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Dear Jonathan,

I am taking the liberty of writing regarding a proposed symposium on the subject of "EEG and Human Psychopharmacology" or "EEG and Human Behavior" for the forthcoming CINP meetings in Spain in 1968. A symposium on this subject was held on the occasion of the World Congress of Psychiatry in 1961. This reviewed the methods and experiences then available and indicated that there were interesting relationships between EEG and drug effects but that the methods were relatively poor.

Since then, two major symposia have been held and published (Glaser - Yale University, 1963; Wilson - Duke University, 1965). Also, there have been two major discussions of the problem of dissociation of EEG and behavior with anticholinergic drugs, at the Society of Biological Psychiatry (1965) and the CINP (1966).

Recent studies of more refined objective methods of quantification has enhanced these studies immeasurably. The enthusiastic interest in the relation of the EEG phases of sleep to behavior and to drug effects have also stimulated many new studies.

The spectrum of relationships of EEG, drugs and behavior is broad, encompassing the specificity of drug effects, the relation to diagnosis and the relation to treatment response. I would like to ask the Program Committee of the 1968 CINP to consider an all-day symposium on the subject "EEG and Human Psychopharmacology." I would be pleased to organize and chair such a symposium.

Sincerely yours,

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