

20th. October 1947.

Dear Chester,

After discussing the matter with Stratton, I have drafted a form of constitution which you may think suitable, with the aim, as you will see, of making a form which suits the constitution of the International Council and ^{also} coheres with the existing constitution of the Biometric Society. It is not dissimilar from the constitution of the International Union for the History of Science, which is also linked with a society or academy of international membership.

In clause 2 you will see that I suggest the constitution of the Biometric Society should be recited in full.

If you think that in general this is the right course to take the question of finance must be considered. As I have left it it would work, in the sense that regional committees appointing delegates would have to find their personal expenses if they needed any, while for general expenses of the council of the union it would naturally look, though without legal guarantee, to the Biometric Society for support. It would be well, I think, for you to discuss the matter with Hopkins and decide whether you would like to draft financial clauses to make the position explicit.

The next date at which our proposals could come up for consideration and approval by the International Council formed of delegates from the constituent unions is next September, so there

should be plenty of time to get an acceptable form of words agreed to by our council.

You will notice that I have made it obligatory for the council of the proposed union to be summoned by the secretary of the Biometric Society in preparation for each international congress. This is in order that the council should consider any application it wishes to make to U.N.S.S.C.O. (or any other international body offering such aid) in respect to the expenses of the congress or of resulting publications. It has, I think, also the advantage of leaving optional the question whether the council of the union requires any officers other than a chairman.

I hope at least this first draft will be of aid in getting our action in this matter agreed in good time.

Yours sincerely,

1. The international organisation of Biometry comprises two closely linked institutions, namely (a) The Biometric Society and (b) The International Union of Biometry.

2. The constitution of the Biometric Society comprises the following seven clauses

(a) (g)

3. In order to facilitate cooperation with other international organisations The Biometric Society has brought into existence The International Union of Biometry.

4. A country can adhere to the Union through a Committee appointed by the appropriate regional organisation of The Biometric Society with the approval of its Council; or, failing this, through its recognised national scientific academy.

5. The Council of the Union is composed of delegates from each adherent country; each Committee having the right to nominate ^{one or} two delegates. The Council shall appoint its own chairman, and such other officers as may be needed to carry out its business. The Council shall be summoned by the Secretary of the Biometric Society in preparation for each international Congress, and may arrange meetings at other times as occasion requires.