

Announcement

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF HUMAN CYTOGENETIC NOMENCLATURE

At the Fourth International Conference on Standardization in Human Cytogenetics, which was held in Paris in 1971, a Standing Committee, consisting of Dr B Dutrillaux (France), Dr H J Evans (Scotland), Dr C E Ford (United Kingdom), Dr J L Hamerton, Chairman (Canada), Dr J Lindsten (Sweden), and Dr F H Ruddle (USA), was appointed to examine problems relating to standardization in human cytogenetics and to make recommendations thereon between international standardization conferences. It was intended that the Standing Committee should hold office until either the next standardization conference or until the next International Congress of Human Genetics.

A new Standing Committee on Human Cytogenetic Nomenclature was elected at the Fifth International Congress of Human Genetics in Mexico City 1976. It was then decided (1) that the Committee should be composed of seven members representing five constituencies, namely Europe, Canada and the USA, Mexico and Central and South America, Asia and Australasia, and the Middle East and Africa; (2) that five members of the Standing Committee should come from Europe, Canada, and the USA with not more than three from either of those areas; and (3) that two members of the Standing Committee should come from Mexico and Central and South America, Asia and Australasia, and the Middle East and Africa with not more than one from any single region.

Furthermore, a new Committee should be elected at each International Congress of Human Genetics, for a period of five years, and no-one should be a

member of the Committee for more than two periods. During the present five-year period the Committee has had the following members: Dr A Awa (Japan), Dr B Dutrillaux (France), Dr J L Hamerton (Canada), Dr D Harnden (United Kingdom), Dr P A Jacobs (USA), Dr J Lindsten, Chairman (Sweden), and Dr J Wahrman (Israel). Of these Drs B Dutrillaux and J Lindsten have served for two periods.

An open meeting of all interested human cytogeneticists will be held at the Sixth International Congress of Human Genetics in Israel in September 1981. At this meeting a report of the Standing Committee will be presented and a new Standing Committee elected. The existing Standing Committee will act as a nominating committee and will prepare a slate of nominations for consideration by the meeting in Israel. These nominations will take into account both regional and sectional interests to ensure, as far as possible, a fully representative Standing Committee.

Nominations and requests for further information should be addressed to:

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Nominations will also be accepted from the floor provided the nominee is present or has given his agreement to nomination in writing.

The time and place of the meeting during the Congress in Israel will be announced in the Congress Programme.