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Dear Colleague,

AUSTRALIAN PLANT PATHOLOGY SOCIETY

As indicated in the last circular on July 1st, we are now forwarding to you a request calling for nominations for the Office Bearers of the Society.

The person nominated for President may be from anywhere in Australia, New Guinea or New Zealand, but the person nominated for Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary, should be from Adelaide because of the majority decision already made that the First Executive should be located in Adelaide. A list of Adelaide members who have indicated they are willing to stand for office is set out on the Nomination Form.

The Steering Committee has asked the organisers of ANZAAS to include a plant pathology section in the ANZAAS meetings to be held in Adelaide from August 18-22, 1969. I have agreed to act as Chairman and Dr. Carter as Secretary for the Local Committee for the section but the President for the section will be chosen by the ANZAAS Committee.

We would appreciate having your reactions to the ANZAAS suggestions by giving an answer to questions 3 and 4 on the attached paper and would be most grateful if you could give an indication at this time whether you are likely to attend the Meetings in Adelaide. Also, under question 4, we would be most grateful for any suggestions you have for scientific topics either in the form of Symposia or in the form of individual papers, to be given at the ANZAAS session in Adelaide. The Local Committee together with the Steering Committee could then set out a tentative programme for the ANZAAS session. It is not necessary for us to run our plant pathology section of ANZAAS for the whole 5 days unless this is your wish.

We would be most grateful if this Questionnaire could be returned by Friday, November 22nd. The Steering Committee will then immediately make arrangements for a ballot for the election of officers and send you an analysis of the replies regarding ANZAAS.

I would like to pass on information to you from the International Congress Meetings in London. As you are aware it was proposed to set up an International Association of Plant Pathologists and this was agreed to unanimously by the 1,200 members of the Congress in London. A Council of some 26 members from about 20 different countries was set up and the Steering Committee of our own Society here suggested that I should act as the Australian representative of that Council. I was asked to act as the Interim Chairman in London while we considered the matters of the Constitution and the proper election of office bearers. The office bearers finally elected were:-

President: Professor R.K.S. Wood, Imperial
College, London.
Vice President: Professor A. Kelman, Chairman of
Plant Pathology, University of Wisconsin.

Secretary: Dr. J.G. ten Houten, Holland.

Treasurer: Dr. S.P. Raychaudhuri, India.

It was decided that the next International Congress should be held in approximately 5 years time in either Denmark, U.S.A. or the Netherlands. This is now being examined by pathologists in Scandinavia to see whether they could accommodate such a Congress which would probably number 1200-1400 (1200 in London). If they feel they cannot satisfactorily accommodate it, the Congress will almost certainly be held in the United States. The Australians present in London felt that it would be premature to try and offer to organise such a Congress in Australia at this time, but we would be hopeful that we might make such an offer for a subsequent Congress. The office bearers of the new International Association are now examining a number of suggestions put forward by various country representatives at the Interim Council Meetings held in London.

I am sure plant pathologists through Australia would be also interested to know that Dr. Stubbs was elected Chairman of the Eighth Commonwealth Mycology Conference held prior to the International Congress in London and those of us who were in the Australian delegation felt he did an outstanding job in his handling of the Conference and its working committees. The whole future of the Commonwealth Mycological Institute at Kew and its relation to contributing Commonwealth countries was discussed at length. Among other matters, it was recommended that the name of the Review of Applied Mycology should be changed to Plant Disease Abstracts. The conference was informed that Helminthological Abstracts would in future be published in two parts; one of them dealing with Plant Nematology. It was also agreed that a series of "Descriptions of Plant Viruses" should be issued in loose leaf form.

N.T. Flentje,
On behalf of the Steering Committee.