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Constitution of First Council

The Inaugural Conference of the European Physical Society took place in Florence on 8-12 April under the title 'The Growth Points of Physics'. There were over 850 participants who heard reviews by leading scientists of the major fields of modern physics. The scientific content of the Conference will be covered in the next issue of *Europhysics News*.

This issue concentrates on events concerning the Society itself. During the week of the Conference the first General Assembly of the European Physical Society was held. The votes received to elect the five delegates to the Council to represent the ordinary individual members (including the votes sent in by mail) were counted. The Council was constituted and had its first meeting; at this meeting the new Executive Committee was elected.

General Assembly

The first General Assembly met on the evening of 9 April. Reports were heard from the officers of the Society.

G. Bernardini (President) sketched the progress since the legal foundation in September of last year. The ordinary membership now includes 445 individual ordinary members and twenty-two National Societies, Academies, Groups and Laboratories.

L. Jansen (Secretary) covered general secretarial matters illustrating the great volume of work accomplished by the Main Secretariat in Geneva under Mrs. L. Etienne-Amberg (Executive Secretary) which has included much of the organization, within six months, of the large-scale Florence Conference in addition to the execution of the normal affairs of the Society.

L. Cohen (Treasurer) reviewed the financial status. The Society was given a good start thanks to many generous contributions but long-term security will depend upon an assured annual income. Forecasts for the year 1969 show an estimated expenditure of 250 000 Swiss francs and income from fees of individuals, societies and group members of 110 000 Swiss francs. The remainder will need to be covered by donations, by growth of the number of individual members and by fees from associate members. (This last category of member is awaiting definition by the Council next July.) Additional funds available to the Branch Secretariat in Prague can eventually

be used for activities of the Society in Eastern European countries.

The three Chairmen of Committees — E. Rudberg (By-laws), J. de Boer (Publications) and G. H. Stafford (Conferences) — reported on the Committee activities but since these are covered elsewhere in this issue or in previous issues they will not be repeated here.

At the General Assembly the ordinary individual members of the Society received ballot papers for the election of five delegates to represent them on the Council. The result of the election is given below.

First Council

Following the election of the delegates to represent the Individual Ordinary Members the composition of the first Council of the European Physical Society became known as follows :

Delegates of Individual Ordinary Members :

G. Bernardini, Pisa
L. Hrivnak, Zilina
L. Jansen, Geneva
A. Kastler, Paris
V. F. Weisskopf, Cambridge (USA)

Delegates of National Societies, Academies, Groups and Laboratories :

Austrian Physical Society
H. Pietschmann, Vienna
Belgian Physical Society
J. Depireux, Liège
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
E. Djakov, Sofia

Physical Scientific Section,
Union of Czechoslovak
Mathematicians and Physicists
F. Janouch, Prague

Finnish Physical Society
P. Jauho, Helsinki
O. V. Lounasmaa, Helsinki

French Physical Society
A. Berthelot, Paris
H. Curien, Paris
F. Netter, Paris
M. Soutif, Grenoble

German Physical Society,
Federal Republic of Germany*
F. Bopp, Munich
W. Gentner, Heidelberg
M. Kersten, Braunschweig
E. Richter, Frankfurt
H. Schopper, Karlsruhe

The Institute of Physics and the
Physical Society, Great Britain
L. Cohen, London
B. R. Coles, London
S. F. Edwards, Manchester
M. R. Gavin, London
R. Press, London

Eötvös Loránd Physical Society,
Hungary
I. Kovacs, Budapest
G. Szigeti, Budapest

Royal Irish Academy
J. McConnell, Dublin

Israel Physical Society
Y. Yeivin, Tel-Aviv

Italian Physical Society
G. Boato, Genoa
M. Cini, Rome
G. Toraldo di Francia, Bologna



The Netherlands' Physical Society

C. Braams, Jutphaas
 J. de Boer, Amsterdam
 J. Volger, Eindhoven
 C. de Vries, Amsterdam

The Academy of Socialist Republic of Rumania

I. Ursu, Bucharest

Spanish Royal Society of Physics and Chemistry

J. Catala de Alemany, Valencia

Swedish Physical Society

L. Hulthén, Stockholm
 E. Rudberg, Stockholm

Swiss Physical Society

K. P. Meyer, Berne
 H. Schneider, Fribourg

Turkish Physical Society

F. Yeniçay, Istanbul.

Academy of Sciences of the USSR
 Department of General Physics and Astronomy

L. A. Artsimovich, Moscow
 L. Keldysh, Moscow
 B. M. Kozyrev, Kazan
 B. M. Vul, Moscow

Physical Section of the Yugoslav
 Association of Mathematicians,
 Physicists and Astronomers

I. Slaus, Zagreb

Ampere Group

G. J. Béné, Geneva

Institute Ruder Boskovic

N. Cindro, Zagreb

Session of Council

The first Session of the Council of the European Physical Society took place in the evening of 11 April.

The Council discussed in some detail the draft of the By-laws prepared by the By-law Committee. After a few amendments, it was decided to accept the proposed version (see page 3) as a working basis for the Society at present, though further modifications can be formulated and will be discussed at the next Session of the Council, scheduled to take place on 14 July 1969 in Geneva. In connection with the By-laws, a definition of Associate Membership (as mentioned above) is urgent and will be clarified by the July Session. Among other things, Associate Membership could prove an important source of revenue for the Society.

A further important issue discussed by the Council was the policy to be followed by the European Physical Society on the subject of European Physics Journals. It was decided to accept as present policy the criteria formulated by the Publications Committee (see Europhysics News No. 2), and to defer a more detailed analysis until the July Session.

Several requests had already been submitted to the outgoing Executive Committee concerning the establishment of Specialized Divisions within the Society. The Council was of the opinion that the separate requests should not be discussed at this time

but a global policy should be developed before July, at which time all of the requests could be considered on the basis of this policy. The Council agreed that the recently constituted Conference Committee should continue to function and that this subject should be examined in July taking into account also the evolved policy with regard to the activities of the Specialized Divisions.

The Council then elected a new Executive Committee; the outgoing Committee having served ad interim, being also charged with responsibilities which now fall to the Council. There were separate votes for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Vice-Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-Treasurer, and an en bloc vote for the remaining five positions on the Committee. The new Executive Committee has the following members:

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| President : | G. Bernardini, Pisa |
| Vice-President : | E. Rudberg,
Stockholm |
| Secretary : | L. Jansen, Geneva |
| Vice-Secretary : | F. Janouch, Prague |
| Treasurer : | L. Cohen, London |
| Vice-Treasurer : | G. J. Béné, Geneva |
| Members : | L. A. Artsimovich,
Moscow |
| | H. Curién, Paris |
| | J. de Boer,
Amsterdam |
| | I. Slaus, Zagreb |
| | G. Szigeti, Budapest |

G. Bernardini, President of the European Physical Society, addresses the inaugural session of the Florence Conference in the Palazzo Vecchio. Behind him are the heralds and the standard of the Mayor of Florence, L. Bausi, (seated centre of photograph) and on the right is C. A. Funaioli, Rector of the University of Florence.

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Top : The audience in the 'Salone dei 500' during the inaugural session.

Below : Members of the first Council of the Society photographed during a Session of the Council on 11 April in the 'Sala dei 200' of the Palazzo Vecchio.

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The By-laws

The By-laws of the European Physical Society were approved by the Council at its meeting in Florence on 11 April.

Any comments from members of the Society concerning the By-laws should be forwarded to the Main Secretariat so that, if appropriate, they can be discussed at the July meeting.



I Membership

Rule 1 Individuals applying for ordinary membership shall do so on the standard application form, which shall be signed by two individual Ordinary Members or by two members of the governing body of a society, group or laboratory which is an Ordinary Member of the Society.

Rule 2 Societies, groups or laboratories, eligible for membership, under Article 4 (b) of the Constitution, shall accompany their application by certified or photostatic copies of their constitution and by-laws and of such additional documents as the Council may require.

Rule 3 Fellows have all the rights of Ordinary Members ; they vote and are eligible to office as individual Ordinary Members.

Rule 4 Associate Members and Honorary Members have the same right as Ordinary Members to attend meetings and subscribe to the publications of the Society. They do not have the right to vote and they are not eligible for service on the Council.

Rule 5 Admittance to Associate Membership or to Honorary Membership is decided by the Council. The total number of Honorary Members at any one time shall not exceed fifty.

Rule 6 Every new member who is elected or admitted shall be informed by the Secretariat of his election or admittance and shall receive from the Secretariat copies of the relevant documents.

Rule 7 Subject to Rule 37, no election or admittance of Members or Fellows shall become effective until the relevant fees have been paid.

Rule 8 The fiscal year shall be the calendar year and membership fees are due on 1 January. In the event of non-payment of the fee after six calendar months membership may be terminated by the Council.

Rule 9 Expulsion of a member shall be by a decision of the Council. The Executive Committee shall present to the Council a full report on the reasons for the proposed expulsion before the matter is formally considered.

Rule 10 All matters of doubt or