

Commission Internationale pour l'Histoire des Assemblées des États.-International Commission for the History of Representative and Parliamentary Institutions.

Dear Mr. Beneyto:-

At the meeting of our Commission, held at Paris during the course of the Ninth International Congress of Historical Sciences, several important decisions were taken as to its organization and constitution. We are writing to you as Secretary of the Spanish Subcommittee, to explain their nature and effect and, in particular, how they affect the position of the secretaries of the national subcommittees.

(1) An Executive Committee of the Commission was created with the function of advising with the officers as to policy and, in particular, as to the publications of the Commission. It is to consist of the President (Professor Helen Cam, Harvard University), the Vice-President (Professor P. S. Leicht, of Rome), the Secretary (Professor Emile Lousse, University of Louvain), the Treasurer (M. Jean Lejeune, of Liège), together with the secretaries of the national subcommittees, and such other persons as the Executive Committee may deem, in especial in countries which have as yet no national subcommittees.

(2) The secretaries of the national subcommittees were charged with the duty of:

(a) Soliciting subscriptions, in advance, for the publications of the Commission. These subscriptions might be calculated on the basis of receiving either some or all the publications, and subscribers would receive these at a rate lower than that paid by the general public for the publications.

(For information as to the cost of future publications reference should be made to our Treasurer (M. J. Lejeune, 2 bis, rue du Rève, Liège, Belgium). It may be of interest to note that the newly-formed American sub-committee has decided upon the following subscriptions: \$5.50 for membership in the Commission, of which \$5.00 will go to the publications. Libraries and other organizations may subscribe for the fee of \$ 5.00 without becoming active members. It is understood that in case the actual cost of the publication is less than \$5.00 in any year, the subscription fee will be reduced accordingly).

(b) Collecting information as to work in progress within their own countries relevant to the history of representative institutions, both for exchange among their own national members and for communication to the International Commission.

(c) Arranging for the preparation of bibliographical articles on published work on the subject, for publication by the Commission.

(d) Recommending articles or books suitable for publication under the auspices of the International Commission.

You will realize that the effectiveness of our future activities will depend very largely upon of the national secretaries. Counting confidently upon your cooperation, and with our best wishes for the work of your sub-committee, we remain,

Yours sincerely
Helen M. Cam.

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