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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IMU

First Communication

TO ALL NATIONAL ADHERING ORGANIZATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICAL UNION

1. PLACE AND DATE OF ASSEMBLY

The Eight General Assembly of the International Mathematical Union will be held at OTANIEMI, about 10 kms from HELSINKI, FINLAND, on August 11 and 12, 1978, immediately before the International Congress of Mathematicians in HELSINKI, on August 15-23, 1978.

2. DELEGATIONS AND THEIR VOTING STRENGTH

According to the Statutes of the Union, each National Adhering Organization "shall appoint and certify to the Secretary of the Union a delegation which shall have the number of votes corresponding to the Group in which it adheres as follows :

Group			I	II	III	IV	V
Number	of	votes	l	2	3	4	5

provided that the number of delegates shall not exceed the corresponding number of votes. Any National Adhering Organization which desires to ensure its full quota of representatives at meetings of the General Assembly by the appointment of alternates for its regularly named delegates may do so, provided that no such alternate shall be permitted to participate in the work of the General Assembly until he has been duly certified to the Secretary of the Union as assuming the powers and duties of the delegate he has been designated to replace. No person shall be a member of the delegation of more than one country. Voting by the General Assembly shall be by delegations, provided that each delegation shall be free to cast the votes to which it is entitled either as a unit or divided in such a manner as it may determine".

3. DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES AND THEIR PARTICIPATION

It follows from the above extract from the Statutes that :

- a) the number of regular delegates from a member-country cannot exceed the number of its votes (it can, of course, be smaller);
- b) the number of alternates cannot exceed the number of regularly named delegates (there may, of course, be no alternates at all);
- c) at any given session of the General Assembly, the total number of delegates either regular or alternate, representing a member-country, cannot exceed the number of votes

of that member-country ;

 and that the alternate delegates are permitted to participate in the work of the Assembly only after due notification to the Secretary.

4. APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATIONS

You are hereby requested to designate the delegation of your country. The names of your delegates, with alternates, if any, together with their addresses, may be please entered on the accompanying blank and returned, so as to reach the undersigned not later than March 1, 1978.

This deadline is important since some of the delegates will be proposed for election to various Committees of the Assembly at the opening session.

Further information for the stay in OTANIEMI will be given in the Second Communication.

5. PROPOSALS FOR AGENDA

As provided for in the By-Laws of the Union, National Adhering Organizations may propose business to be transacted at the General Assembly ; such proposals shall reach the undersigned at least four months before the meeting, i.e. <u>not later than</u> April 11, 1978.

6. ELECTION OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The present Executive Committee of the Union is now about to prepare its recommendation to the next General Assembly regarding the composition of the new Executive Committee for the term January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1982. As in the past, the present Committee would like to receive suggestions from <u>National Committees</u> regarding the composition of the new Executive Committee including its officers ; in particular, regarding the representation of the member-countries in the Committee. It should be understood that, while the present Executive Committee would give such suggestions due consideration in arriving at its own recommendation, it would in no sense be bound by such suggestions. To be bound, would, in fact, amount to an abdication of its own responsibility, which no member of the Union desired.

Suggestions from <u>National Committees</u> should reach the undersigned not later than February 15, 1978. The Executive Committee would like it to be clearly understood that no member of the Committee is elected to represent his country ; he is elected on his own merits, and is expected to serve the whole community of mathematicians which the Union represents.

AGENDA

The Agenda of the meeting will be sent later.

According to the terms of reference of I.C.M.I. (International Commission on Mathematical Instruction), approved by the 4th General Assembly in 1962, the General Assembly of IMU elects <u>ten</u> members-at-large of I.C.M.I. on the nomination of the President of IMU. It also elects the President of I.C.M.I. on the nomination of the President of IMU. On the other hand, any National Adhering Organization wishing to support or encourage the work of I.C.M.I. may create or recognize, in agreement with its National Committee, a National subcommission for ICMI to maintain liaison with the Commission in all matters pertinent to its affairs. The National Adhering Organization in question <u>shall designate</u> one member of the said subcommission, to serve as a delegated member of I.C.M.I.

Each National Adhering Organization is hereby requested to give the undersigned, not later than February 28, 1978 :

 the name of the national delegate which it designates to serve as a member of I.C.M.I. for the term January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1982, with a copy addressed to the Secretary of I.C.M.I., Professor Y. Kawada, Department of Mathematics, University of Tokyo, Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113, Japan,

and

2) the names of possible candidates for election as members-atlarge, for the term 1979-1982.

9. COMMISSION ON EXCHANGE

According to the terms of reference of the Commission on Exchange approved by international postal ballot in 1976, the General Assembly of IMU elects nine members-at-large of the Exchange Commission on the nomination of the President of IMU (the tenth member being the Secretary of the Union, exofficio). It also elects the President of the Commission on Exchange on the nomination of the President of IMU.

Each National National Adhering Organization is hereby requested to give the undersigned not later than February 28, 1978 :

- the names of possible candidates for election as members-atlarge for the term 1979-1982.

> Jacques-Louis Lions Secretary of IMU