

9th August, 1962

NOTE TO SIR CHARLES ELLIS, F.R.S.

RE 36TH T.S.C. MEETING OF 8TH AUGUST 1962
(THE PRESENT NOTE IS AN EXTENSION OF THAT DATED 13TH JULY 1962
WHICH COVERED THE 35TH T.S.C. MEETING, 4th JULY 1962)

A paper was submitted by D.G.F., proposing a investigation of ciliary inhibition as a test for irritants in cigarette smoke. The T.S.C. agreed that this would be complementary to the other projects on irritation and recommended that the Executive Committee approve the project, which T.S.C. endorsed unanimously.

The Director was asked to investigate ways and means of carrying out the irritation projects, viz. whether they would call for further building extensions at Harrogate and what relationship Dr. Day would wish to have with the pathologists and physiologists engaged on the work.

The main buildings at Harrogate will be completed shortly, and the E.C. will be visiting the unit on 20th September. The first 2,000 mice should be delivered in October, when the bio-assay experiment will commence. One extension is already planned to accommodate a pharmacology section, headed by Dr. Armitage. This will comprise another graduate, two assistants and a secretary, and will investigate the effects of nicotine on stimulating the secretion of adrenaline, and the effects of nicotine on the central nervous system. The pharmacology building will be separate from the main bio-assay block and will have its own animal house, since specific pathogen-free animals are not required.

The other major item announced at the Meeting was that agreement has been reached between the T.M.S.C. and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine on the ten year survey of cardio-respiratory disease, by the Department of Medical Statistics and Epidemiology. This survey will be organised by Prof. D. Reid, and will cost up to £500,000. An announcement of the project will be made officially sometime after the end of August.

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