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the Hague, May 7th 1973.

Dear Bernard,

The Central Congress Committee - chairman Boudrie - would welcome your participation in the opening ceremony (7 - 10 minutes) and up to half a page of typed text to be printed in the definite programme. Both, speech and text should deal with the same subject matter, that can be described as: "Message to the Congress"

As I told you, van Wely will give the welcoming address as host (in English) and the Minister will declare the congress "open". You might speak in English or French. For the text English seems to be most practical (to avoid translation)

You might deal with:

1. the place of this congress in the series of international IEA-congresses
2. the philosophy of this particular congress (research and application, scientists and consumers)
3. the aim of Ergonomics
4. the significance of international co-operation.

For your speech I might give you the following data from "history"

- After foundation of the Ergonomics Research Society in 1950 many people from the Netherlands took part at annual meetings

Prof. Burger, (- honorary member with Lebmann and Müller)
Dr. Fortuin,
Dr. de Jong,
Dr. Bonjer were regular guests.

- In 1956 study-trip of twelve European experts to the USA, sponsored by EPA.

- In 1957 first international conference on ergonomics, sponsored by EPA, organised at London.

- In 1962 the "Nederlandse Vereniging voor Ergonomie" was founded

Bonjer first president
Fortuin served as council members for many years
Leopold
de Jong

- In 1963 appeared the "vademecum Ergonomie" edited by Kellerman, van Wely and Willems, translated in many other languages.

- In 1972 van Wely became president of the NVE; Leopold played a very active role in both the Central Congress Committee and the Program Committee, headed by Kellerman; Bonjer and de Jong acted as scientific advisors.

In this way you can arrive from the history to the present activities in connection to the congress.

Enclosed is a copy of my society's lecture in 1971, from which I took the data. It may contain more of your interest, for instance the successful participation of the Netherlands in the program for Ergonomics initiated by the CECA.

The text for the ^{with} within message to the congress might be signed by yourself, as president of the IEA, and dated if you want. Because of the signature it might be attractive to make a fotocopy of your message and to put this into the programme.

Half a page is the maximum, but two or three sentences could also be sufficient, it is up to you.

I hope your secretary can send it on the 14th or 15th of May to Mrs. Ydo, Congress secretariat, OBA

P.O. Box 7205

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preferably with a copy to me.

Sorry for the hurry and thanks for your help.

Have a good time in Yugoslavia,

yours

dr. F.H. Bonjer