The payment by individual countries to the European League consists of a basic sum (reduced when there is a very small membership) and a *per capita* sum for the volume "Rhumatologie Européenne". As from this year (if the Pan-American League follows suit) the contribution to the International League will be increased and this will in turn require an increase from members of 50 cents (U.S.). This will increase Great Britain's subscription to the European League from 5,400 to 8,982 Belgian Frs. Members, please note!

The President of the International League, Dr. Robles-Gil, stated that the International League planned to produce a *Bulletin* giving information on rheumatology from all countries in the world. A nominee from each country would later be

required to co-operate in this sphere.

Prof. Michotte (*Belgium*), the General Secretary, announced that he planned to retire from this office in 1965, when he would have served for 14 years during which the membership had increased from 12 to 25 European countries.

After the meeting, Dr. O. Savage announced that he would retire as British Delegate to the Council of Delegates; Prof. E. G. L. Bywaters will thus become British Delegate to the next Congress, leaving a vacancy for Assistant Delegate.

DR. G. D. KERSLEY (*President*)

DR. A. ST. J. DIXON (*Secretary*)

British Branch of the European
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NUFFIELD FOUNDATION CONFERENCE ON THE CAUSES AND TREATMENT OF RHEUMATIC DISEASE, MAY, 1962

At the end of May, 1962, the Nuffield Foundation held a two-day conference at Ashridge College, at which 33 medical and scientific experts, half of them rheumatologists, discussed the causes and treatment of rheumatic diseases.

The stimulating Report of their Proceedings is now available and will be sent to interested applicants (without charge) by the Secretary of the Foundation,

Nuffield Lodge, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1.

OBITUARY

DRAGO ČOP, 1898-1963

Dr. Drago Čop, president of the Yugoslav Rheumatological Association and from 1947-1960 of the rheumatological section of the Medical Association of Croatia, was killed in a traffic accident on August 2, 1963.

He was born in 1898 at Velika Gorica (Croatia) and completed his medical studies in Graz (Austria) in 1922. As assistant at the Neurological Clinic of the Faculty of Medicine in Zagreb, he became interested in physical medicine and in 1928 founded the first and largest institute for physical therapy in Yugoslavia. Impressed by the great number of rheumatics among his patients, he became our first rheumatologist, and was the founder of the first rheumatological institute in Zagreb (1938), the rheumatological section of the Medical Association of Croatia (1947), the Yugoslav Rheumatological

Association (1949), and the journal *Reumatizam* (1954).

He organized courses in rheumatology for medical students and postgraduate specialists, and published some forty papers, among them an original classification of the rheumatic diseases. Some 20 years ago he insisted that the various types of "inflammatory rheumatism" formed a single group which should be separated from the degenerative and other joint diseases.

He was a member of the Rheumatism Academy at Amsterdam, a corresponding member of the German Rheumatologic Society, and for 4 years a member of the committee of the "Ligue Européenne contre le Rhumatisme".

The premature death of this great pioneer, still at the height of his powers, will be regretted by rheumatologists throughout the world. T. DÜRRIGL.