

SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS IN LATIN AMERICA

INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL MEDICINE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HABANA*

(INSTITUTO DE MEDICINA TROPICAL DE LA UNIVERSIDAD
DE LA HABANA)

La Habana, Cuba

Director: Dr. Pedro Kouri

The Institute of Tropical Medicine of the University of Habana was created December 8, 1937, with the three-fold function of teaching, research, and treatment.

Its Director since the beginning has been Dr. Pedro Kouri, Professor of Parasitology and Tropical Diseases of the University of Habana, and the staff includes Drs. José G. Basnuevo, Federico Sotolongo, Pablo Cajas, Vicente Anido, Manuel Hernández Duarte, José March y Barceló, and others.

The courses offered by the Institute include those for second-year medicine students of the University, and special post-graduate courses open to University graduates and to foreign graduates and students (including those attending in accordance with the exchange program of the University with Cornell University School of Medicine, New York).

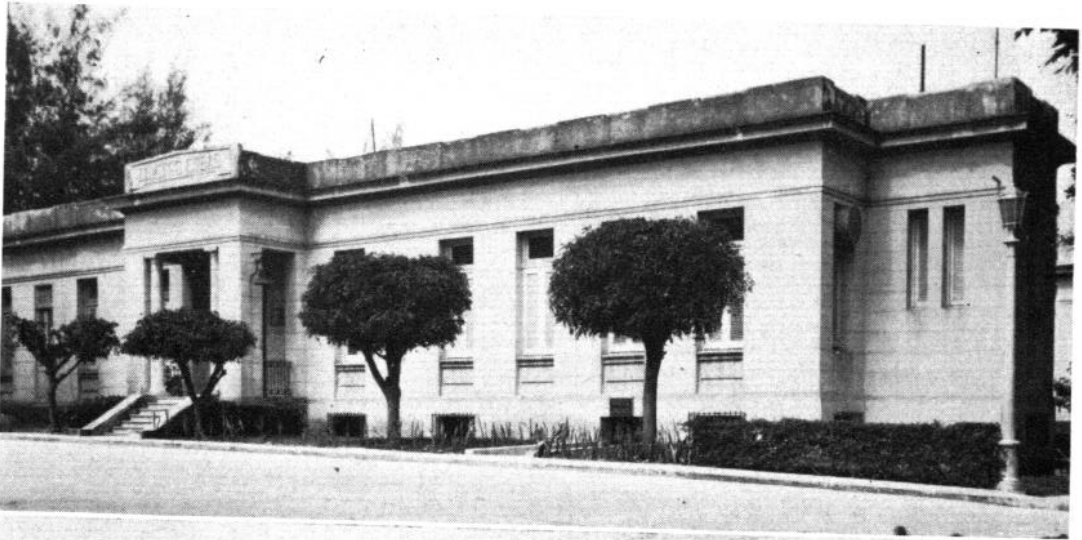
The Institute is housed in the "Domingo Cubas" building of the Calixto García Hospital. Construction of a new building on the same site is planned for 1943. The facilities of the Institute include the "Finlay Museum," with its collection of anatomical specimens, parasites, pictures, and other teaching materials, on permanent exhibition; laboratories; a Department of Medical Illustration (drawing and photography, microphotography, microcinematography); and a free Dispensary (consultations, treatments, laboratory examinations), as well as the Calixto García Hospital (over 1,000 beds), with which close relations are maintained.

In cooperation with other agencies, the Institute carries on a campaign of popular education on prophylactic measures against intestinal parasites.

The official organ of the Institute is the *Revista de Medicina Tropical y Parasitología*, founded in 1935. It maintains an exchange with similar institutions throughout the Americas.

Most of the contributions of the Institute and its staff have been in the field of parasitology, including studies on the hookworm, echinococcus, bothriocephalus, ascaris, strongyloides, fasciola, amebas, etc., and a new species of intestinal parasite, *Inermicapsifer cubensis* Kouri 1939.

* One of a series of papers describing the principal scientific institutions in Latin America.

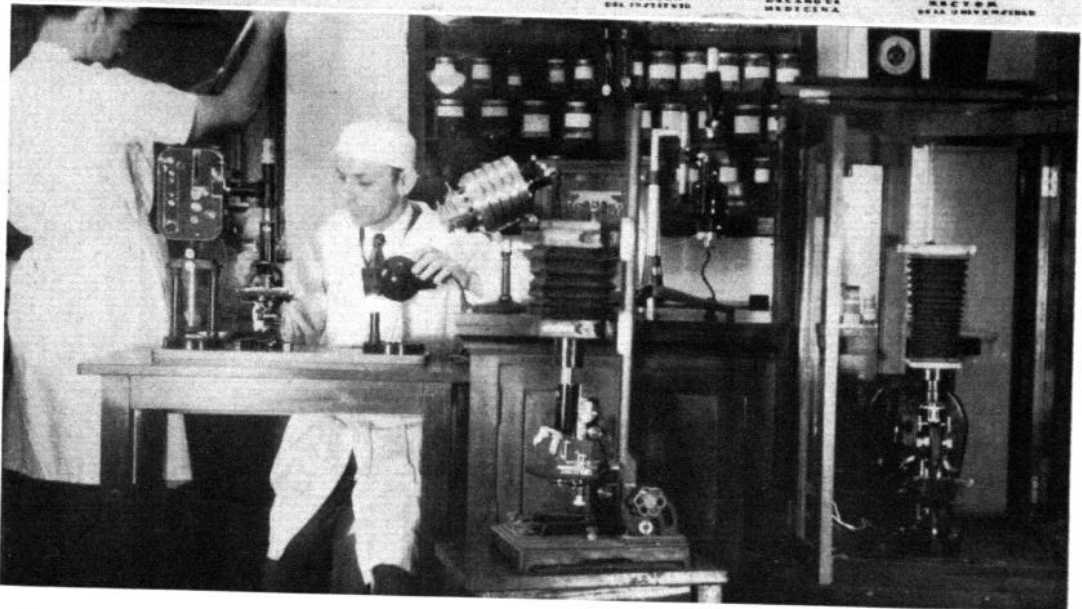


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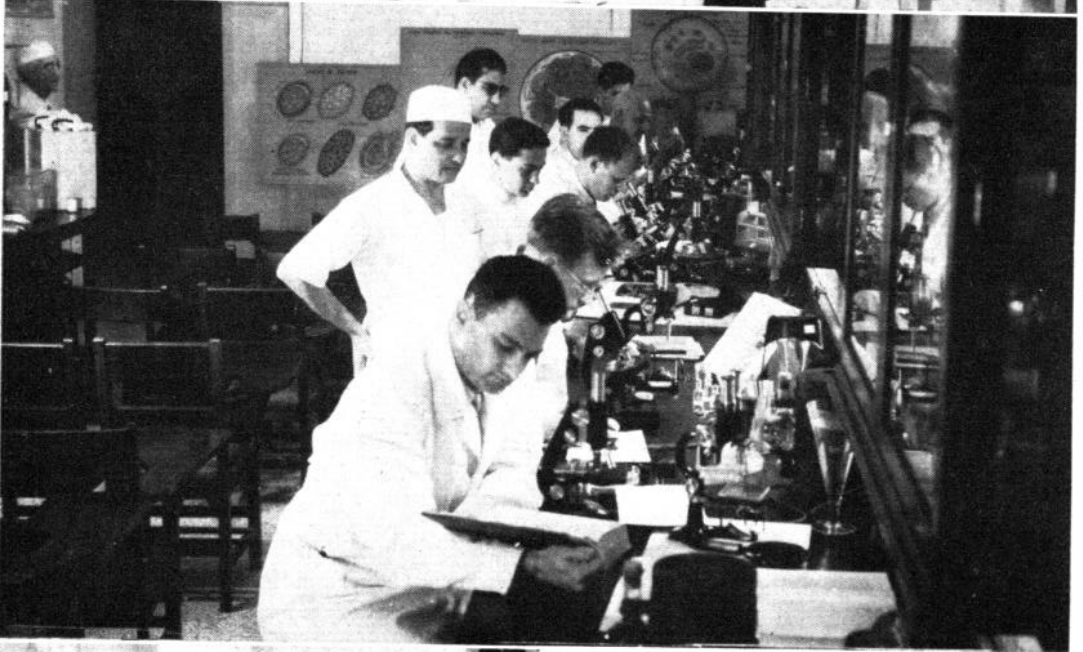
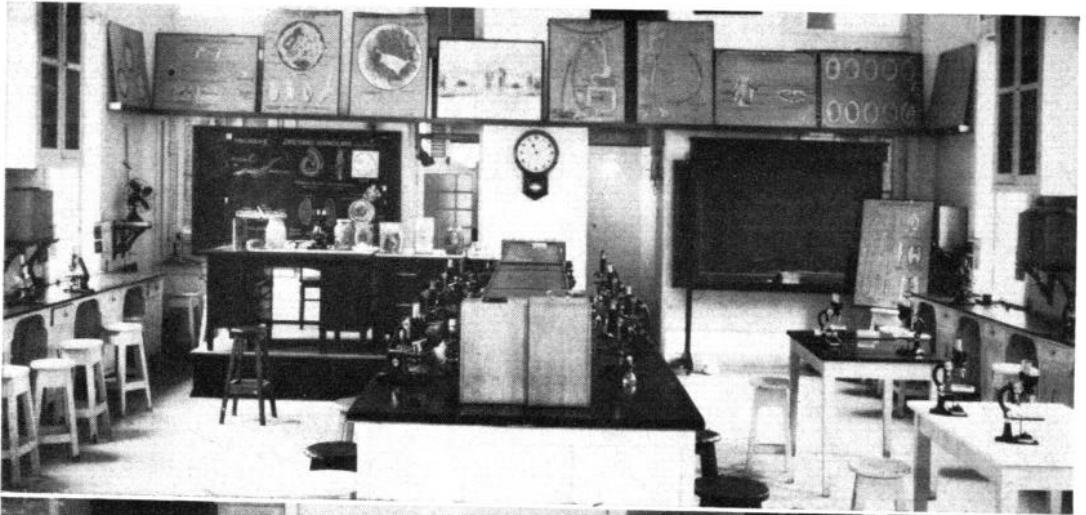
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Rector de la Universidad: Dr. C. G. G. G.



Institute of Tropical Medicine of the University of Habana: Above: present building; center: proposed new building; below: Microphotography Department.



Institute of Tropical Medicine of the University of Habana: above: a laboratory; center: Parasitology Laboratory (with a group of Cuban and North American students); below: part of the Museum.