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Utrecht  
The Netherlands

Dear Dr. Jansen:

It is a very great pleasure for me, as Secretary of the International Federation of Parasitologists, to congratulate heartily, the parasitologists of the Netherlands on the formation of the Netherlands Society for Parasitologists, and to extend to your Society the best wishes of the Federation. It is the hope of our member societies that you will advise us of any way in which we can assist the Netherlands group. We look forward to a long and mutually profitable association.

It is very gratifying indeed, that one of the first decisions of your Society is to cooperate in the International Federation of Parasitologists. I enclose several copies of our statement of aims and general rules. You may wish to send them to your officers.

The International Federation is applying for status in the International Union of Biological Sciences and I have informed the officials of the IUBS of your desire to cooperate with the Federation.

You will note that our preliminary regulations provide for representation of each member society on the International Council. Please consider this letter an invitation that the Netherlands Society for Parasitologists designate one of its members to represent it on the International Commission, with a full vote in all decisions that the Federation may reach. In the absence of any definite appointment, I have taken the liberty of considering you as its representative. I will continue this decision until word from you instructs me differently.

For the information of your society, the following societies have affiliated in the Federation; although such affiliation has been assumed to be tentative and pending the formation of our definitive By-Laws: The American Society of Parasitologists, the Italian Society of Parasitology, the Japanese Society of Parasitologists, the Polish Parasitological Society and the Society of Protozoologists. The Indian Helminthological Society and the English Parasitology Group

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have been contacted also, and the Philippine Society and Society of Chile are being contacted immediately.

I look forward with confidence to our future relations and can not help being particularly gratified at the interest of the Netherlands group because of my own ancestry in the Netherlands.

Very sincerely yours,

*Francis J. Kruidenier*  
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International Federation of  
Parasitologists

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A strong need for international cooperation in the fields of medical and biological research is felt throughout the world. Great achievements in the development of antibiotics and the control of infectious diseases has created an increasing awareness of the relative importance of parasites as disease entities which vitally affect mankind. It is desirable to promote better understanding between parasitologists the world over; to foster cooperative research in parasitology and the general progress of this science; and to stimulate the exchange of ideas in the development of parasitology by encouraging and correlating international gatherings on broad multidisciplinary bases and by such other methods as may prove feasible. Progress to these ends demands more complete exchanges of information and the organization of a broad, coordinating unit among the diverse and dispersed personnel of the science.

2. In view of the increased emphasis on and recognition of the importance of parasitology in the Zoonoses and world public health, in livestock and fishing industries, in the conservation of wild life, in the control of insect and other invertebrate vectors, and as a biological discipline, we believe that an international organization of parasitologists will coordinate efforts for the solution of their problems and cement friendly relations between the workers in these fields.
3. To realize the proposed objectives, we recommend the establishment of an INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARASITOLOGISTS to consist of affiliated societies and individuals who are isolated from broad contact with current investigators' work in the field by geographic location and the absence of local organizations.
4. Individual membership in the INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARASITOLOGISTS shall be upon the recommendation of its affiliated societies or upon application of interested individuals who have earned the Ph.D. degree or its equivalent or whose outstanding service to parasitology shall recommend them to the Federation. The application of individuals must be approved by an executive commission of the Federation.
5. Administration of the International Federation of Parasitologists shall be by an International Commission through an Executive Committee which shall be appointed and directed by the Commission.
6. The International Commission shall consist of at least one member selected from each member Society. These members shall represent the Societies and shall be selected by them. Further representation, if desirable, shall be prorated on the basis of the total membership of each participating Society. In addition, other members may be appointed by the Commission from recognized geographic regions in which no organized societies of parasitologists exist; these members must be proposed by groups of individual Federation members from these regions. The Commission shall decide the extent of such representation.
7. The Executive Committee, appointed by the Commission, shall consist of a Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and three or more members. The Chairman and the Secretary of the Executive Committee shall function also as the Chairman and Secretary of the Commission. The Secretaries of member societies shall function as sub-secretaries of the International Federation of Parasitologists. All communication by the International Secretary with members of member Societies shall be through the Secretaries of those Societies. All other members shall be contacted individually at need and the roll of members shall be the responsibility of the International Secretary.
8. The following initial Commission and Executive Committee is recommended:

Chairman: Dr. T.W.M. Cameron (British Commonwealth)

Treasurer:

Secretary: Dr. F. J. Kruidenier (United States) Dr. E. Biocca (Italy)

Members: Dr. P. C. Beaver (United States) Dr. Y. Komiya (Japan)

Dr. Jean Baer (Western Europe) Dr. N.D. Levine (Soc. Protoz)

Dr. Z. Kozar (Eastern Europe) Dr. J. Jansen (Netherlands)