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SECTION XI

SUGGESTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION, EXCHANGE OF INFORMATIONS.

XI 1

PROPOSAL FOR THE STATUTES OF THE PERMANENT ORGANISATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOIL MECHANICS AND FOUNDATION ENGINEERING

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During the first International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering held at Cambridge Mass. from June 22d to 29th 1936 the following resolution was adopted (Proc. 1st Conf. Vol. III page 7):

RESOLUTION No. 3.

In order that the International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering may continue as a permanent organization, be it resolved

- a) That Dr. Karl von Terzaghi continue in office as President of the permanent organization;
- b) That Dr. Arthur Casagrande continue in office as Secretary and also fill the office of Vice-President;
- c) That all who are members of the present Conference be entitled to membership in the permanent organization; that additional members be admitted under requirements established by the International Committee;
- d) That the President take steps for the formation of an International Committee. Such a Committee would be elected by National Committees where such Committees exist, and where no such Committees exist, the President would appoint provisional members, and such members would be urged to take appropriate steps within their own countries to organize local National Committees in cooperation with existing societies or organizations, or otherwise to advise the President what steps, if any, are suggested for him to take to encourage the formation of such National Committees.
- e) That the President appoint an Executive Committee of which the President and the Secretary shall be members, consisting of a total membership of five, and whose headquarters shall, for the time being, be in Boston (Cambridge) Mass., or New York, N. Y., and that the Executive Committee shall be responsible for the conduct of the business of the Conference until a Constitution is adopted or the Conference shall direct otherwise.
- f) That the second meeting of the International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering be called to meet at a time and place to be selected by the president with the advice of the International Committee.
- g) That each member pay annual dues to be fixed by the International Committee. That provision be made for membership in the Conference of organized bodies with dues as fixed by the International Committee.
- h) That the President be authorized to accept contributions for the support of the Conference in addition to dues of members.
- i) That the Secretary have custody of the

funds of the Conference, to be expended for the purposes of the Conference as authorized by the President or by the Executive Committee until a permanent Constitution may provide otherwise.

- j) That at the next meeting of the International Conference the International Committee, or a sub-committee thereof as the President may appoint, present for the consideration of the Conference a Constitution and By-laws for the permanent organization and government of the Conference.
- k) That conflicting clauses and cases not covered by the foregoing clauses be left to the initiative of the Executive Committee with the approval of the International Committee for decision.

In Resolution No. 3 are contained all essential elements to insure the continuation of the work of the Conference. At present, the principal efforts are directed toward the organization of the International Committee which, in cooperation with the Executive Committee and the National Committees, shall have the duty to organize future Conferences, to assist in the organization of new National Committees, and to expand and coordinate all activities into an International Society at such future time as may become advisable to do so.

It is proposed that each country shall be represented on the International Committee by not more than three members who shall be nominated by the respective National Committee and where no such Committee exists, three provisional members shall be appointed by existing engineering societies or organizations. It is further proposed that the Executive Committee with the approval of the International Committee, shall have the right to nominate one additional member without consulting the respective National Committee.

The members of the International Committee shall communicate by correspondence, and decisions and other matters of general importance will be made available through the National Committee to all persons interested in the activities of the International Organization.

With this resolution in mind the author gives here a more detailed proposal for the Statutes of the International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering with the aim to come to a closer cooperation and to establish an international organization on a firmer basis.

I. NAME, AIM, SEAT AND LANGUAGE OF THE SOCIETY.

Art. 1.

The name of the Society is International Society of Soil Mechanics (ISOsM).

(It is better to choose the word "Society" or "Association" than the word "Conference" as the latter suggests more the congress of the association. The name for the Congresses can be the same as used until now).

Art. 2.

The aim of the Society is to promote the international cooperation among scientists and engineers, the interchange of knowledge, ideas and the results of research and practical work in the sphere of Soil Mechanics and its practical applications.

The Association attains the maintenance and the progress of Soil Mechanics and its practical application by:

- a. holding congresses and meetings
- b. promoting and carrying out scientific research and practical experiments
- c. publishing a periodical
- d. publishing abstracts of articles on Soil Mechanics and its application
- e. forming a central place for a bibliography on Soil Mechanics
- f. any other means conducive to the above purposes.

Art. 3.

The seat of the Society is at the Harvard University, Cambridge (Mass).

Art. 4.

The official language of the Society is English.

II. MEMBERS, NATIONAL COMMITTEES, CONTRIBUTIONS.

Art. 5.

Membership of the Society may be acquired by any person or society who is interested in Soil Mechanics or its practical application, provided that he belongs to a recognized scientific or technical Society or possesses the requisite scientific or technical knowledge.

Government or local authorities, universities, scientific institutions, associations, syndicates and firms may become collective members of the Society.

The International Congress can nominate honorary members after a proposal of the International Executive Council.

Art. 6.

The members are assembled in National Committees. Where no National Committee exists, the government, some institution or five or more engineers who represent effectively the interest within the scope of the objects of the Society may form a National Committee.

Each National Committee may be constituted in the manner desired by each country so long as its statutes are not conflicting with these statutes.

Art. 7.

The minimum annual subscription for individual members is \$ 5,-. Each individual member desposes of one membership.

For collective members the minimum annual subscription is \$ 20,-. Each annual subscription of \$ 20,- entitles to two memberships.

Each membership entitles to one copy of printed matter and communication.

The financial year coincides with the calendar year.

Life membership may be obtained on initial payment of the annual subscription for twenty years.

Members who have not yet paid their subscription at the end of the year are taken off the memberlist.

Membership of the Society can only be terminated at the end of a calendar year, at least six months notice being given to the Secretary beforehand.

III. MANAGEMENT OF THE SOCIETY.

Art. 8.

The management of the Society consists of:

- a. The Executive Committee (art. 9).
- b. The International Committee (art. 10).
- c. The Committees (art. 11).

Art. 9.

The Executive Committee has the daily management of the Society and consists of:

1. The president.
2. The vice-president.
3. The secretary.
4. The treasurer.
5. The editor of the periodical.
6. The librarian.
7. Members ex officio.

The Executive Committee will be elected after each International Conference. The members can all be reelected, with the exception of the vice president who has to be elected from members of the country where the following Conference will be held. The secretary, the editor and the librarian can be assisted by the necessary assistants and the executive Committee will grant them the necessary funds for their work.

Members ex officio are the past-presidents of the Society.

Art. 10.

The International Committee consists of the Executive Committee and the representants of the National Committees and the Committees (art. 11).

Any country has the right to be represented by at least one member on the International Committee. Where no National Committee exists this member can be indicated by the government, the existing Societies or organizations working in the field of Soil Mechanics and its practical applications.

The International Committee fixes the work program for the Conferences and the Committees. It comes together as often as is necessary, at least once between two Congresses. The chairman will be the President of the Executive Committee.

Art. 11.

The Committees are appointed by the International Committee or by the Congresses for the study of special investigations, normalization, nomenclature and so on. They can appoint when necessary, additional members. They are represented on the International Committee by one member.

Any Committee has to elect its president for the whole period between two Congresses. The president can be re-elected for one more period.

IV. THE CONGRESS.

Art. 12.

At least every five years the Executive Committee calls a Congress. All members of the Society and those persons working in the field of Soil Mechanics who are not yet members are invited. Time and place for this Congress are fixed by the preceding Conference.

The scientific work of the Conference takes place by organizing lectures, discussions, demonstrations, exhibitions, excursions a.s.o.

Further the following items must be on the program:

A report from the Secretary about the activities of the Society since the last Congress.

A report from the Treasurer about the financial results with the reports of the comptrollers.

A report from the editor and the librarian.

Election of the Executive Committee, three comptrollers, and members of the International Committee.

Appointing time and place of the following Congress.

The fixation of the annual subscription for the members.

Art. 13

Between two congresses National Committees of neighbouring countries can hold conferences and thus establish more frequent contacts than is possible for a world organization. Publications of these conferences are to be published in the periodical of the International Society.

V. THE PERIODICAL.

Art. 14.

The periodical will be published by the Executive Committee and edited by the Editor. The periodical is in the first place for original scientific work on Soil Mechanics and its applications.

Further, it has to publish: abstracts from the principal articles on this subject and communications of the Society.

The abstracts and the original publications on Soil Mechanics in a certain country have to be sent in by the National Committees.

Members of the Society who have paid their subscription receive the periodical for half the price.

VI. THE LIBRARY.

Art. 15.

A library will be formed of all publica-

tions on Soil Mechanics received from the National Committees. Therefore the Nat. Comm. sends free of charge the publications published in their country. A bibliography will be published every year.

VII. THE FINANCES OF THE SOCIETY.

Art. 16.

The finances of the Society consist of:

- a. The subscriptions of the members
- b. The fees for the periodical and the selling of reprints and special publications
- c. Gifts and so on.

Art. 17.

On the use of the finances decides the Executive Committee.

Art. 18.

The accounts are closed at the end of the year and sent to the comptrollers. They send their report after two months to the Executive Committee. The dechargement takes place every year after proposal of the comptrollers by the Executive Committee.

VIII. FINAL CLAUSES.

Art. 19.

The Executive Committee may solve all questions not fixed by these statutes and when these can be interpreted in different ways.

Art. 20.

Additions or alterations of these statutes can be proposed by any member of the Society. They must reach the Executive Committee in written form at least five months before a Congress. For the adoption 2/3 of the votes are necessary.

Art. 21.

The Society can be liquidated only by vote. A proposal to this end must reach the Executive Committee in written form at least a year before the Conference is to be held and must be published. For the adoption 2/3 of the votes are necessary.

When the proposal is accepted the International Committee decides to whom any assets of the Society shall be given.

Art. 22.

These statutes are drawn up in the closing meeting of the Second International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering at Rotterdam.

Rotterdam,
June 1948.

The President,

The Secretary,