

# Report

## A REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR OUTER SPACE ONOMASTICS (ICOSO) FOR 1966–1969

This is a brief progress report on the period 1966–1969, as presented to the triennial meeting in Vienna on Thursday, September 11, 1969.

The Executive Committee of ICOSO has made some progress during the three-year period since the Ninth Congress in London, July 6, 1966.

Professor Rudolf Schützeichel was unanimously invited to membership in the fall of 1966. Other prospective members were suggested and considered but no final action was taken.

Upon action of the Executive Committee, as the result of many attempts to contact the appropriate body of astronomers, astronautics, and the United Nations, Mr. Curtis Roosevelt, Chief, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) Section, Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), invited our Committee, per letter dated June 12, 1969, to apply for consultative status with the United Nations ECOSOC not later than July 15 of this year, if we desired UN-ECOSOC to act on our application during its spring session of 1970.

As a further result of our correspondence, the Committee received in September 1969 a letter from the Chief, Outer Space Affairs Division, United Nations, A. H. Abdel-Ghani, on behalf of Ambassador Haymerle, Chairman of the U. N. Committee on the Peaceful Exploration and Use of Outer Space, and the request of that Committee for documents in ICOSO activities in the field of outer space, in order that the contents of these activities be brought to that Committee's attention. After consultation with the Executive, I answered the request and supplied information on the Committee's activity.

Returning to the application for consultative status with the U. N. ECOSOC, NGO section: after consultation among four members of the Executive Committee, the necessary material was supplied to that agency. We did act in time but we are not certain that the information offered is adequate for the purposes of, or satisfactory to, ECOSOC. Two of the important questions were (1) the constitution of our organization, and (2) its budget. We had to say that we have neither. Should, therefore, the reply of ECOSOC in the spring session of 1970 be negative, we will have to write a constitution and apply for a moderate subsidy to a neutral foundation to show a budget of some sort.

The Chairman has reason to stress strongly that, if we acquire consultative status with U. N. ECOSOC, our Committee will then enter a new period in its function. The Committee would, in any event, re-examine the objectives for its further existence.

The membership of ICOSO during the period 1966—1969 has been as follows:

#### EXECUTIVE

Demetrius J. Georgacas, Chairman (U.S.A.)  
 Jaroslav B. Rudnýčkj, Vice-chairman (Canada)  
 A. J. Van Windekens, Vice-chairman (Belgium)  
 E. Wallace McMullen, Executive Secretary-Treasurer (U.S.A.)  
 John S. Ryan, Assistant Secretary (Australia)

#### OTHER MEMBERS

Joseph Aquilina (Malta)  
 Clarence L. Barnhart (U.S.A.)  
 Meredith F. Burrill (U.S.A.)  
 Yves Edouard Boeglin (Yugoslavia)  
 Henri Draye, Ex-officio (since December 1968)  
 Oranzo Parlangèli (Italy)  
 Rudolf Schützeichel (Germany)  
 Yar Slavutych (Canada)  
 John Thomopoulos (Greece)

and the late H. J. van de Wijer, Ex-officio (till December 1968). The Committee intends to invite nine more members from other countries to achieve a fuller representation, although the first consideration is scholarly distinction and willingness to serve in any consultative or other capacity. To that end, any suggestions from the ICOSO members and other onomatologists will be greatly appreciated by the Executive in the time ahead, possibly not later than December 1970. On the other hand, as some of the ICOSO members may withdraw from the Committee or be unable to continue to serve, the prospective new membership will be increased by an equal number of new members; other changes may also be necessary.

The election of a new Executive Committee will be held shortly after a reply from the United Nations ECOSOC is received in the spring of 1970. For obvious reasons, all future elections of the Executive Committee will be conducted by mail, including in the ballot all the names of the serving members and such other members as may be elected by the membership before December 1970.

Grand Forks, N. Dak. (U.S.A.)

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 Chairman, ICOSO