

# 1st Congress of ISDCI

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*Aberdeen, Scotland*



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The 1st Congress was held in Aberdeen, Scotland from July 27<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup> 1980. About 100 delegates (of a total of almost 300 members) attended the meeting, together giving 110 presentations in 3 parallel sessions. Speakers were invited for the four Plenary Sessions on MHC, Membrane immunoglobulins, idiotypes and diversity, Comparative ontogeny and Evolution of lymphoid organ function. There were short sessions on maturation of antibody affinity and ontogeny of Killer cells and packed days of contributions on Fish, Amphibian, Reptilian, Chicken and Mammalian Immunology.

Two workshops were held, one on Lymphocyte culture techniques in lower vertebrates and another on Methods for teaching Developmental and Comparative Immunology.

A feature of the Congress was that many student members were able to attend the Congress and present papers.

The following Officers were confirmed in office: - President: J.B.Solomon; President-elect: E.L.Cooper, Secretary: R.K.Wright, Treasurer: M.E.Gershwin and Education Secretary: J.J.Rimmer.



## *Symposia*

The Symposia were arranged both by invitation to speakers and members' voluntary contributions. Françoise Dieterlen convened a Symposium on Stem cells and Dale Bockman convened a Symposium on Immune responses of gut-associated lymphoepithelial tissue. Other Symposia had familiar titles such as Immunorecognition in Invertebrates, phylogeny of leucocytes in invertebrates and vertebrates and Maternal/foetal relationships. However, two rather new and exciting titles of other Symposia included Ontogeny of resistance to infection and T suppressor cells in immunological tolerance in immature animals.