



WILLARD STRAIGHT HALL, HEADQUARTERS OF THE SIXTH INTERNATIONAL
CONGRESS OF GENETICS

MINUTES OF THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION OF THE SIXTH
INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF GENETICS HELD IN
WILLARD STRAIGHT HALL, AUGUST 24, 1932

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M. by the chairman of the council, C. C. LITTLE.

1. On motion from the floor it was voted that the next international congress of genetics shall be held in 1937.

2. On motion from the floor it was voted that the chair appoint a committee to nominate members of the permanent international committee and to report to the plenary session of August 30. The chair appointed the following committee: T. H. MORGAN, chairman, KRISTINE BONNEVIE, F. A. E. CREW, G. P. FRETS, ALESSANDRO GHIGI, HANS NACHTSHEIM.

3. The chairman announced that the council had considered selection of the place of the next congress and recommended to the plenary session that because of economic uncertainty and other conditions, authority to select

the place of the next congress be delegated to the permanent international committee. A motion from the floor to this effect was passed.

4. The chairman announced that several suggestions had been received that the congress appoint a standing committee to consider matters of genetical nomenclature. There was no discussion and no action was taken.

5. The chairman requested official representatives of foreign governments and organizations who had not already deposited their credentials to do so at the registration desk before Monday, August 29.

6. On motion from the floor it was voted that the chair appoint a committee to prepare the greetings of the congress to be sent to those of our absent colleagues whom we wish to remember at this time. The chair appointed the following committee: G. H. SHULL, chairman, CORRADO GINI, and Ö. WINGE.

7. Voted: that the chair appoint a committee to prepare resolutions and to present at the next plenary session of the congress, on Tuesday evening, August 30, any business which might properly come before the session. Committee: H. FEDERLEY, chairman, R. R. GATES, C. L. HUSKINS, CURT STERN, A. F. SHULL, RENÉ VANDENDRIES, N. VAVILOV, ANTONIO DE ZULUETA.

8. There being no further business brought before the meeting it was adjourned at 8:45 to meet again at 8:00 P.M. August 30.

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SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF GENETICS
HELD IN BAKER AUDITORIUM, CORNELL
UNIVERSITY, AUGUST 30, 1932

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M. by the chairman of the council, C. C. LITTLE. The minutes of the plenary session of August 24 were approved.

1. The chairman called the roll of accredited delegates of governments and societies, and the delegates rose to receive the greetings of the congress.

2. Report of the nominating committee: The nominating committee, consisting of T. H. MORGAN, chairman, KRISTINE BONNEVIE, F. A. E. CREW, G. P. FRETS, ALESSANDRO GHIGI and HANS NACHTSHEIM, presented the following nominations for membership in the permanent international committee:

Austria	E. TSCHERMAK-SEYSENEGG
Belgium	RENÉ VANDENDRIES
Denmark	Ö. WINGE
Finland	HARRY FEDERLEY
France	ROGER DE VILMORIN
Germany	RICHARD GOLDSCHMIDT
Great Britain	J. B. S. HALDANE
Italy	ALESSANDRO GHIGI
Japan	S. IKENO
Netherlands	TINE TAMMES
Norway	OTTO L. MOHR
Sweden	H. NILSSON-EHLE
Switzerland	OTTO SCHLAGINHAUFEN
Union of Socialistic Soviet Republics	N. VAVILOV
United States of America	R. A. EMERSON

On motion from the floor the report of the nominating committee was accepted, and a unanimous vote was cast electing the above named members of the permanent international committee.

The nominating committee thought best to designate a temporary chairman who might initiate correspondence within the committee since it appears unlikely that the committee will be able to meet. OTTO MOHR was asked to serve in this capacity. The chief functions of the committee are: to represent the international congress until the council of the next congress is formed and to designate the country in which the next congress is to be

held. It was understood that the committee is to reach its decision concerning the place of the next congress as representative of the congress as a whole without special consideration for the countries represented by its chairman or members. When it has reached this decision it will transfer its functions to a committee to be formed in the country in which the congress is to be held.

3. Report of the committee on greetings to absent colleagues: The report of the committee, consisting of G. H. SHULL, chairman, CORRADO GINI and ÖWIND WINGE, was presented by the chairman. The committee recommended that greetings be sent in the name of the congress to:

ERWIN BAUR
 CARL CORRENS
 KARL PEARSON
 ERICH VON TSCHERMAK-SEYSENEGG
 HUGO DE VRIES
 EDMUND BEECHER WILSON

To the vice presidents of the congress:

A. H. R. BULLER	V. GRÉGOIRE
L. COCKAYNE	E. MALINOWSKI
L. CUÉNOT	H. NILSSON-EHLE
D. PAOLO ENRIQUES	Y. TANAKA
A. ERNST	

It was voted unanimously that the report of the greetings committee be accepted and that the greetings be sent.

4. Report of the resolutions committee: The resolutions committee, consisting of HARRY FEDERLEY, chairman, R. R. GATES, C. L. HUSKINS, CURT STERN, A. F. SHULL, RENÉ DE VANDENDRIES, N. VAVILOV, ANTONIO DE ZULUETA, presented the following motions:

5. "Resolved that a vote of thanks be extended to the officials of CORNELL UNIVERSITY for the facilities and hospitality received." The motion was voted unanimously.

6. "Resolved that the thanks of the congress be extended to the members of the organizing committee and executive council of the congress for the tremendous amount of work and time devoted to the congress and especially to the genetical gardens and the setting up of exhibits which have been such a successful feature of the congress." The motion was voted unanimously.

7. "Resolved that a vote of thanks be extended to the local committee

for the many ways in which they have added to the pleasure of the delegates by the arrangements made and the splendid hospitality received." The motion was voted unanimously.

8. "Resolved that in all experimental work involving investigations of a pathological kind, for example the production of cancer, or of a physiological or psychological nature with animals or plants, the importance of using genetically pure strains be emphasized." After discussion by A. F. SHULL, E. C. MACDOWELL, R. A. EMERSON, and H. K. HAYES opposing the resolution and by Mme. DOBROVLSKAIA-ZAVADSKAIA supporting it, a motion to table the resolution was carried.

9. "Resolved that the congress approves the suggestion of TINE TAMMES that the problem of standardizing genetical symbolism and nomenclature be reconsidered and that the genetics societies of all countries concerned be asked to appoint committees which shall cooperate and prepare recommendations to be published two years before and to be discussed at the next international congress of genetics." The motion was carried.

There being no new business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned *sine die* at 9:30 P.M.