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Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

PRIMER CONGRESO  
MEXICANO DE BOTANICA

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RESUMENES DE LOS TRABAJOS  
PRESENTADOS

## FIRST MEXICAN BOTANICAL CONGRESS

The First Mexican Botanical Congress, organized by the Botanical Society of Mexico, was held in Mexico City from October 24 to October 26, 1960. It was inaugurated by the Secretary of Public Education, Dr. Jaime Torres Bodet, in the Auditorium of the Escuela Nacional de Ciencias Biológicas.

172 registered members attended the Congress, this number includes 29 people from abroad; United States (26), Argentina (2), Cuba (1). Of the 73 presented papers the largest number were in the following sections; plant ecology and phytogeography (17), economic botany (11), phanerogamic botany (10). In addition 3 general lectures were delivered; "Problems of teaching and popularization of botany", by Ing. E. Hernández X., "Panoramic view of phytochemistry in Mexico", by Dr. F. Giral, and "Modern ideas on the origin of corn", by Ing. C. Frywer.

The Congress met in 8 working sessions, 2 plenary sessions and 2 special sessions, one of which was devoted to a meeting of the Committee of Nomenclature of Grasses. The different activities of the Congress took place at the Instituto Politécnico Nacional, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Escuela Nacional de Agricultura and Oficina de Estudios Especiales.

During the last plenary session commemorative medals were presented to two Mexico's most distinguished botanists; Prof. M. Martínez, President of the Congress, and Dr. F. Miranda, Honorary President of the Botanical Society of Mexico. At the same session it was decided to organize the following committees:

- a) for standardization and unification of the nomenclature of the vegetation types of Mexico;
- b) for study of curricula, methods and procedures of teaching botany;
- c) for determination of the time and place of the next meeting.

Immediately following the Congress, between the 27th and the 31th of October, there was an excursion in which 37 people participated. The itinerary of the excursion included visits to different types of vegetation of temperate, warm and arid climates of eastern Mexico.