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International Congress of Mathematicians 1954

FIRST COMMUNICATION

In the final plenary session of the International Congress of Mathematicians, 1950, held in Cambridge (Mass.) the Congress accepted the invitation of the delegation from the Netherlands to hold the next Congress in the Netherlands.

The International Congress of Mathematicians 1954 will be held in Amsterdam from September 2nd to September 9th under the auspices of "Het Wiskundig Genootschap" (The Mathematical Society of the Netherlands). It is the sincere hope of the "Wiskundig Genootschap" that the Congress 1954, which will be open to all mathematicians from all parts of the world, will be a fertile international gathering.

The Organizing Committee has invited a number of outstanding mathematicians to deliver one-hour addresses, hoping that in this way a survey of the recent development in the whole field of mathematics may be furnished.

There will be seven sections, viz :

- 1 Algebra and Theory of Numbers.
- 2 Analysis.
- 3 Geometry and Topology.
- 4 Probability and Statistics.
- 5 Mathematical Physics and Applied Mathematics.
- 6 Logic and Foundations.
- 7 Philosophy, History and Education.

In each of these sections half-hour addresses will be delivered by experts on invitation of the Organizing Committee. Moreover short lectures will be given by members of the Congress who have applied beforehand to the Organizing Committee. The time allotted for each short lecture will be 15 minutes. It will depend on the number of these short lectures whether and how the sections will be divided into subsections.

The Organizing Committee is planning several entertainments and also a number of interesting excursions.

There will be two categories of membership in the Congress :

regular members (*members*) who will be entitled to participate in the scientific and social activities of the Congress and to receive the Proceedings of the Congress, and

associate members who, accompanying regular members of the Congress, do not participate in the scientific programme nor receive the Proceedings, but will be entitled to many of the privileges of membership.

The fees to be paid by members and by associate members have not yet been definitely fixed but presumably they will not exceed the amount of fifty guilders (about \$ 14.—) for members and twenty guilders (\$ 5.50) for associate members.

Those who wish to attend the Congress are requested to communicate their name (with degrees, qualifications etc.) and full address to the secretariat as soon as possible. They will receive a more detailed communication which will be sent out in the course of 1953.

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