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26th July 1954.

Dear *Donna Hawkins*,

Ageing Research

At the dinner on the 14th July in connection with our (first) Colloquium on Ageing, Dr. Adrian made an announcement in fairly general terms about the extension of the Foundation's interests, internationally, into the field of basic research relevant to the problems of ageing.

I enclose for your information, as a member of our Advisory Panel, a copy of this general announcement. The details, particularly those in regard to travelling fellowships, have not been fully worked out, but a start can be made now with the scheme. Further information will be sent to you later.

I also enclose two copies of the notice of Awards for 1954-55. This notice is being sent to deans of medical schools, directors of research institutes, editors of medical and scientific journals, etc. throughout the world. Any help you can give in obtaining the desired and necessary publicity for these awards will be greatly appreciated.

Kirsty ...
James ...

Robert Wolstenholme

Enclosures.

Director.

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- (c) Entries will be judged by an independent international panel of distinguished scientists who will advise the Executive Council of the Foundation on their findings and will also have power to recommend variation in the size and number of the awards according to the standard of entries. The decisions of the Executive Council will be final.
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Support of international experimental research into the
problems of ageing.

The Trustees of the Ciba Foundation have had under consideration for some time the questions arising out of the subject known as gerontology. Whilst they are aware that the subject is one which has already aroused great interest and that investigations into many of the problems of ageing are already under way, they consider that the scientific aspects of the subject offer such a wide field for well-conceived research on basic problems that their encouragement at this time would be amply justified.

The matter has been discussed with representatives of the Founder, who have consented to provide an extra sum of money over the next five years to enable the Foundation to promote experimental work in this field.

The Trustees have, therefore, decided to take practical steps and have called upon the Executive Council of the Foundation to formulate a scheme, which can be broadly described as follows:-

1. Conferences.

The present colloquium is to be the first of a series in this field. The proceedings of this colloquium will be published as a series of volumes on lines similar to the Foundation's well-known "Colloquia on Endocrinology".

2. Discussion meetings.

When opportunity occurs, guests staying in the Foundation with special knowledge in the field will be invited to open informal discussion meetings.

3. Lectures.

The Annual Ciba Foundation Lectureship will be open to distinguished workers in the field.

4. Awards.

The Foundation will provide awards, at least for a trial period of several years, for experimental work relevant to the basic problems in the field which is of outstanding quality as evidenced by descriptive papers.

These annual awards will be announced beforehand as widely as possible to Deans of medical schools and Directors of research institutes and in the world's medical, scientific and lay press.

A small panel of international judges is being set up to advise the Council of the Foundation on the awards.

The candidates for the awards will be invited to submit work which has not been published (though it may be under consideration for publication). It is contemplated that prize-winning entries may be printed in English and bound periodically to form a separate series of volumes representing international progress in the field.

There will be 5 awards in the first year, of an average value of £300 each, but the Council may vary the size and number of the awards either if it is desired to recognize more fully the work of co-authors, or where the standard of entry is not high enough in the opinion of the judges, and may carry forward any sums remaining into the following year.

The awards will be made each year on the occasion of the holding of a "Colloquium on Ageing" at the Ciba Foundation, and it is hoped to invite some at least of the prizewinners to be present in person.

5. Travelling Fellowships.

The Ciba Foundation will also from time to time make grants for travelling fellowships to workers in the field, especially where the judges of the entries for awards are of the opinion that the candidate's work would benefit from a visit or visits to laboratories in another country.

In summary, the general intention of the Trustees of the Ciba Foundation is to stimulate internationally basic research on problems in which age is a factor, and particularly to encourage younger workers to devote their attention to these fields of enquiry.

