THE SIXTH PACIFIC SCIENCE CONGRESS

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The sessions of the sixth Pacific Science Congress were held in the San Francisco Bay region from July 24 to August 12, 1939. The University of California, Stanford University and the Golden Gate International Exposition acted jointly as hosts to the congress. Most of the technical sessions were held either at the University of California or at Stanford University, but many of the social functions and public lectures were held at the Golden Gate International Exposition on Treasure Island.

The sixth Pacific Science Congress was organized under the auspices of the National Research Council, specifically under the general supervision of its Committee on Pacific Investigations, of which Dr. Herbert E. Gregory is chairman. The details of organization of the congress, however, were delegated to a local committee, the Committee on the Sixth Pacific Science Congress, with Dr. C. B. Lipman, of the University of California, as chairman; Dr. Roy E. Clausen, of the same institution, as secretary, and with representatives of Stanford University, the University of California and the Golden Gate International Exposition as members. Dr. Ross G. Harrison, chairman of the National Research Council, was president of the congress, and Dr. Roy E. Clausen, secretary-general. Dr. Frank R. Lillie, retiring president of the National Academy of Sciences, was honorary chairman; Dr. Robert Gordon Sprout, president of the University of California; Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Stanford University, and the presidents of previous congresses were honorary vice-chairmen.

The sixth Pacific Science Congress was the first meeting of the Pacific Science Association to be held on the mainland of the United States of America.