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The Committee elected at the Second Conference of Experimental Social Psychologists in Europe (Frascati) held its first meeting on 6th and 7th February at the Laboratory of Experimental Social Psychology in Louvain. The object of this letter is to inform you about the outcome of our initial discussions.

- a. We decided that a somewhat more formal structure was desirable in order to enable us to fulfill more effectively the tasks with which we feel we have been entrusted. This expresses our aim to foster experimental social psychology in Europe and will help to insure the continuity of our activities.
- b We reviewed the various proposals and wishes voiced at the Sorrento and Frascati conferences, and arrived at some conclusions about the following topics:
 1. next conference
 2. short exchange visits
 3. research training seminars
 4. newsletter and inventory of research activities
 5. sources of financial support in EuropeWe shall summarize these in order.

c. Next conference.

We decided that a third conference should take place, probably in March or April 1966. We discussed various means of improving the organization of the conference and explored the prospects of obtaining financial support in Europe. We expect to be able to provide more detailed information after our next meeting in early May.

d. Short exchange visits.

The general aim of these visits would be to promote contacts between people with similar research and training interests. We are seeking financial support for these visits, and particularly hope to obtain assistance from the Committee for Transnational Social Psychology. In the meantime, we are prepared to consider proposals for such visits. It would help us to estimate the needs if we could receive these proposals before the 15th April 1965.

e. Research training seminars in experimental social psychology ("summer schools").

As you know, this year's seminar has been organized and will take place in The Hague in July and August. It is already clear that we shall be in a position to organize the second seminar in the summer of 1966. Its general orientation will be towards theory and research in experimental social psychology. We envisage the University of Louvain as the location of the seminar in view of the excellent facilities available there.

f. The Committee intends to issue from time to time a Newsletter containing information about research activities in Europe.

In order to enable us to do this we shall in due course send out short questionnaire asking for information about the following:

1. current research
2. research recently completed
3. research in planning stages
4. sources of funds for research
5. laboratory facilities for research and training
6. special problems and difficulties

If you feel that we have omitted from the above list any important areas of information, please communicate your suggestions immediately to the Secretary of the Committee.

We also plan to compile a bibliography of European publications in our fields of interest. Much of this work has already been done at the Service de Documentation du Laboratoire de Psychologie Sociale de l'Université de Paris under the direction of Robert Pagès; we shall get in touch with him to help us with this task.

g. Sources of financial support in Europe.

It has become obvious to all of us that continuing activities in Europe must in the long run rely to a large extent on support from European funds. We have discussed various possibilities during our meeting and are making use of our individual contacts. It is however essential to broaden the base of these contacts. We therefore urgently invite you to exploit for this purpose any openings you may have, and also to provide us with suggestions.

We should like to express our gratitude to the Transnational Committee of Social Psychology for making a grant which insures the continuing functioning of the Planning Committee for this year.

Yours sincerely,
for the Planning Committee,
M. Mulder, secretary