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# FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ERGONOMICS STOCKHOLM 1961.

## EDITORIAL NOTE

THIS number of the Journal is devoted to the proceedings of the First Congress of the International Ergonomics Association held at Stockholm from 20th to 23rd August, 1961, and followed by a number of study tours in Sweden. Almost all the papers delivered at the Congress are included in full. It should be noted that they have not been subjected to the normal routine of editorial scrutiny, but it is hoped that any shortcomings which may thus have resulted will have been outweighed by gain in speed of publication.

The Congress was organized around three main themes and papers have been similarly grouped in this volume, followed by a number of papers on miscellaneous topics thus :

1. Speed of work and its relation to physiological stress and systems of payment (pp. 7-122).
2. Adjustment of work and working environment for older people (pp. 123-183).
3. Evaluation of work and working environment in ergonomic terms (pp. 185-264).
4. Papers on miscellaneous topics (pp. 265-327).

The papers in sections 1, 2 and 3 are printed in the order in which they were presented. Those in section 4 are printed in the alphabetical order of the senior authors' names.

The International Ergonomics Association arose from an international seminar organized by the European Productivity Agency which was held at the Netherlands Institute of Preventive Medicine, Leyden, in 1957. The seminar urged the creation of a permanent international scientific body to promote the application of the human biological sciences to industrial work and equipment design, and appointed a Steering Committee consisting of

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The Committee drew up preliminary articles of association at meetings held in Zurich and in Oxford during 1959. These articles are printed on pp. 333-4.

The Association exists to foster the objective scientific study, especially by anatomists, physiologists and experimental psychologists, of human performance and behaviour in relation to work and equipment design. In particular it aims to provide opportunities for those engaged in such studies in different countries to meet, and to encourage the spread of knowledge in this area to physicians, engineers, industrial management and employers' and workers' organizations.

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