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Dear Dr. Kielholz:

The meetings in Mexico City were excellent, and your participation was missed. I regret that we could not discuss the CINP program, and this letter will be a start in our plans.

I would suggest that the CINP program should assess amphetamine abuse, emphasizing the problems of addiction, withdrawal, secondary effects (psychosis) and cultural differences. The use of amphetamine as a model for psychosis and the relations to schizophrenia are less relevant as these are not significant public health problems.

I would like to see reports on the following subjects:

1. The sociology and clinical pharmacology of amphetamine abuse in different countries as Japan, Scandinavia, U.S. and Western Europe.

2. Mechanisms (biochemical, pharmacological) of amphetamine "addiction".

3. Effects of amphetamines on sleep or some specific clinical behavior (dreaming, hallucinations).

For these topics I would recommend the following scientists be invited:

1. Amphetamine abuse in U.S.: John C. Kramer, U.S.
David Smith, U.S.
- " " " Scandinavia: Rafaelson, Denmark
- " " " Japan: ?
- " " " Western Europe: Connell

2. Mechanisms of Addiction: Utena, Japan
 Gunne, Sweden
 Friedhoff, U.S.
3. Effects on Sleep: Lewis, England
 Oswald, England

Dr. Vinar has given me the names of authors and the titles of abstracts spontaneously submitted to the CINP. Except for the title "Pharmakotherapie und Sozialaktivität - Erfahrungen mit Tages - Nachtambulanz und Patientenklub" by Helmut Rennert, there is no title that interests me. I have asked Dr. Vinar to obtain an abstract from Dr. Rennert for us.

I would appreciate your suggestions. I believe we should have four speakers, allowing an introduction and summation by us, and discussion by the audience. Since funds for participation in the CINP from the U.S. are non-existent this year, we should make every effort to invite American scientists to the invited symposia - or there will be no U.S. participation.

I have no deadline from Dr. Vinar but trust we can make up our invitees and alternates by mid-January.

Sincerely yours,

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