International Union of Crystallography

Report of Executive Committee for 1953

Introduction

In 1953 the Union continued its programme of publishing activities and was engaged in arrangements for the Third General Assembly and International Congress to be held in Paris in 1954. A meeting of the Executive Committee was held in that city in April, mainly to meet the members of the Programme Committee and of the Local Committee and to discuss detailed arrangements.

One further country (the German Federal Republic) adhered in 1953 bringing the total number of adhering countries at the end of the year to 20. Since that date two further countries have adhered. An up-to-date list of the adhering countries is given in Table 1.

Work of the Commissions

Commission on Acta Crystallographica

The 1953 volume was of almost exactly the same size as that for 1952 (see Table 2). Thanks to various economies, to a large increase in the sales of back numbers and to an increase in the number of subscribers, the financial position concerning its production was much more favourable. Even so, expenses exceeded income by a considerable sum and the Executive Committee was unfortunately compelled to increase the subscription price as from the beginning of Vol. 7.

The Commission co-opted I. Nitta (Japan) as a co-editor as from the beginning of Vol. 6.

Commission on Structure Reports

Structure Reports for 1945–1946 (Vol. 10), the third volume to appear, was published in December 1953. Work continued on the preparation of further volumes.

Commission on International Tables for X-ray Crystallography

The sales of Vol. 1 (published in October 1952) were maintained throughout 1953 at an encouraging level, and by the end of the year some 1100 copies had been sold. The stock of reprints of selected portions prepared for teaching purposes was almost exhausted, and the cost of printing was covered by the income from the sales. Editorial preparation of Vols. 2 and 3 continued throughout the year but these volumes are not likely to appear in print until 1955.