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National Committee for the IBP

A meeting of the committee was held in the Council Room of the Academy at 9.30 a.m. on Friday 17 November 1967.

Present: Sir Otto Frankel (Chairman)  
Dr S.V. Boyden Professor R.L. Specht  
Dr K.W. Finlay Professor R.J. Walsh  
Professor W.V. Macfarlane Dr D.F. Waterhouse  
Professor J.D. Ovington

The Executive Secretary was in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Professor C.M. Donald and Dr G.F. Humphrey.

1 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting (Paper NC 36/67) were confirmed.

2 International Meetings and Activities

Sir Otto Frankel reported briefly on the Bureau meetings and Dr Bergerson reported on the Addis Ababa meeting concerned with Nitrogen Fixation where proposed experiments and procedures were discussed.

Professor Walsh reported a proposal by the HA section to hold a symposium on Man in the Pacific in 1969 or 1970 and it was agreed to suggest that this be deferred until 1971 and be incorporated in the Pacific Science Congress in that year.

3 IBP Conference

The proceedings of the Conference held the previous day were reviewed briefly and it was generally agreed that it had been a success both from the scientific and from the public relations points of view. It was also agreed that the concurrent meetings of the working groups and sub-committees were extremely valuable and it was proposed that this arrangement be repeated in 1968.

It was agreed that the conference papers should be published and Dr Boyden was asked to attempt to arrange a distribution to schools of either the full papers or a summary.

4 Australian National Programme

The newly-printed edition of the Programme was received and it was suggested that brief annual progress reports might be prepared as the work progressed. There appeared to be no need to prepare and print any further full statement.

It was noted (SCIBP Circular 96/67) that SCIBP would prepare and publish in IBP News an index to all national projects, classified under the section programmes and themes.

5 Australian Section Committees

The Chairman of sub-committees and working groups which had met on 15 November reported verbally on their discussions and it was noted that written reports would be distributed in due course. Following Dr Walker's report of the discussions of the air spora working group it was resolved to include the proposed project in the Australian programme for Section UM.

It was noted that Dr R. Millington had resigned from the Sub-committee for Sections PT, PP and CT and it was agreed to appoint Dr J.W. McGarity and Professor R.O. Slatyer.

6 Finance

The history of the submission to the Government for finance for the HA New Guinea project was reviewed and the possibility was discussed of seeking finance for other projects in the 1968/69 financial year or subsequently. It was felt that it would be necessary for the Academy Council to endeavour to establish a special channel for such funds (such as a formal item in the Academy's annual budget) and Sir Otto Frankel, Dr Waterhouse and Professor Ovington were asked to prepare a paper for Council on this subject. It was also agreed to ask Section Chairmen to draw up estimates in as great detail as possible, bearing in mind the relevance of the projects to the international programme.

The meeting closed at 4 p.m.

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