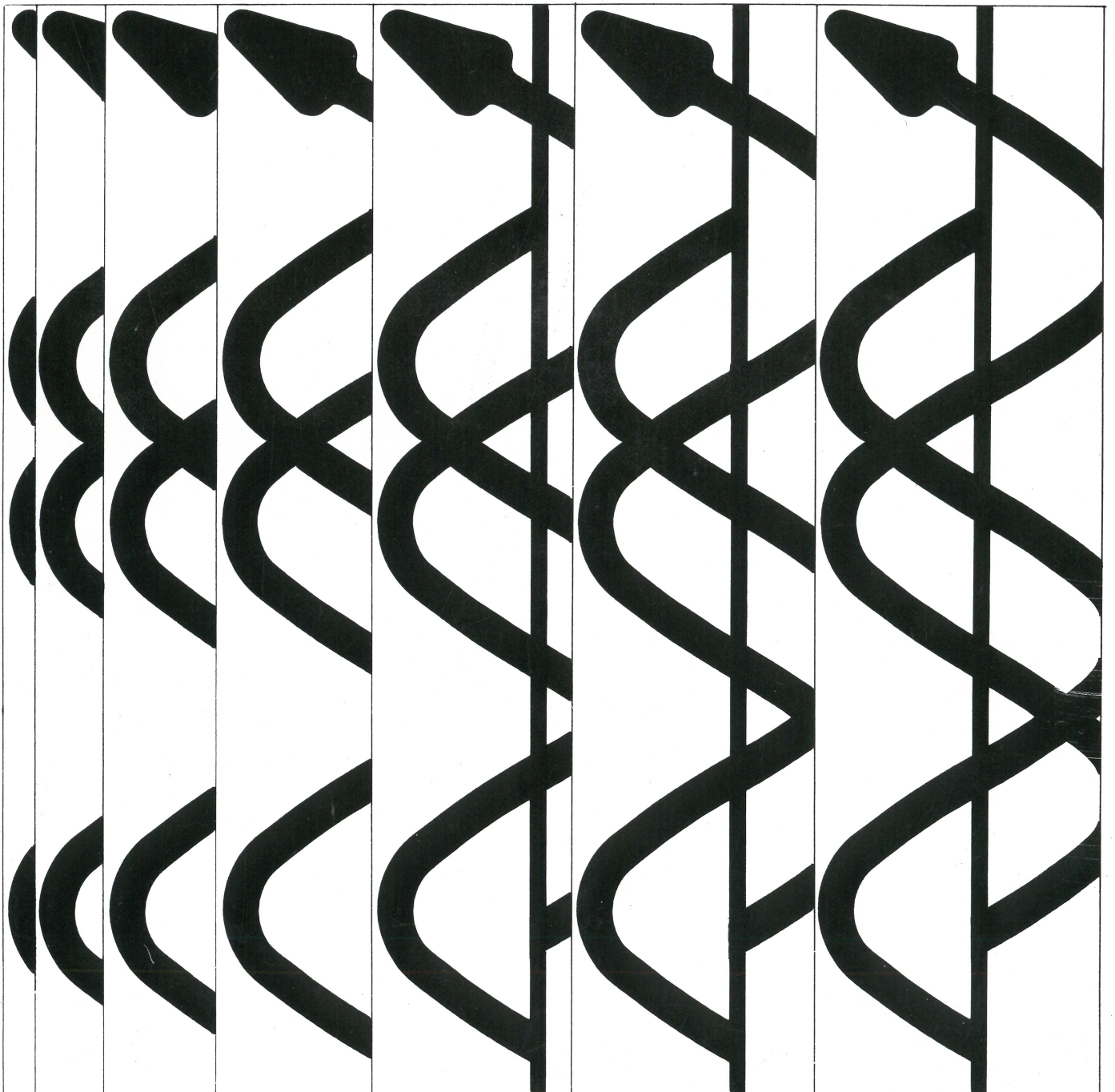


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ICP News

Special issue



Editorial

This is the first issue of "ICP NEWS"! We sincerely hope that with the aid of everybody in the ICP, we will soon be able to publish a second and a third and maybe an unbroken number of issues of this bulletin. We would like to publish this house organ five times per year.

What is the justification for the "ICP NEWS"? What is our aim?

More than 300 people live in our towers 74 and 75. They spend a large proportion of their life working in the research laboratories.

The people working in the ICP meet in front of the lifts, in the corridors, in the car park, at the restaurant or sometimes at the "Shopping Center". You may think to yourself: "I have seen that person before, he or she works in the ICP". So you say "hello", "bonjour" or "dag" and maybe you walk back together to the Institute.

A great many other people who work in the ICP hardly ever move out of their laboratories and have really little idea of what is going on around them. For instance, how is the ICP managed? We hear about Boards of Directors, Management Committee Meetings, various Sub-Committees. We have heard that there is a Scientific Council and now there is a Development and Expansion Council. What do all these various committees and councils do? For after all, it is they who take important decisions concerning the research we do, our working conditions and the policy of the Institute itself.

All of us who work in the Institute should know more of what is going on, not only in the various governing bodies but also what is really going on on the floor above you, below you, or next door to you.

Outside of normal working hours it would be very interesting to know what people like to do with their spare time. For instance do they like to play tennis, collect stamps or practice yoga! Could we not get those people together who are interested in sports or hobbies in the same field? And to organize for instance this coming summer a tennis competition or form a musical quartet or a jazz band. Perhaps we could organize an exhibition of painting or photographs, or handycraft, or model railroads. And also it would be so nice to know when people are getting married or to announce the birth of a newly arrived child or the award of some well merited prize to one of our members.

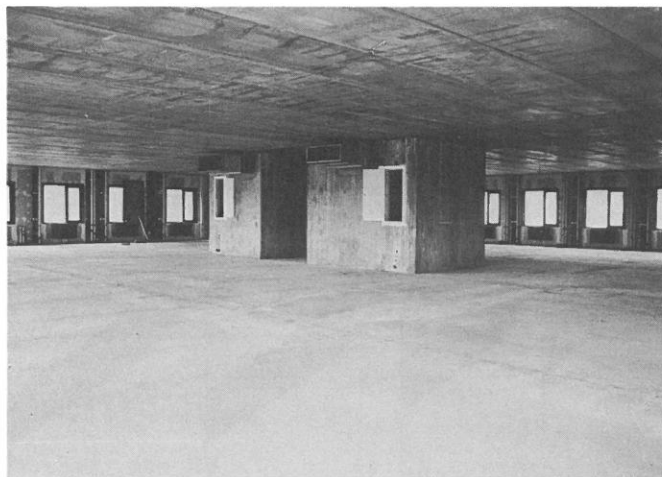
How are we going to find out all this information? The answer must be: through the "ICP NEWS". This house bulletin will try to collect and diffuse regularly all possible information on

all sort of subjects which interest all of us at the ICP. For instance certain decisions of the Board of Governors, extracts of the report to the Management Committee, etc... We shall also try to give information concerning certain of the research programmes and also to announce the arrival or the departure of important visitors; also of various meetings and seminars; worthwhile programmes. ICP News also wants to become a house organ for non official news in order to help each of us to get to know the other better, for we are human beings, men and women and not just machines.

So the ICP NEWS will help to contribute toward the formation of a real family spirit among all "ICPISTS".

SO REMEMBER: Transmit all possible information, send us an announcement to "ICP NEWS". Write a note on any suggestion, remarks, personal experiences, or advice and send it to us. Any language will do. Contribute to the ICP NEWS in any way that you think is suitable. Please help us to make a succes of ICP NEWS. Write now to :

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The empty 2nd floor of ICP tower 74. In some ten months time it will have been transformed into new laboratories for our new units GECE, RHOP and TROP. ↑

The twin towers of the ICP. During 1976 extensive internal construction will take place in tower 74 to provide additional laboratory space and the administrative office of the institute will be installed on the ground floor of tower 75. →

All about the ICP

For this first number of the ICP house magazine "ICP NEWS" we will try to explain to all our readers exactly how the ICP is organized. You all know that the ICP is a Research Institute that has been created with the aim of applying the discoveries and techniques of modern biology to medicine and therapeutics. The Institute is inserted within the complex of the Université Catholique de Louvain, but it has its own completely independent entity.

How briefly is the ICP managed?

The ICP was formally constituted as an "A.S.B.L." on the 14th of March 1974.

There are nine Founder Members of the Institute, who are, Professors:

H. Beaufay, J. Berthet, C. Cocito, C. de Duve, M. De Visscher, H.G. Hers, M. Woitrin and Mgr. Ed. Massaux.

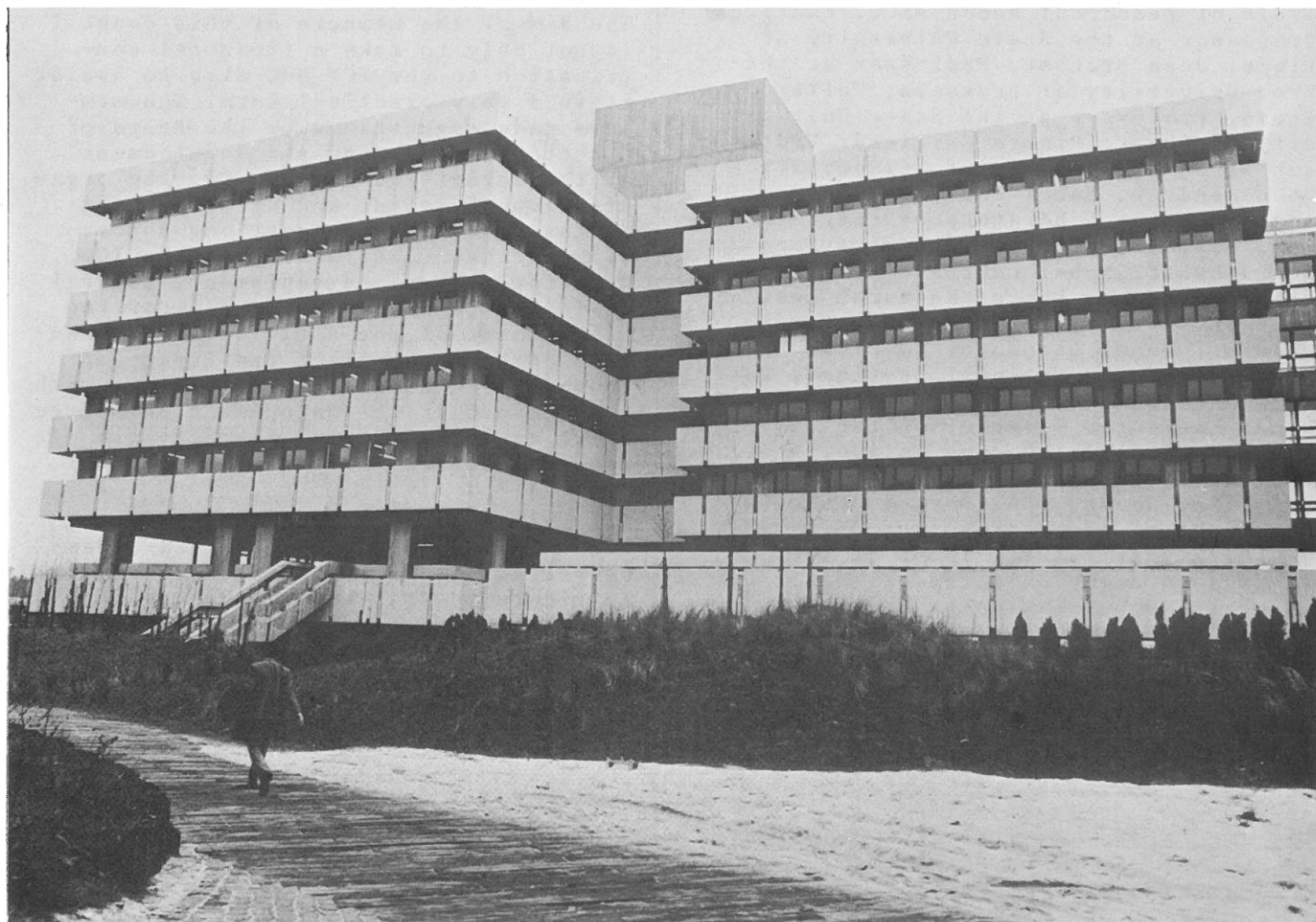
Professor F. Heremans was also one of the Founder Members. Since his death, he has been replaced by P. Masson. The Founder Members constitute the General Assembly of the ICP which meets on an average of once a year. It is this general assembly which is responsible for the nomination of the Board of Directors, the changes in the Statutes of the Association and the final approval of the budgets and of the annual accounts.

The board of directors

The members of the Board of Directors are nominated by the general assembly. There are actually five Directors of the Institute, who are: Professors H. Beaufay, C. de Duve, M. De Visscher and M. Woitrin. In addition the Rector of the UCL is the official delegate of the University on the Board of Directors. The number of Directors can eventually be increased by a further five persons drawn from the scientific or medical world or from industry, banking, national or international associations. Two of these additional members will be co-opted from the Development and Expansion Council of which we will explain more a little later in this article.

The Management Committee

The Board of Directors delegates the daily management of the Institute to the Management Committee. The Management Committee consists of at present 22 of the senior scientific members of the ICP. They are respectively: A. Amar-Costesec, P. Baudhuin, H. Beaufay, J. Berthet, T. Boon, C. Cocito, C. de Duve,



P. De Nayer, M. De Visscher, Y. Eeckhout, H.G. Hers, P. Hoet, P. Jacques, P. Masson, P. Osinski, G. Rousseau, A. Trouet, J.P. Vaerman, G. Vaes, H.G. Van den Schrieck, F. Van Hoof and J. Peters-Dickie who acts as secretary to the committee.

The Management Committee is further sub-divided into a number of sub-committees which deal with specific problems or subjects, i.e. lectures and seminars, ICP fellowships, animal housing, information, security, library, workshop, pathological anatomy, socio-cultural and photography and illustration. Each committee consists in general of between four to six people. They are all directly responsible to the Management Committee which then decides whether or not to act upon the recommendations of the various sub-committees. The composition of these sub-committees will appear on panels in the library. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the members of the sub-committee concerned when you have a problem or a suggestion about security, information, etc.

International Scientific Council

The ICP has a Scientific Council which is at present composed of thirteen members of whom three are Belgians and the remainder are drawn from all over the world. Each member has an international reputation in his own particular field of research: Zénon BACQ, Emeritus Professor at the State University of Liège; Jean Brachet, Professor at the Free University of Brussels; Walter Fiers, Professor at the State University of Ghent; Pierre Gaillard, Professor at the University of Leiden; Sir John Kendrew, Nobel Laureate. Project leader of the Laboratory of the European Molecular Biology Organization; André Lwoff, Nobel Laureate. Emeritus Director of the Cancer Research Institute at Villejuif, France; Sir Peter Medawar, Nobel Laureate. Emeritus Director of the National Institute for Medical Research, London; Jacques Monod, Nobel Laureate. Director of the Institut Pasteur of Paris; George Palade, Nobel Laureate. Professor at the Yale University, New Haven, USA; Frederick Seitz, President of the Rockefeller University New York. Emeritus President of the American Academy of Sciences; Hugo Theorell, Nobel Laureate. Emeritus Director of the Medical Nobel Institute of Stockholm; Sidney Udenfriend, Director of the Roche Institute, Nutley and Otto Westphal, Professor at the Max-Planck Institute for Immunology, Freiburg-in-Breisgau. The council meets once per year. The next meeting is planned for 10 and 11 May 1976.

The Scientific Council watches over the Research Activities of the ICP and approves the engagement of all senior Scientific Staff members.

Development and Expansion Council (DEC)

More recently, the ICP has created a Development and Expansion Council. The members of this council are drawn from the business and banking worlds. The following are already members: Mrs. M. De Visscher and Mrs. M. Verhaeghe de Naeyer, Messrs.: L. Aerts, Director General CGER; Baron J. Cogels, Deputy Chairman and Managing Director of "La Compagnie Financière IPPA"; D. de Duve, Managing Director SDU; C. de Strijcker, Governor of the National Bank of Belgium; Baron G. de Wouters d'Oplinter, Chairman and Managing Director Belgian Shell Company; A. Dubuisson, Director at the "Société Générale de Belgique"; Count C.d'Ursel, Senior Vice President of the Morgan Guaranty International Finance Company; Ph. Fabri, Managing Director of "SOCFIN"; R. Jacob, Biological Research Director Rhône-Poulenc; D. Janssen, President of the Executive Committee of the U.C.B.; P. Janssen, Managing Director of Janssen Pharmaceutica; P.E. Janssen, Director of the Société Générale de Banque; M. Thienpont, Director General of the Kredietbank; Baron P. van der Rest, President of the "Groupeement des Hauts-Fourneaux et Aciéries Belges" and Chairman of our council; M. Verhaeghe de Naeyer, President of Bekaert N.V.

The aim of the members of this council is not only to make a financial contribution to the ICP but also to assist it in a very practical form. The members make suggestions to the Board of Directors concerning the development of the activities of the ICP, the organisation of social and cultural activities. They make suggestions concerning further construction at the ICP, transformations and equipment, general administration and the problem of the financment of the activities. The members of the Development and Expansion Council also have regular meetings with the members of the Management Committee where various aspects of scientific research are explained to the council members.

All this has been rather dry information! It is however obvious and necessary that all of us understand how our Institute is managed and who are the persons concerned with the special aspects of this management. Particular aspects of the international organization and also its external relations will be developed in the following issue.

The activities of the Management Committee

On the previous pages you have read about the activities of the Management Committee and its various sub-committees and the work that all of these people do. We would like all of the ICP staff to be informed of the main and principal decisions which affect them. ICP NEWS should provide a channel which allows the problems of work or research to be brought to the attention of the committee.

A summary of the principal decisions which the ICP Management Committee has taken will appear in the issue of ICP NEWS which follows the meeting in question.

We would like to publish some relevant extracts of the meeting of the ICP Management Committee which was held on the 2nd. December 1975. Following reports and recommendations of the various sub-committees.

a) The lectures and seminars sub-committee.

It is extremely urgent that all the three seminar rooms on the groundfloor of tower 74 be completely transformed, i.e. the acoustic of these rooms is extremely bad and the ventilation is noisy. Improvements will be made also to the acoustic of both seminar rooms located in tower 75/-1. Local group seminars and lectures by outside speakers should be open to everybody and advanced information should be improved.

It should be noted that all future information will be published in the ICP Scientific Agenda which is now published every two weeks.

It is proposed to create a "J.F. Heremans Annual Memorial Lecture" in order to honour the memory of Professor Heremans, who, as you all know, was the Head of the Department of Experimental Medicine and who tragically passed-over on the 29th of October 1975.

We also hope to organize a special lecture which we will call the "Detlev W. Bronk Memorial Lecture" in order to honour the memory of one of the original members of the Scientific Council, who died on the 17th November 1975. The first lecture will be given in 1977.

b) Security sub-committee.

This sub-committee has a great deal of work to do. The first and the most urgent problem was the handling of parasites within the new TROP unit. The summary of this report would take too long and would be perhaps boring for many of our readers. However, the main decisions were as follows:

1. A meeting of all interested ICP staff was held in December 1975 in order to provide complete information about the nature of the danger and the

security steps which we are taking. Additional information may still be obtained from the members of the TROP unit.

2. Only competent research scientists are allowed to manipulate inoculated animals. Technicians will only be allowed to handle them after a full training. Practical arrangements have been made to avoid the escape of inoculated animals and to sterilize the carcasses.

3. The least dangerous pathogens will be handled at the beginning in order to perfect the handling techniques by easy stages.

This sub-committee will continue its work in order to review the steps to be taken, amongst others, in the handling of radioisotopes and with toxic or allergic chemicals. It is quite useless to try to improve security by the use of costly equipment and sophisticated techniques. The first thing is to give a proper training to all members of the staff.

c) Information sub-committee.

If at this moment you have read the Scientific Agenda and you are reading ICP News, then you know much about the problems of the information sub-committee. A directory containing the photograph of each member of the ICP will be published in the near future.

d) The socio-cultural sub-committee.

You will very shortly be receiving a questionnaire in three languages which concerns all aspects of your activities and your interests. Please, please, please fill-in this form in any of the language which you choose, or even in all three but please, fill-in this form and send it back to us.

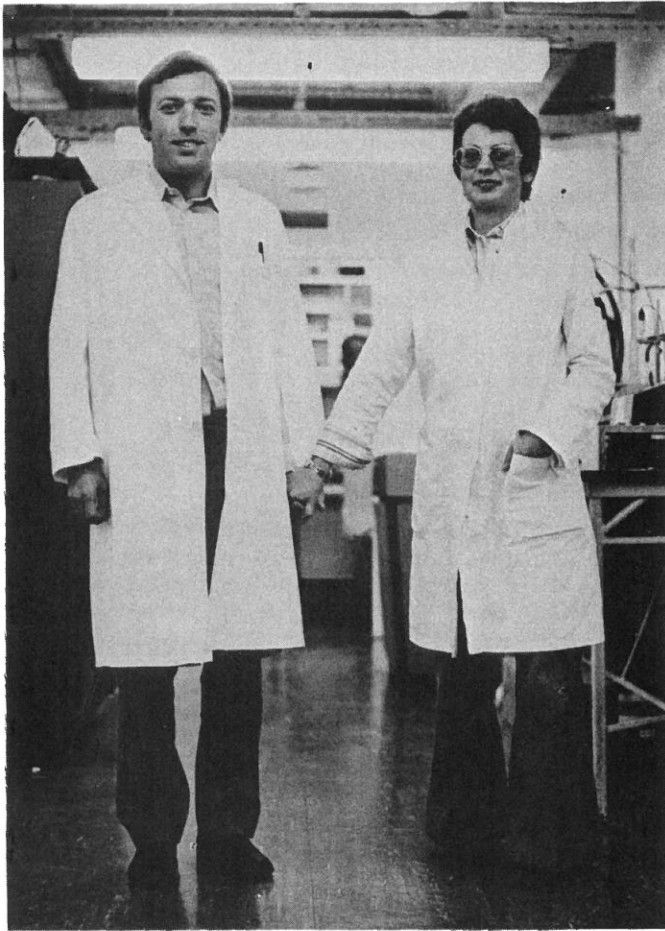
This form is not designed to try and find-out various statistical problems, as for instance : how many left handed soft-ball players we have in the Institute. This questionnaire is a first attempt to try and find out what you and all of us would like or are interested in doing in the ICP outside of the strictly working hours.

There were a number of other reports and decisions concerning ICP fellowships, animal housing, library workshop and illustration services but they are of technical order, and thus not of general interest. We will eventually present a summary in the next issue of ICP News.

So finally:

Please help us to make a success of the ICP News. Make suggestions. Give us your advice. Contribute to ICP News in order to improve its quality and its frequency. Do not forget that the aim of ICP News is to create a spirit of companionship amongst all the members of the ICP.

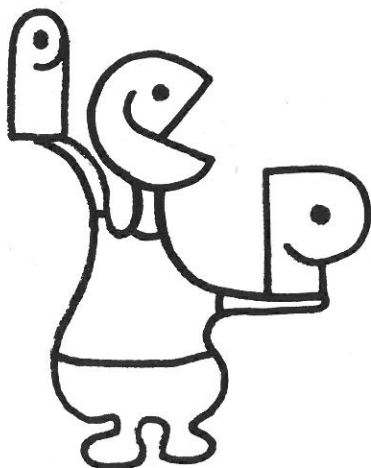
Romance blooms at the ICP. Miss Geneviève Claeys and Dr. Albert Lenaers were married in Ciney on 31st. January. Both Geneviève and Albert work on the 4th floor of tower 75 in the same department, so they certainly see a lot of each other.



Are you an artist?

Would you like to draw a humorous cartoon on some subject which illustrates life in the ICP.

Send us your designs which we could use in future issues of the ICP NEWS.



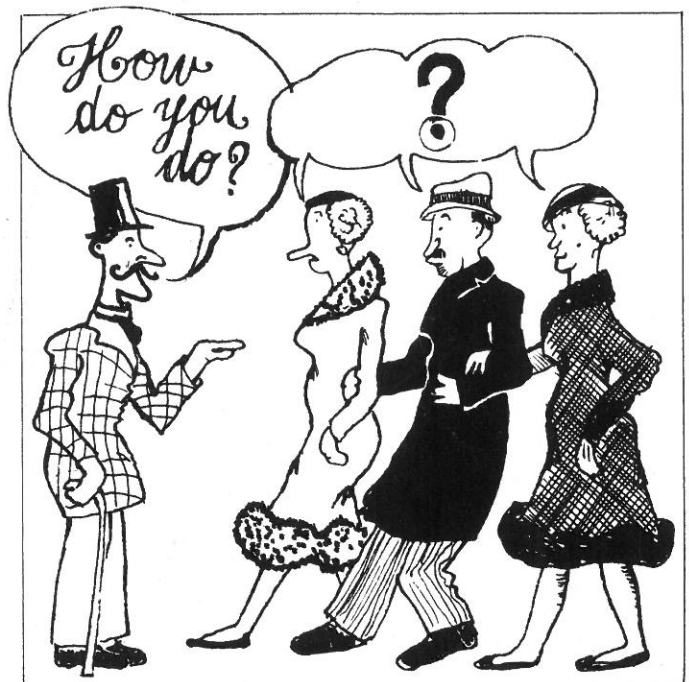
Mrs. TSAI

Do you want to learn english?

Even if your english is fluent, pass this information on to your colleagues and friends here.

Firstly. A course of "Medical" english is at your disposal in the Medical Faculty Library. The "Institut des Langues Vivantes" has organised a centre for teach yourself courses by the use of special minitapes which may be obtained from the reception desk.

Secondly. Groups of english language conversation and discussion classes will be organised on the campus as from September on. A maximum of 10 persons per group. For further information contact Leo Pieters of the ILV. He is at Woluwé on Wednesdays between 4 and 5 pm at the Maison Médicale (block 43,+1)



Seminars

During the months of April and May, a large number of seminars will be given by visitors to the ICP from outside Belgium. Watch out for all the latest news concerning these seminars which will be given in the "ICP Scientific Agenda" appearing twice monthly.

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