

Report

ONOMASTICA AT THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF DIALECTOLOGISTS*

(Marburg, Germany, September 5-10, 1965)

The Second International Congress of Dialectologists was held at the University of Marburg, West Germany, under the chairmanship of Professor Dr. L. E. Schmitt, Director of the "Forschungsinstitut für deutsche Sprache - Deutscher Sprachatlas." The agenda comprised (besides opening and closing sessions, and an excursion to Fulda) plenary sessions and section meetings. The four papers read at the plenary sessions were as follows: H. E. Keller (Utrecht), "Actualite de la lexicologie dialectale (Ou va la lexicologie romane?)" ; E. Koschmieder (München), "Akzent, Intonation und Quantität"; W. G. Moulton (Princeton University), "The Mapping of Phonemic Systems"; G. Bonfante (Torino), "Italian Dialects in Historical Perspective."

Papers on onomastic topics were read at sectional meetings. It is interesting to note that by sheer coincidence two papers under the same title "Dialectology and Onomastics" were read at the same sectional meeting, September 9, by J. B. Rudnyókyj, Winnipeg, Canada, and A. Zaręba, Krakow, Poland. Nonetheless, the papers covered different aspects of the problem, supplementing each other. Both were included in Section V, "The Relationship between Dialectology and the other Branches of Linguistics" in which such papers, *e.g.*, "Dialektologie und Folkloristik" by K. Horalek, Prague, Czechoslovakia, and others, were delivered.

Dr. D. J. Georgacas, President of the American Name Society, read a well-documented paper on "The Original Territory of Albanian Settlements in Messenia (Peloponnesus, Greece) on the Basis of Toponymy." It was included in Section IX, "Problems connected with Linguistic Boundaries." A mimeographed preprint of this paper was circulated among those present.

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Unfortunately, the author of an interesting paper on "Historical Dialectology and Toponomastics," Professor Dr. E. Eichler, Leipzig, East Germany, did not arrive in Marburg and as a result his paper was not presented to the Congress.

At the concluding session, an International Committee of Dialectologists (ICD) was organized. Dr. J. B. Rudnyćkyj was elected to this Committee as a Canadian representative.

It was decided to hold the Third International Congress of Dialectologists in one of the satellite countries in 1968.

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Editor's Note: The special issue on American Indian Names is now scheduled for September, 1967, Vol. 15, No. 3. Professor Hamill Kenny will be the Guest Editor. Manuscripts must arrive before June 1, 1967. Send them to Kelsie B. Harder, State University College, Potsdam, N.Y. The special issue on folklore in names is scheduled for March, 1968. Professor Jan Brunvand will be the Guest Editor.