Paul Dell collection of documents pertaining to IBRO (International Brain Research Organization) 1961-1972

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Paul Dell collection of documents pertaining to IBRO (International Brain Research Organization),

Date (inclusive): 1961-1972

Collection number: 142

Creator: Dell, Paul 1915-1976

Extent: 1 carton (1 linear ft.)

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Abstract: Internationally known and respected neuroscientist Paul Charles Dell, M.D., was intimately connected with the founding and growth of the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO), an independent non-governmental organization with UNESCO affiliation. This collection covers IBRO documents and correspondence from 1961 to 1972, with the bulk from 1969 to 1971, the years in which Professor Dell was its Executive Secretary. Included are minutes and reports of IBRO governing bodies and committees and a great deal of correspondence.

Physical location: Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact UCLA Biomedical Library History and Special Collections for the Sciences for paging information.

Language of Material: Collection materials in English, French, Russian

Restrictions on Access

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Acquisition Information

The collection was deposited in the UCLA Neuroscience History Archives, which transferred it to History & Special Collections for the Sciences, UCLA Library Special Collections, in 2013.

Biography

Paul Dell, M.D. (1915-1976) was an internationally respected neurophysiologist whose major research focused on the brainstem reticular formation and its autonomic and humoral regulatory mechanisms. After graduation from the Faculty of Medicine, Strasbourg, he served as an army doctor in 1939-1940. After four years of physiological research in Lyon he joined the Faculty of Medicine in Strasbourg. 1949-1950 saw him in Chicago working with Warren McCulloch and Horace W. Magoun, and in 1951 he returned to Paris to join the C.N.R.S., where he rose to be Director of Research. In 1967 he moved to the Division of Neurobiological Research of I.N.S.E.R.M. in Marseille, to become its director.

Dr. Dell was one of a group of neuroscientists who, through discussions at the newly founded International Federation of Societies for Electroencephalography and Clinical Neurophysiology, and at the important Colloquium of Electroencephalography and Higher Nervous Activity (known as the "Moscow Colloquium") in 1958, articulated the need for a multidisciplinary organization to facilitate international collaboration and communication in basic brain research, and presented a resolution to form such a body. These discussions and resolution led eventually to the formation of the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO). The first governing body of IBRO met in Paris in 1960, and the association was incorporated in 1961 as an independent non-government organization affiliated with UNESCO. (An excellent early history of IBRO was published in "Neuroscience" 72(1):283-306, 1996).

Dr. Dell was active in the formation of IBRO, and he served the organization faithfully until the end of his life. He was part of the original governing council, co-organized an early IBRO-sponsored symposium in 1962 (The Neurochemical Regulators of Brain Activity), was appointed Deputy Executive Secretary in 1962 for a time, and served as Executive Secretary from 1969 to 1971. He also was a consultant for brain research to UNESCO for many years, and advised IBRO on its relationship with UNESCO. He was one of the founding members, and an editor in neurophysiology, of the journal "Experimental Brain Research".

Scope and Content
The collection consists entirely of documents and correspondence related to the founding and growth of IBRO (International Brain Research Organization), an independent non-governmental organization with UNESCO affiliation. Included are minutes and reports of IBRO governing bodies and committees and a great deal of correspondence. The bulk of the material dates from 1969 to 1971, the years when Dr. Paul Dell was Executive Secretary; the outgoing correspondence from his office during those years may be represented in its entirety. For the earlier years there are fewer letters and reports, but the activities of the Executive Committee and the Central Council are well covered. The names and contents of the folders are those of the original binders.

**Related Material**

UCLA Biomedical Library History and Special Collections for the Sciences, Manuscript Collection #143, "Heinrich Waelsch collection of documents pertaining to IBRO" contains similar [and sometimes overlapping] documents and correspondence, for 1961-1965.

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

**Subjects**

Dell, Paul, 1915-1976 -- Archives  
International Brain Research Organization -- history  
Neurosciences -- history  
Neuroscientists -- Archival resources  
Societies, Medical -- Collected Correspondence  
Societies, Scientific -- Collected Correspondence

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**box 1, folder 1**  
**IBRO Statutes and By-Laws. 1961.**  
Scope and Content Note  
Revised Edition, printed 1962 by UNESCO

**box 1, folder 2**  
**Restructuring of IBRO and revised Statutes and By-Laws. 1968-1970.**  
Scope and Content Note  
transcript of initial Central Council meeting; notes discussing new structure of IBRO and by-law revisions; letters of comments and suggestions; approved version of new statutes and by-laws

**box 1, folder 3**  
**Symposium on "The Neurochemical Regulators of Brain Activity". 1961.**  
Scope and Content Note  
correspondence re. a small symposium sponsored by IBRO and organized by Professors Paul Dell and Herbert Jasper

**box 1, folder 4**  
**IBRO Executive Committee and Central Council. 1964-1965.**

**box 1, folder 5**  
**IBRO Executive Committee and Central Council. 1966.**

**box 1, folder 6**  
**IBRO Executive Committee and Central Council. 1967.**

**box 1, folder 7**  
**IBRO Executive Committee and Central Council. 1968.**

**box 1, folder 8**  
**IBRO Executive Committee and Central Council. 1969.**

**box 1, folder 9**  
**IBRO Executive Committee and Central Council. 1970.**  
Scope and Content Note  
correspondence; Committee reports

**box 1, folder 10**  
**IBRO Executive Committee and Central Council. 1971.**  
Scope and Content Note  
correspondence; minutes of IBRO Working Group on Brain Research and Working Paper no. I: IBRO Activities (1961-1971)/ Future Plans; Central Council minutes
box 1, folder 11  **IBRO finances. 1968-1972.**
Scope and Content Note
mainly correspondence with Donald B. Lindsley, IBRO Treasurer, 1969-1972

box 1, folder 12  **IBRO Central Council Sub-Committee on Symposia. 1961-1971.**
Scope and Content Note
Symposium Program review, with listing of symposia, 1961-1971; Committee reports, 1967-1971; general Committee correspondence; correspondence concerning specific symposia

box 1, folder 13  **IBRO Central Council Sub-Committee on Education. 1961-1971.**
Physical Description: folder 1 of 2
Scope and Content Note
report on the Workshop Program, 1961-1971, listing workshops; Committee reports, 1968-1970; general Committee correspondence

box 1, folder 14  **IBRO Central Council Sub-Committee on Education. 1968-1970.**
Physical Description: folder 2 of 2
Scope and Content Note

box 1, folder 15  **IBRO Central Council Sub-Committee on Grants and Fellowships. 1958-1970.**
Scope and Content Note
Committee reports; correspondence and reports on fellowships, travel grants, and temporary research teams

box 1, folder 16  **The Application of Brain Research to Problems in Education and Social Sciences. 1968--1971.**
Scope and Content Note
reports and correspondence of an interdepartmental committee tasked with planning IBRO's projects and contributions to an UNESCO program; correspondence and reports of various expert working groups

box 1, folder 17  **IBRO Bulletin. 1967-1970.**
Scope and Content Note
correspondence and reports

box 1, folder 18  **IBRO external relationships - national and international brain research organizations. 1969-1971.**
Physical Description: folder 1 of 3
Scope and Content Note
correspondence

box 1, folder 19  **IBRO external relationships - UNESCO, WHO. 1968-1970.**
Physical Description: folder 2 of 3
Scope and Content Note
official documents; correspondence
Container List

  Physical Description: folder 3 of 3
  Scope and Content Note
  activity reports

box 1, folder 21  Correspondence. 1969-1971.
  Physical Description: folder 1 of 2
  Scope and Content Note
  general incoming letters, most with replies

box 1, folder 22  Correspondence. 1968-1971.
  Physical Description: folder 2 of 2
  Scope and Content Note
  carbon copies of outgoing correspondence, bulk for 1969
  Note
  some duplication with other folders

box 1, folder 23  Obituaries. 1977.