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tion, has agreed to offer his services again for the Edinburgh Conference. — In this connection, we remind our readers again, that the same textbooks exhibited in Amsterdam are located and collected by the National Pedagogical Institute and are therefore in easy reach for the I.C.M.I. *Professor Behnke has made photostated copies of this collection, which can be sent to the interested national subcommission.*

The books which were displayed in Amsterdam were almost completely devoted to the instruction of mathematics for young people from 16-21 years of age. It has been decided that the display in Edinburgh shall consist not only of the same books already exhibited in Amsterdam, but in addition of new textbooks, covering the instruction of mathematics for children as well as for young people from 11 or 12 years of age up to about 18 or 19, thus corresponding to the other groups as "middle one" with the beginning classes on one hand, and secondary instruction on the other. — Since the operation of such a project is connected with many organisational problems, another circular letter shall be sent out soon to all the national subcommissions, to acquaint them with the conditions for the participation in the exhibition which are the following:

Choice of documents and books,

their delivery to the Institute,

their return—after the exhibition—to the Institute, where they shall be kept again at the disposal of the I.C.M.I. (as it has been the case with the books displayed in Amsterdam).

In order to establish relations with the Pedagogical Institute, it is requested that each national subcommission shall name a responsible representative, whose name and office are to be given to Professor BEHNKE, as well as to Mr. DOLMAZON, c/o National Pedagogical Institute, 29 Rue d'Ulm, Paris Ve, *before June 1, 1957.*

Professor BEHNKE expresses his thankfulness and indebtedness to the director of the Institute, Mr. CROS, as well as to his colleagues MM. CARDOT and DOMAZON, for their important help and efficient services in aiding the Commission to carry out such interesting projects.

3. MEETING OF THE I.C.M.I. IN BRUSSELS IN JULY 1957.

Due to the initiative of Professor BURNIAT (Free University of Brussels), the Belgian subcommission and the association of Belgian secondary school teachers of mathematics, a meeting of the I.C.M.I. has been arranged to take place in Brussels in the beginning of July, dates set for the conference are the 1st, 2nd and 3rd. During these days speeches on different subjects and discussions are planned.

The professors BEHNKE, KUREPA, FREUDENTHAL as well as Belgian professors are already scheduled to speak.

When the definite program is known, the subcommissions shall be informed about it immediately.

4. STUDY OF THE DIFFICULTIES OF RECRUITING PROFESSORS OF MATHEMATICS IN THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

The Committee has received a proposition by Professor HOPF, president of the International Mathematical Union, concerning a special study by the I.C.M.I. about the difficulties that arise in recruiting professors of mathematics and professors of natural sciences—difficulties which are mostly due to the industrial development which necessitates a greater number of engineers and skilled mechanics. This is a serious problem and corresponds to some extent with a topic presented under the direction of Professor KUREPA at the Amsterdam Conference in 1954, namely “The position of mathematics and the mathematician at the present time”. It shall be dealt with, if not resolved, during the days of the Brussels Conference.

J. DESFORGE,
Secretary.

H. BEHNKE,
President.
