistance if the latter deemed it desirable.

## II.

Darling Foundation.-

The Health Committee draws attention to the following extract from Article 5 of the Statutes of the Foundation:

"... any member of the Health Committee or of the Malaria Commission and any national Department of Health may put forward the name of any person whose candidature is thought worthy of examination with a view to the award of the prize; the nomination must be accompanied by a written statement of the reasons on which it is based. The same candidature may be submitted on several occasions if unsuccessful.

"The candidature must be in respect of a work either published within five years preceding the award of the prize or submitted in manuscript to the Health Organisation of the League of Nations. No condition is made as to the age, sex, profession or nationality of the author."

Since it will be possible to award a second prize at the end of 1936, nominations should reach the Director of the Health Section before May 1st, 1936.

## III.

Prof. Sergent, Prof. Bastianelli, Prof. Ciuca and the members of the Commission, present at the meeting in their capacity of members of the Health Committee, have proposed the following plan to be used as a basis for the drafting of the 4th General Report of the Malaria Commission:

The Therapeutics of malaria.

Fourth General Report of the Malaria Commission.

I.

Recent knowledge of the therapeutics of malaria.

1. New anti-malaria drugs.
2. Treatment of experimental malaria.
3. Treatment of naturally acquired malaria.
  - (a) In the hospital;
  - (b) In the field.

II.

Recent research of the therapeutics of malaria carried out under the auspices of the Malaria Commission.

1. Research on the treatment of experimental malaria.
2. Research on the treatment of naturally acquired malaria.
  - (a) In the hospital;
  - (b) In the field.

III.

Summary and practical applications according to local epidemiological conditions.

The Drafting Committee kindly requests you to communicate at your earliest convenience to the Secretariat:

- 1) Any suggestions you would like to make in connection with the above-mentioned plan;
- 2) your personal work, or that of any malariologist from your country which you consider ought to be taken into consideration in the report.

It would be of interest to receive these communications as soon as possible, as the Secretariat will begin immediately the study of Chapter one.

The Committee expresses the request, that you should communicate to the Health Section any observations which you might wish to make on the report by Col. Sinton which has been forwarded to you (G H/Malaria/228).

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