REPORT ON THE 1928 INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MATHEMATICIANS*

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At the Toronto Congress of 1924, Professor Salvatore Pincherle was elected president of the International Mathematical Society and the city of Bologna was chosen as the seat of the 1928 congress. A program committee was selected, the presidency being entrusted to Senator G. Albini, Rector of the University of Bologna. An executive sub-committee was also formed with Professor S. Pincherle as president, the other members being: Professor E. Bompiani, Professor P. Burgatti, Professor F. Guarducci, Professor G. Horn d'Arturo, Professor Q. Majorana, Professor U. Puppini, Professor L. Tonelli, Professor D. Zucchini, Comm. G. Borsari (treasurer) and Professor Ett. Bortolotti (general secretary). The congress was held under the distinguished patronage of H. M. the King of Italy, and the honorary presidency of His Excellency, Benito Mussolini, the leader of the government.

The program committee, following the wishes of the majority of the Toronto delegates, invited to the congress all mathematicians, and representatives of the leading universities and academies of the world. The proceedings of the congress were divided into seven sections, and several chairmen were named for each section, their task being the detailed organization of their particular section. The arrangement of sections was as follows:

SECTION I.   Arithmetic, Algebra, Analysis (Chairmen: M. Cipolla, G. Fubini, G. Scorza, L. Tonelli).

SECTION II.   Geometry (Chairmen: L. Berzolari, E. Bompiani, G. Fubini, F. Severi).

SECTION III.   Mechanics, Astronomy, Geodesy, Geophysics,

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