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The present membership of the I.M.U. covers twenty-seven: Argentine, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cuba, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malaya-Singapore, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United States of America, Yugoslavia.

In each of these countries a *National Committee for Mathematics* has been set up which combines with the respective national sub-commission, which in turn has the task of collaborating in the work of the I.M.I.C.

In his circular dated 7 May 1953, Prof. Châtelet of C.I.E.M. proposed to take: *L'Enseignement mathématique*, well known by all readers, as the Commission's official publication.

## II. CIRCULAR FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE NATIONAL SUB-COMMISSIONS.

The Executive Committee of the International Mathematical Instruction Commission (I.M.I.C.) held its meeting on Jan. 15th 1954 at Paris under the presidency of Mr. CHATELET, president of the I.M.I.C.

I have the honour of imparting the decisions made at this meeting dealing with the two inquiries and the exhibition of the books and the documents settling the participation of the I.M.I.C. at the International Mathematical Congress which will be held at Amsterdam in Sept. 1954. I am adding two notes to this letter:

one referring to the inquiry on the "Part of Mathematics and the Mathematician in Contemporary Life" (this will be the subject of a general report presented to the Congress at Amsterdam by Mr. KUREPA, vice-president of the I.M.I.C.);  
the other referring to the exhibition of books and documents which shall be mentioned below.

I would be very grateful to the presidents of the national sub-commissions if they made use of the indications given either by this letter or the included notes particularly those concerning the date of sending the reports, the documents and the names of the reporters or of the persons appointed.

*Decisions on the Preparations for the Amsterdam Congress Arrived  
at by the Committee of the I.M.I.C. on January 15th, 1954.*

1. *Inquiry on "The Part of Mathematics and the Mathematician in Contemporary Life"*. — Mr. KUREPA will present the general report

at the Congress at Amsterdam thus opening the series of discussions dealing with the different questions connected with the object of this inquiry.

The included note recalls and specifies the sense and wide import of this inquiry.

The national subcommissions are asked:

- (1) to let Mr. KUREPA, vice-president of the I.M.I.C., know *the earliest possible* the names and addresses of the appointed reporters (Mr. KUREPA's address: Institute of Mathematics, Zagreb, Yugoslavia);
- (2) to send the reports on this inquiry to Mr. KUREPA *before May 30th, 1954*.

2. *Inquiry on Mathematical Instruction for Students between 16 and 21 years of age* (program, methodes...). — For this inquiry there will be no general report prepared. Each national subcommission is asked to appoint a delegate to give the report laid down by the subcommission.

In order to facilitate the organization of this part of the Congress at Amsterdam we want to point out that

- (1) the national subcommissions are asked to send the names and addresses of the appointed reporters, *before February 28th, 1954* directly to Mr. BEHNKE, secretary of the I.M.I.C., Schlossplatz 2, Universität Münster, Münster (Westfalen), Germany;
- (2) a brief summary set up by each national subcommission should be sent by the reporter to Mr. BEHNKE (address above), *before June 30th, 1954*.

3. *Exhibition of books and documents* concerning actual mathematical instruction for students between 16 and 21 years of age. — The national center of French educational documents willingly agrees to be in charge of collecting all the books and documents for this exhibition and of sending them to Amsterdam.

This exhibition is not to comprehend textbooks only but also any important text connected with the organization of the instruction in every country (schedules, instruction, educational reviews . . .). It is taken for granted that each national subcommission overtakes the responsibility of its own choice of books and documents to be sent to the exhibition.

Every national subcommission is asked to name a person responsible for the preparation of this exhibition; name and address of this person are to be sent directly to Mr. CARDOT, Centre national de documentation pédagogique, rue d'Ulm 29, Paris (V<sup>e</sup>), France.

H. BEHNKE,  
*Secretary of the I.M.I.C.*