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Controlled Clinical Trials

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Preamble


This appears to be the first text on clinical trials published in a language other than English.

Aims

The conference on Controlled Clinical Trials was called by the Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences and was held in Vienna from 23 to 27 March 1959, under the chairmanship of Professor A Bradford Hill. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the principles, organization, and scope of these trials, which must be carried out if new methods or preparations used for the treatment of disease are to be accurately assessed clinically. The conference was in itself an experiment. The meeting was a closed one, and only one hundred participants were invited. One national group, the British, was charged with the task of presenting each topic to be studied. In this way, all papers were co-ordinated in London by Professor Bradford Hill so that overlap was avoided and ample time allowed for discussion. Originally we did not intend to publish the proceedings in English as the literature on the subject is already extensive. It was felt, however, that a report of the conference in French would be desirable, and it is now in preparation. But the number of requests for the working documents from many countries was so great that we decided to publish in full the introductory papers in mimeographed from. This limited edition was soon exhausted, and in view of the continued demand we have decided to bring out a printed version (Foreword, page vii).

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