Approximately 150 members attended the meeting. The President Prof. Jørn Hess Thaysen summarized in his opening address the events which ultimately led to relocation of the annual meeting from Copenhagen to Paris and a change of dates in order to avoid a clash with the first congress of the International Transplantation Society which ultimately was scheduled for June 27-July 1 in Paris.

With approval of the E.D.T.A. Council it was decided to advance the fourth meeting of the E.D.T.A. in order that E.D.T.A. and I.T.S. could have consecutive meetings in Paris with a symposium on transplantation on the 26th of June sponsored by both societies.

There being no comments from the floor the proceedings of the third annual business meeting held on the 22nd of June in Lyon the previous year and already circularized to the members were approved.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented his annual report on the activities of the Association during the previous year and Dr. Kerr from Newcastle-upon-Tyne presented the annual report of the Editor of the Proceedings. He felt that some explanation regarding a four months extra delay in publication of Volume III of the Proceedings was necessary. This was due in part to several meetings in Europe and abroad which had to be attended by the Editor and in part to very late receipt of some manuscripts. The Editor announced several measures to avoid such a delay in the future such as excluding manuscripts not delivered during the meeting from publication in the Proceedings. It was expected that publication of Volume IV would be approximately 7 months after the annual meeting. If the same standards as in previous volumes were to be maintained this had to be considered as the irreducible minimum. The famous publishing time of the Transactions of the sister society in America, the A.S.A.I.O., which is less than 3 months, is only possible by the use of special techniques which are provided by the University. This has been abandoned by the E.D.T.A. for several reasons which have been discussed at previous meetings of the Council and which are known to the members. To bridge the 7 month gap, a book containing abstracts of papers and demonstrations was being distributed for the first time at this conference.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented his annual financial report covering 1966 and the first half of 1967. He described the financial situation as more favourable than in previous years with a positive balance at the end of the first half of 1967. If this favourable state of affairs lasted to the end of 1967, the Association would be able to spend some money, e.g., on subsidizing junior members attending the annual conference in addition to those already assisted by the annual Baxter/Travenol grant. Several other suggestions for disposing of the positive balance were received:

Dr. McGeown (Belfast) suggested that it be used to prevent a further rise in the cost of attending the annual meeting. She commented on the two high subscriptions that had to be paid this year by those attending both the E.D.T.A. and I.T.S. meetings (in addition to the
cost of subsistence in Paris) which might be acceptable to senior members but were a hardship to junior members not receiving expenses from their hospitals or universities.

Dr. O'Dwyer (Dublin) suggested that it be used to pay the travelling expenses of Council members who are not at present reimbursed by the Society for attending Council meetings. He also supported an increase in assistance to junior members.

Dr. Boen (Amsterdam) suggested that in view of the positive balance the increase in annual subscription from £ 5 to £ 6 in 1967 had been unnecessary and asked if the subscription could not be reduced next year.

In reply to the last point, the Secretary/Treasurer said that some safety margin had to be left when fixing the subscription to allow for rising costs, particularly that of publishing the Proceedings. The latter increased both because of rising printing costs and because the volume grew larger each year. This year's subscription was fixed at a time when it was feared that the cost of Volume III would be even higher than it eventually was.

Dr. Kerr (Newcastle) suggested that the positive balance should be left in the bank (at an appropriate interest rate) as a comfort to future local secretaries, whose financial worries became greater as the Association enlarged. He pointed out that the balance should be related to the number of members since costs—including the cost of the Proceedings which was the largest item—had to be multiplied by the number of members. He did not think the present reserve of £ 4 per member was at all excessive.

Winding up, the Secretary/Treasurer agreed that the position should be reviewed with the Council at the end of 1967 and if a large positive balance still existed the subscription might be reduced or financial assistance to junior members increased.

At the request of the Secretary/Treasurer, the President proposed an amendment of the constitution, to permit the appointment of two members to verify the bookkeeping of the Secretary/Treasurer. There were no objections from the floor, so the President proposed that two members should be formally elected at the next annual business meeting in Dublin, to form a financial verification committee. In the interim he invited two Dutch members—Dr. Twiss (Rotterdam) and Dr. v.d. Hem (Groningen)—to verify this year's accounts.

Four members of Council (Prof. Alwall, Lund; Dr. Shaldon, London; Dr. Funck-Brentano, Paris; Dr. Giovannetti, Pisa) vacated their seats after serving a three-year term. Members were invited by the President to elect four new Council members from the 6 candidates who had been proposed and seconded. The result of the election, announced the following day, was: new Council members: Dr. Arthur C. Kennedy (Glasgow), Dr. Jean-Philippe Mery (Paris), Dr. L. Migone (Parma) and Dr. Albert Válek (Prague).

The members unanimously approved further discussions between the Councils of E.D.T.A. and I.T.S. to promote cooperation between the societies and to arrange, if possible, consecutive meetings in the same city on alternate years when I.T.S. meets in Europe. The choice of venue for the 1969 meeting was postponed until the outcome of these discussions was known.

The meeting approved the proposal that the 5th annual conference should be held in Dublin on 21st and 22nd June, with registration on the 20th. Mr. Anthony Walsh (Dublin) was elected President. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.