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THE PACIFIC CONGRESS

Members are reminded that the Seventh Pacific Science Congress will be held in New Zealand in February 1949, first at Auckland (Feb. 9th-15th) and later in Christchurch (Feb. 23rd-29th). The Congress takes the form of a week's Symposia and Discussions. A week's tour in the North and South Island respectively will follow the Sessions.

Distinguished authorities from many countries of the Pacific will be present, and New Zealanders will have an exceptional opportunity of learning of the results of researches dealing with the many problems concerning the Pacific Countries and peoples. With the growth in population and the increasing development of many Pacific areas, numbers of grave issues are being raised. Pacific problems will be discussed from the standpoint of the Physicist, the Geologist, the Oceanographer, the Botanist, the Zoologist, & the Anthropologist. Public Health, Nutrition and the Social Sciences generally will naturally be well to the fore.

Of particular interest to the Botanist as such are the Sections dealing with Botany, Agriculture and Forestry.

In Auckland, Marine Algae (seaweeds) will be discussed from the standpoint of their classification, distribution and use. The physical and chemical properties of Pacific waters, and the geographic provinces of the Pacific will also be considered. In addition there will be a discussion on major forest problems of the Pacific.

In Christchurch will be held the important symposium on the protection of nature both on land and sea and the conservation problems of the Pacific, while the very practical problem of the improvement of food and forest crops will be a matter for earnest consideration.

These examples by no means exhaust the subjects of Botanical interest which will receive attention, but enough has been said to show that the matters to be discussed will touch us very nearly.

Those wishing to attend lectures and discussions may enrol as members on payment of the subscription of one pound. Enrolment

forms may be obtained from the War Memorial Museum, or Box 27, Newmarket Auckland.

Members wishing to join the Congress are invited to enrol as soon as possible so that they can receive details of programmes etc., and make their arrangements accordingly.