

2. Dr. H. W. Wade, President of the International Leprosy Association, writes with approval of the *Leprosy Review* of January, 1959, which gave the gist of the proceedings of the VII International Leprosy Congress, and wishes to clarify certain aspects of the record of his own paper on the nomenclature and classification of skin-test antigens (p. 45 of January issue). His thesis was that only such antigens as are of the nature of the Hayashi-Mitsuda preparation should be called lepromin, and this name cannot be applied to all that have been made. He suggested that the analogous preparation made from the lesions of murine leprosy could quite suitably be called "Stefansky lepromin". With regard to the terms "integral lepromin" and "bacillary lepromin", Dr. Wade suggested that "purified bacillus suspension" or PBS should be used in place of "bacillary lepromin", in order to avoid confusion. In those special preparations containing no bacillary bodies but only soluble elements, for which the name "leprolin" was suggested, it is important to note that they evoke only the early or Fernandez reaction, whereas lepromins proper, or even the purified bacillus suspensions, evoke both the early and late reactions in wholly reactive individuals.