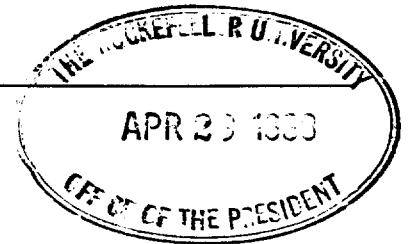


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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Joshua,
Thanks for the note regarding Carter's translation of Koch's papers. I had seen it just in time to mention it in my Koch biography before typesetting was completed. It will be a useful addition to the Koch literature, especially for those who don't read German. Most of these papers had been available in translation, but in widely scattered sources. My biography is just about to go off to the printer, and we hope for a July publication date.

I have an article under review at Microbiological Reviews on a history of the bacterial nucleus. I'm not certain that the journal will accept it, as it isn't quite their current style, but the editor (at least) likes it. I felt that I needed to consider the nucleus before getting down to details on the genetics. I begin with late 19th century bacterial cytology and end with Kellenberger and Cairns.

Have you seen the recent book by Saap on cytoplasmic inheritance? I assume you have, since you are extensively cited. Having spent the 1960's in Bloomington in a lab near Sonneborn's, I found it quite interesting reading, albeit somewhat repetitious. There were also a few errors, but overall it provided a useful complement to the traditional genetics histories. Of those, the one I have found the most interesting and useful was Carlson's biography of Hermann Muller.

Agree.

Thanks for keeping me informed of recent literature, etc. After my Koch book goes to the printer, I'll be taking the summer off for some other work, and then back to the history in the fall. I'll send you a copy of the Koch as soon as it is available.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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of Natural Sciences

Good
I hope you recall Carl Robinson's chapter in Dubos The Bacterial Cell 1945 and Bisset + Delamater's nonsense. CSH... hereafter.
Yes, we had some correspondence

Congratulations on the award announced in ASM news.

Joshua