

Chapter 18

International Congresses of Entomology: a Proud History and a Future to Secure

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Some Well-Earned Pride

The preceding chapters review a century of successful International Congresses of Entomology (ICEs) from Brussels, Belgium (1910), to Orlando, FL, United States (2016). Karl Jordan, the ICE's founder, had anticipated their value during the closing session of the second ICE at Oxford (1912). Jordan, himself an outstanding systematist and evolutionary biologist, frustrated by the "tyranny of distance" separating collaborating colleagues, concluded:

The congress had already achieved its idea of bringing together friends. At Brussels many of them met for the first time and now at Oxford the friendships which sprang up at their first International Congress had been renewed and strengthened. (Oxford ICE Proceedings)

Fast forward to VIII ICE, Stockholm (1948), whence his continuous ICE involvement came to a well-earned conclusion, Jordan was able to reflect more meaningfully:

Entomological congresses have survived the great shocks of two world wars and firmly established themselves as periodical gathering of workers in Entomology. May their influence on collaboration be on the increase and assist humanity to arrive at a state of peace and contentment.

In a final message to entomologists globally, delivered by tape recorder, at X ICE, Montreal (1955), an absentee 94-year-old Karl Jordan quipped, "The number of insects being much larger than that of all other animals together, entomologists will never be short of work."

ABBREVIATIONS USED

BHL	Biodiversity Heritage Library
BMNH	British Museum of Natural History
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (Australia)
IABMS	International Association of Botanical and Mycological Societies
ICA	International Congress of Acarology
ICB	International Congress of Botany
ICD	International Congress of Dipterology
ICZ	International Congress of Zoology
IGC	International Genetics Congress
IGF	International Genetics Federation
IOC	International Ornithology Congress
IOU	International Ornithological Union
ISZB	International Society for Zoological Sciences (China)
IUBS	International Union for Biological Sciences
LOC	Local Organizing Committee
SICB	Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology