

29th. July 1947.

My dear Henry,

I am sending you the report for 1946 of the International Council of Scientific Unions. In Appendix IX it gives the statutes adopted by the unions which existed at the time of its publication, though others, I imagine, are being formed rather briskly at the present time. As you see, the statutes are very similar in form and seem to supply a reasonable basis for the constitution of an international union of Genetics.

What I submit is that the biological sciences would be wise to follow the example of the non-biological sciences in forming separate unions for sufficiently distinct branches of biological research, these being branches requiring special knowledge and experience of their subject matter, as does Genetics. It will, I have no doubt, be urged that we should be represented through the International Union of Biological Sciences, but this, I am sure, would be unsatisfactory and unnecessarily indirect in all such matters as concern subventions from national academies or from international bodies. The national committees of the unions, which are links between the national academies and the unions, will in any case contain only a small minority of geneticists in the proper sense of the word, though they might contain many who

think they know all about Genetics, and this would be a serious disadvantage. I am sure, for my own part, that we should take the wiser course in forming an independent international union, genuinely representative of the genetics of each country adhering.

I have today written to Bonnier, putting before ^{him} the general situation as I see it.

I should like to tell you how much I enjoyed my stay in Oxford, and the most enjoyable time you were able to give me.

Yours sincerely,