The following two letters were sent to the National Adhering Organizations of the IMU on May 30, 1956.

Dear Sirs:

I have the privilege to inform you of the following resolution taken by the Executive Committee of the IMU:

"The Executive Committee of the International Mathematical Union, at its meeting at Paris, May 24, 1956, has accepted the resignation of Professor E. Bombiani from the office of Secretary of the International Mathematical Union as from 24 May, 1956, and has, relying on section 11 of the Statutes and of section 6 of the By-Laws, appointed Professor B. Eckmann, Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule, Zurich, as Secretary to hold office from 25 May 1956 until the General Assembly shall have elected a successor.


According to the Statutes of the Union the legal domicile of the Union will henceforth be Zurich, Switzerland. The address of the Secretary’s office is:

International Mathematical Union
Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale
Zurich, Suisse.

Bank accounts in the name of the Union have been established with the following banks:

1. Chase Manhattan Bank, 18 Pine Street, New York 15, N.Y.
2. Crédit Suisse, Agence Rigiplatz, Zurich 33, Suisse.
3. Société Générale, 29 Boulevard Haussmann, Paris IX.

Those national adhering organizations which have not yet paid the annual dues for 1956 are requested to remit the respective amount to one of the above mentioned banks.
Professor Bompiani has kindly offered to give the Executive Committee all the assistance necessary in order to ensure the continuity of the secretarial activities. In particular, all mail addressed to the former office in Rome will be forwarded to Zurich.

Sincerely yours,

B. Eckmann
Secretary of the IMU.

Dear Sirs:

The Executive Committee of the IMU deeply regrets that Professor Bompiani has found himself compelled for reasons of health to tender his resignation. In accepting the resignation, the Executive Committee has expressed to him sincere gratitude for the valuable services he has rendered to the IMU since its inception in 1951. We trust that the many organizations and persons with whom he has been in contact as Secretary of the IMU will wholeheartedly concur with us in gratefully recognizing Professor Bompiani’s efficiency in the conduct of his office, his unselfishness and indefatigable willingness to help and his inspiring enthusiasm for international cooperation. The Executive Committee’s regret at losing Professor Bompiani as its member is attenuated by the knowledge that he will continue to support it with his counsel and experience.

Yours very sincerely,

H. Hopf
President of the IMU.

Statement on Utilization of Nuclear Energy for Peaceful Purposes.

The President of the Science Council of Japan, which is Japan’s adhering organization to the International Mathematical Union, has informed the President of this Union that the Science Council has resolved to issue the following statement:

We issued a statement two years ago appealing to all the scientists and scientific organizations in the world for the abolition of nuclear weapons and for the suspension of experimental explosions of atomic and hydrogen bombs. Recently, in February 1956, both Houses of the National Diet of Japan also passed resolutions to the similar effect. Experiments of this character, nevertheless, are again being conducted this year.

In view of these developments, we confirm the position we took two years ago as regards the suspension of experimental explosions of nuclear bombs, and again call upon all the scientists and scientific organizations in the world to intensify our co-operative efforts towards bringing about necessary international agreements as soon as possible, so that nuclear energy will be used exclusively for peaceful purposes.

Tokyo, 28 April 1956.

Issued by the Science Council of Japan at its Twenty-first General Meeting.
Internationale Mathematische Unterrichts-Kommission

In Ergänzung der im letzten Rundschreiben mitgeteilten Liste der nationalen Unterkommissionen kann nunmehr als 22. Unterkommission der Internationalen Mathematischen Unterrichtskommission die portugiesische verzeichnet werden:

Portugal: J. Sebastiao e Silva, Universidade Tecnica, Lisboa.

In der Vertretung der nationalen Unterkommissionen sind ferner folgende Veränderungen eingetreten:


H. Behnke
Präsident der IMUK.

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