‘Four pillars of collaboration’

Organizing international leprosy research, 1897-1933.

Magnus Vollset
AHKR
University of Bergen
My dear Sir,

Will you dine with me at my House, No. 9 William Street, Lombard Square on Saturday next at 7 o'clock to meet several naturalists & physoiogists? In the evening, we will go to the Surgeon of the President.

Arthur Henfrey.
Hon. Sec.

N.B. Predicted hour of the CARNIVAL 6 o'clock precisely.
The four pillars

1) International conferences
2) International journal
3) International authoritative body
4) International association
Berlin 1897

The first international leprosy conference.

151 registered, 122 attendees.
Representatives from 22 governments.

President: Rudolf Virchow
Vice-presidents: Gerhard Armauer Hansen and Oscar Lassar
Secretary in chief: Edvard Ehlers
Berlin 1904

The fifth international congress of dermatology.

The whole first volume of the proceedings dedicated to leprosy.

- What actions have been taken after 1897?
- Statistics on prevalence in 71 countries
- Legislations and reports from institutions.
Lepra Bibliotheca Internationalis

- Quarterly. Published in London, Leipzig and Paris (from 1909: Also New York)
- Main editor: Edvard Ehlers
- Languages: German, English and French.
- Mission: What is published elsewhere?
Involving the League

“The appeal to the League of Nations shows that the Conference felt its helplessness, and gives the League an opportunity of stepping onto the breach and demonstrating the value of its existence...”

(“Note by Dr. Rulot on the 3rd International Leprosy Conference.”
League of Nations Health Organization: 12B-R898/29272.)
The League’s Leprosy Commission

Carlos Chagas, Brazil. (Chairman)
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Colonel J. D. Graham, India.
Doctor Thorvald Madsen, Denmark.
Doctor Ludwig Rajchman, Poland.
Professor Maturo Nagayo, Japan.
Doctor Etienne Burnet, France. (Secretary)
La Société Internationale de Leprologie, 1926
International Leprosy Association

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Thank you!