

WORLD ACADEMY OF ART AND SCIENCE

AN AGENCY FOR HUMAN WELFARE

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CIRCULAR LETTER C3/1962

Since the last Circular Letter, several important steps in the development of W.A.A.S. may be reported. I ask to be excused for the impersonal and "telegraphic" style of these lines, but only in this manner is it technically possible to cover the necessary material in the limited time at our disposal.

1. Attached is the Programme of our Plenary Meeting in Brussels which is to be convened from Thursday, August 30th to Sunday, September 2nd, on the premises of the Palais des Academies (1 rue Ducale), which was very kindly put at our disposal by the Royal Flemish Academy of Sciences.
 2. Further attached are the minutes of a Group Meeting held in Philadelphia on May 8, 1962, under the chairmanship of our Vice-President, Prof. H.J. Muller. Prof. Stuart Mudd acted as Honorary Secretary.
 3. The Meeting of Nobel Prize Laureates in New York (see C2/1962) had to be cancelled due to the untimely death of its Chairman a few days before the date. Instead of distributing our material there, we have approached a number of Nobel Prize Laureates directly during the last two weeks and the first answers are now coming in. From the replies of those who have already accepted our invitation and have joined us, it is clear that we have made a great stride forward - not only in the distinguished names added to our membership, but because of the active interest indicated by these letters. Details will be given at the Meeting in Brussels.
 4. Attached is a list of distinguished names which have been proposed from various sources as new members.
 5. Steps have been taken to achieve a cooperation in the efforts of several organizations which are, to a certain degree, working along lines similar to those of W.A.A.S., on an international scale and on a scientific level. Among these organizations are the "Pugwash Conferences".
- At least three Members of the Presidium (Lord Boyd Orr, H.J. Muller, and H. Boyko) and possibly also other Members have been invited to participate in the forthcoming Pugwash Conference, 3 - 7 September, 1962, at the Royal Society in London. There they will have the opportunity to present the point of view of W.A.A.S. These presentations will have to be discussed beforehand in Brussels.
6. Thanks to the efforts of Prof. Stuart Mudd, very promising negotiations have started with one of the big private Foundations, which has indicated a great interest in our plans. A meeting between a representative of this Foundation and our Presidium is being arranged to be held in Europe, where plans for our further development and for a World University will be discussed. (The latter plan was proposed mainly by Professor Thom.). The financial basis of our organization in general and that of our next Plenary Meeting in the United States in 1963 will also be discussed. The 1963 meeting will be our first assembly of a festive character, as we hope many of our organizational and financial problems may be solved by then.

Boyd

7. Preparation of Volume II (Population Crisis and World Resources) isⁿ an advanced stage. Most of the manuscripts are already in the hands of Professor Mudd as Chairman of the Special Editorial Committee or in my hands, and editing is in full swing. We hope that printing will start soon after our Plenary Meeting.

8. The plans for Volume III will be discussed in Brussels, where the permanent Editorial Committee will have its first session.

9. My itinerary is as follows:

Leave Israel for Italy and Spain on - August 17

Arrive Brussels - August 24

Stay in Brussels from August 24 to September 2 at:
Hotel Central, 3 Place de la Bourse

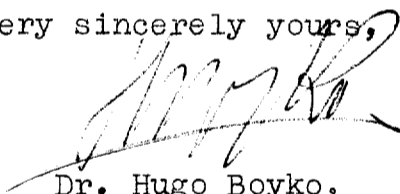
Stay in London (Pugwash Conference at Royal Society)
from September 3 to September 8.

Then to Paris (UNESCO), Zurich, Geneva, Milan, Rome (FAO)

Back in Israel about September 20.

10. Five Members from the U.S.A. have already informed me that they will be coming to Brussels. I hope that all European Members will be able to be present. In any case, this first Plenary Meeting will be a decisive step forward towards our goal.

Very sincerely yours,



Dr. Hugo Boyko,
Honorary Secretary

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Attached: *Programme*
~~List of Proposed~~
~~New Fellow Members.~~

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FIRST PLENARY MEETING

Convened on the premises of the Royal Flemish Academy of Sciences, from Thursday, August 30th to Saturday, September 2nd, 1962, at the:

"Palais des Academies"
rue Ducale 1,
Brussels, Belgium.

<u>THURSDAY:</u>	8.30 - 10.00	Registration
(August 30)	10.00 - 12.00	Opening
		Presidential Address
		General Report by the Secretary General
		Financial Report
		Membership Report
	12.00 - 1.00	Plans for a World University by W. Taylor Thom.
	1.00	Announcements
		Lunch
	3.30 - 7.00p.m.	Council Meetings Committee Meetings
<u>FRIDAY:</u>	9.30 - 1.00	Working plan for the near future (as basis for financial support)
(August 31)		Discussion on:
		a) Publications Vol. I, II, III
		b) Symposium regarding: "A Bright Future for Mankind-- Scientists' Vision and their Potential Contribution".
		c) World University
		Lunch
	3.30 - 7.00p.m.	Organizational Matters: a) Statutes b) Incorporation c) Regional Centres

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SATURDAY: 9.30 - 1.00 Cooperation with other Institutions
(September 1) and Organizations
Official Statements for the forthcoming
Pugwash Conference
Organization of next Plenary Mtg.
Miscellaneous

Lunch

3.30 - 7.00p.m. Elections
Resolutions
Voting

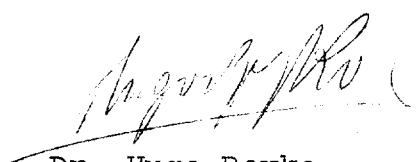
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Final Session: Summary and Outlook

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Remarks:

1. Details about social events will be announced at registration or during the meetings.
2. A small fund has been placed at our disposal to help towards the living expenses of our European Members' stay in Brussels during the Meeting.
3. It would be a great help for all arrangements if I could have a brief notification from each participant, addressed to Dr. Hugo Boyko, Hotel Central, 3 Place de la Bourse, Brussels, by the 24th of August when I arrive there, advising me regarding attendance.
4. Please show this Program at Registration.


Dr. Hugo Boyko,
Secretary General