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The last eight months have witnessed the completion of several projects initiated at our second conference, and have seen as well the beginnings of the preparations for our third conference.

Constitution

The Constitutional Committee which was set up at the second conference has completed its appointed task; thus, the Constitution is now in force. David Park, its Chairman, wishes to express his appreciation to the Members of that Committee for their valuable and detailed assistance: H. B. Green, John Michon, G. H. Müller, M. S. Watanabe, G. J. Whitrow and J. T. Fraser. Copies of the Constitution are available to Members upon requests to the Secretary.

The Study of Time v.2.

The typist should finish the last few papers early this month. If all the proofs are returned promptly, the proceedings should be in print in April, 1975. Details of the publication of a separatum under the title Timekeepers and Time are now being negotiated directly between Springer Verlag and the sponsor of our 1973 special seminar.

Third Conference

With the proceedings complete, we are able to turn our attention and available time to the preparations of our third conference.

As required by the Constitution, a Conference Committee has been set up by the President. Its members are David Park and J. T. Fraser, both ex officio; appointed by the President: F. C. Haber, Nathaniel Lawrence, Helga Nowotny and Gisela Trommsdorff. Other members will be added at the discretion of the President and the Committee.

After a comparative review of various locations, the Kongresshaus in Alpbach (the Tyrol, Austria) has been selected as the place of our next conference. Its date is set for July 1-10, 1976.

In response to the replies to Dr. North's questionnaire, several changes will be made in the temporal organization of our conference program.

- Most noticeable is the ten-day length of the conference. This is an experiment urged on us by some who grew weary sitting morning, afternoon, and sometimes in the evening as well at Oberwolfach and Lake Yamana while the beauties of nature waited outside. Since Alpbach is an exceptionally lovely site that invites much walking, talking, and contemplation, we have resolved to spread the usual number of papers over nine days of meeting, scheduling the sessions at times most suitable for sitting indoors.
- The day will be divided into three units: morning (8:30-12:30), afternoon (2:00-6:00) and evening (8:00-10:00). These units will be regarded as interchangeable for the purposes of formal presentations, discussions, or leisure, according to the weather or other considerations that will emerge at that time.
- There will be only four or five invited papers per day, followed by comments by invited discussants and by general discussion.
- The number of invited papers will again be about 40 so as to assure that The Study of Time v.3. remains a substantial volume.
- A total of one day's time will be reserved for opening ceremonies, a business session, and a social evening.

We feel that there are good reasons to try this rather peculiar scheme, considering the make-up and purpose of the Society, and hope for favorable judgements when the conference is over.

Invitations to the Conference

We began sending out requests for expressions of interest to a list of speakers compiled from the records kept by the Secretary and submitted to the Conference Committee (as it existed in December) for comments and possible extension. From the respondents who indicate a desire to attend, the Committee will try to create a program balanced as to discipline, topic, and nationality. The first invitations will go out in May. It is intended that about three-quarters of the papers be given by non-Members. From among Members, and as a matter of policy, no one will be invited to speak who has given a paper at both the prior conferences.

This newsletter is an invitation to all Members to come to the third conference. If you do plan to attend please write to me just as soon as you wish, but not later than February, 1976.

Finances

In view of the times, money is an especially difficult problem. If you have any specific ideas or direct connections that could lead to even partial support of the conference, please write me.

Our special symposium will be on the topic of Time, Timing, and Cultural Temperament. Through invited papers we shall seek correlation among (i) preferred views of time, (ii) attitudes toward history, and (iii) preferences for ways of life. The proceedings of the one day special symposium will again be publishable as a separatum. If you have any direct connections to potential sponsors (in industry, government, or academia), please write me.

Please keep me posted about your work as it relates to the study of time.

Yours sincerely

J. K. Fraser
Founder and Secretary