

# SCIENTIA INTERNATIONAL

## NOVAS DEL MENSE IN INTERLINGUA

**Archeologia.**—Le etate de ancian objectos de vitro pote esser determinate per contar sub le microscopio le stratos de decomposition chimic que se forma a su superficie in parallela al rhythmo del annos. Le metodo esseva perfectionate per Dr. R. H. Brill del Museo de Vitro a Corning (New York). Per exemplo, in le caso de un fragmento de vitro excavate a Sardis in Turchia, le metodo Brill suggeriva un etate de  $1582 \pm 10$  annos, e secundo altere evidentia Sardis pare haber florite ab le tertie usque al septime seculo del era christian.

**Biologia Marin.**—Durante le viage epochal del submarino nuclear Seadragon sub le polo del nord in le estate del anno passate, specimens de plankton esseva colligite per medio de un ingeniose apparatura automatic attachate al exterior del turre de conducta. Iste specimens es currentemente analysate in le spero que illos pote clarificar le processos polar de excambio inter le Oceanos Pacific e Atlantic.

**Genetica.**—Le numero del mutationes genetic induce per irradiation ionisante in muscas de fructo (*Drosophila*) es reducite per circa 50 pro cento si le medio de cultura usate pro le muscas contine tracias del antibiotico actinomycin D. Iste constatacion esseva facite per Dr. W. J. Burdette del Universitate Utah. Le antibiotico exerce le mentionate effecto jam quando su concentration in le medio amonta a solmente un millesimo de un pro cento.

**Cardiologia.**—Micre doses de iodo radioactive ha essite usate a bon successo in le allevamento del dolores e del angustia de varie typos de morbo cardiac. Le iodo es absorbite selectivamente per le glandula thyroidic. Le radioactivitate del iodo deprime le activitate del glandula e secundariamente le metabolismo del corpore total. Assi le demandas facite al corde es diminuite; le causas del major dolores cardiac es reducite; e le paciente se senti melio. Iste nove typo de cardioterapia esseva disveloppate al Scholas Medical del Universitates California e Sud-California.

**Recercas de Cancer.**—Le incidentia de cancer es possibilmente correlationabile con le radioactivitate natural del roccas intra un milieo particular. Iste radioactivitate varia significativamente intra comparativamente micre regiones geographic, a judicar per le resultatos preliminari de un studio de geologos e medicos que es currentemente in progresso in le contato de Washington.

**Hormonologia.**—Investigatores britannic ha constatare que le infestation per parasitos helminthic differe inter ranas masculine e ranas feminin durante e immediatamente ante le periodo de lor activitate sexual. Ranas masculine es alora plus infestate que ranas feminin. Le theoria que le hormones sexual del ranas feminin protege los contra le infestation esseva testate per injicer in ranas masculine un preparato de hormon de sexo feminin. Le resultado esseva un reduction significative del numero de parasitos retrovate.

**Scientias Atomic.**—Dr. W. Libby, universalmente cognoscite per su origination de un metodo de datar substantias organic super le base de lor contento de carbon radioactive, es ingagiate in recercas visante a elaborar methodos analoge pro le datation de substantias preorganic. Le metodo a carbon radioactive non es applicabile a specimens de etates de plus que 50.000 annos. Dr. Libby ha le ambition (e le spero) de trovar methodos pro datar specimens de etates de usque a 200 o 300 millones annos.

**Pediatria.**—In certe centros medical de Sveda, infantes prematur con difficultates respiratori es placiate in ambientes a temperatura

abassate, con le objectivo de relentar lor metabolismo e reducer assi lor requirimientos de oxygeno. Stimulare per le presentia de duo professores de excambio de Sveda al Universitate California, ille instituto conduce currentemente in un de su laboratorios un investigation experimental del efecto de basse temperaturas corpore e ambiental super le mortalitate de animales de nascentia prematur. Le prime resultatos pare corroborar le these svede de un efecto benefic de basse temperaturas.

**Ornitoholgia.**—Juvene aves del genere Sialia non apprende a cantar le canto typic de lor specie particular si illos non lo audi ante le etate de circa 15 menses. Illos disveloppa le capacitate de producer le appello e varie altere vocalisationes typic de lor specie sin ulle contacto con aves adulte. Solmente le canto debe esser apprendite per imitation e nunquam se disveloppa per instincto. Si juvene sialias es tenite in isolation e alora es subitemente exponite al audition de "lor" canto, illos reage excitatamente ante le etate mentionate de 15 menses. Post ille etate, illos non reage del toto.

**Statistica.**—Le salario annual del scientista median del Statos Unite es \$9000. Un questionario distribuite per le Fundation National pro le Scientias a Washington ha monstrate que in 1960 un medietate de 110.000 scientistas respondente ganiava plus que \$9000 e le altere medietate minus. Le etate median de scientistas in empleos a tempore total esseva 38 annos. Le campos de occupation esseva recerca e disveloppamento pro 38 pro cento del respondentes, gerentia e administration pro 27 pro cento, e docentia pro 15 pro cento.

**Metallurgia.**—Le presentia de molybdenum in aqua in un concentration de non plus que un parte in un milliardo pote esser detegite per medio de un nove metodo disveloppate per scientistas del Statounites Servicio Geologic. Le metodo es de importanta practic proque un aqua currente a contento de molybdenum debe haber passate per un deposito de ille metallo, e tal depositos es usualmente associate con le presentia de varie altere metallos de urgente desirabilitate industrial.

**Radiation.**—In le volta de coffros forte de un banca a Seattle on ha discoperite un pacco de radium que un cliente—conscie del valor sed non del periculo de su possession—habeva deponebit illac in 1945. Le inspection, per medio de contatores Geiger, in omne le altere bancas de Seattle ha resultate in nulle discupertas addicional de iste genere.

**Statistica Academic.**—In 1959, le numero de personas obtendente le grado de doctor ab statounites institutiones academic esseva 5300. Isto esseva un record. Le etate medie del novente corone doctores esseva 31 annos e media. Le intervallo medie inter baccalaureato e doctorato esseva 8,1 annos. Le parte del leon esseva doctoratos de chimia. Lor total esseva 1.062.

**Recercas de Cancere.**—Esseva trovate que pacientes con cancer del pelle ha un basse reaction pigmentatoria a radiation ultravioleta. Il es probable que iste characteristica reflecte un defecto physiochimic de importanta systemic plus tosto que restringitamente local.

**Acustica.**—Esseva demonstrate experimentalmente per Dr. B. W. Robinson del Laboratorios National de Physica in Anglaterra que le sono es plus exasperante pro le aure human ha nihil a facer con jets o autos o fabricas. Illo es le sono de un cultello grattante un pot metallic.

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