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#### Change of Secretary of IMU

The Executive Committee of the International Mathematical Union, at its meetings held in Princeton, N. J., USA, on October 12—13, 1961, accepted the resignation of Professor B. Eckmann, as Secretary of the Union, and appointed Professor K. Chandrasekharan, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Colaba, Bombay 5, India, as Secretary for the unexpired term of the present Secretary, i. e. till January 1, 1963. Professor Eckmann will continue as a member of the Executive Committee during this period.

The Administrative Office of the International Mathematical Union will continue, for the time being, to be located at the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale, Zurich, room No. 22d (Mrs. T. Tischhauser). Membership dues will continue to be paid in the same bank accounts as hitherto.

#### International Congress of Mathematicians 1966

In accordance with established practice, a joint Committee consisting of representatives of the International Mathematical Union, and of the Organizing Committee of the International Congress of Mathematicians 1962, has been set up to discuss the location of the International Congress in 1966 and to prepare a proposition to be presented to the Congress in Stockholm 1962.

This Committee requests that any national body desirous of inviting the Congress to their country should inform the Secretary of the International Mathematical Union (Professor K. Chandrasekharan, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Colaba, Bombay 5, India) of their intention as soon as possible, and by March 1, 1962 at the latest. It would greatly help the Committee, if prospective hosts would supply as much information as possible about their plans for the Congress. The Committee will be pleased to answer any inquiries in this respect, and to give such advice as it can on any matters concerning the organization of the Congress to any country which asks for it.

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### Fourth General Assembly of the International Mathematical Union

The Fourth General Assembly of the International Mathematical Union will meet on August 11-13, 1962, at Saltsjöbaden near Stockholm, Sweden.

#### Fédération Internationale de Documentation

The Fédération Internationale de Documentation (FID), 7 Hofweg, The Hague, Netherlands, prepares, with financial collaboration of the National Science Foundation in Washington (D. C.), a comprehensive inventory of abstracting services covering the fields of science, technology and social sciences.

The study will probably take two years. The data are gathered by means of a questionnaire to be distributed at the beginning of February 1962. Besides general questions about nature and scope of each abstracting service, the questionnaire is intended for the obtaining of detailed information, for example, on number of periodicals consulted during a year, the existence of a reproduction service, and whether translations can be made.

Upon completion of this project, FID plans to establish an international information centre, the first object being to give supplementary information on data revealed by the questionnaire.

FID would welcome the co-operation and help of everyone concerned, for it will be an extremely useful and indispensable guide for everyone as a key to the literature published throughout the world, and covering pure and applied sciences, technology, medecine, agriculture and social sciences.

> K. Chadrasekharan, Secretary of IMU.

End of the Bulletin of the International Mathematical Union.

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