

March 19, 1952

Dear Professor Wheeler,

Thank you very much for your recent letters, especially for your emphasizing to UNESCO, ICSU and IUPAP, the undesirability of postponing the Kyoto conference, and for your kind considerations and discussion with Prof. Slater on the matter of financing the travel of the participants, from the United States.

In a letter of March 7 addressed to Dr. Kameyama, President of SCJ (Science Council of Japan), Dr. Kelly advised us to submit at once an application for a subvention for our conference to Dr. Chester I. Barnard, President of the Rockefeller Foundation. Following his advice Dr. Kameyama sent the application yesterday, of which a copy is enclosed under this cover. We are very happy of the prospect of support coming from sources in U. S. A. for travel expenses, not only of the American delegates, but also of scientists from European and other countries. This new situation has further strengthened our hopes for the success of our conference.

We are not yet in a position to state exactly the number of physicists to whom we shall be able to extend our invitation as our most important guests and whose travel and hotel expenses inside Japan will be provided from Japanese sources, because the precise amount of our fund available for our conference is not yet definitely known. At present we believe that we shall be able to invite as our guests at least fifteen physicists from America, ten from Europe and a few from the other countries, nearly thirty in all. This is what I intended to mean in my telegram of March 15. I will, however, make efforts to increase the number of our guests whom we can take care of on our expenses, and I hope that we shall be fortunate enough to be favoured with more than thirty participants from abroad.

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As a tentative list of physicists whose participation is eagerly desired I have in mind something like the following:

	Field Theory and Nuclear Physics	Statistical Mechanics Solid State and Molecular Physics
U. S. A.	E. Fermi	N. Bloembergen
	R. Feynman	J. G. Kirkwood
	R. E. Marshak	F. London
	J. R. Oppenheimer	J. E. Mayer
	I. I. Rabi	R. S. Milliken
	J. Schwinger	L. Onsager
	R. Serber	R. Seitz
	G. Wentzel	J. C. Slater
	J. A. Wheeler	J. H. Van Vleck
	G. Breit	P. W. Anderson
	M. G. Mayer	J. Bardeen
	L. I. Schiff	F. Bloch
	V. Weisskopf	H. Eyring
	E. Wigner	W. Shockley
	L. Tisza	
	G. E. Uhlenbeck	
	B. H. Zimm	
Europe	N. Bohr	C. A. Coulson
	F. J. Dyson	J. de Boer
	W. Heisenberg	H. A. Kramers
	W. Pauli	N. F. Mott
	E. Rosenfeld	L. Neel
	P. A. M. Dirac	R. E. Peierls
	B. Ferretti	M. Born
	W. Heitler	H. Fröhlich
	C. Moller	C. J. Gorter
	A. Proca	E. A. Guggenheim
	J. Prigogine	
	M. W. L. Pryce	
Other Countries	H. J. Bhabha	L. Landau
	V. Fock	Bose
	Vallarta	

The final list of physicists to be invited will be prepared on taking into account

- (1) the advice and suggestions coming from the Union.
 (I am going to send the list to Profs. Mott, Kramers and Fleury)

(ii) the opinions of members of our national committee

(iii) the schedule of our meeting

and

(iv) the personal convenience of physicists to be invited. About these problems, in which we have no experience, advice and suggestions from you and Prof. Slater would be highly appreciated.

With reservations for possible minor alterations, I should like here to present the rough plans which we have at present about the forthcoming conference. It will be held at Kyoto and partly at Tokyo in the latter half of September 1953 (say, from 16 to 24). Sessions of the meeting will be held for 8 days, 4 days each for (i) field theory and (ii) statistical mechanics. Two or three invited lectures might be scheduled for each day, to be followed by discussions, and possibly by short communications of original works. The English language will be used throughout the sessions, but in order to avoid language difficulties, it would be desirable to distribute beforehand rather detailed abstracts of papers to be read. Contributed papers will be published later.

Since most participants from abroad will be coming first to Tokyo, the capital might be the most convenient meeting place. The President of the SCJ, and Minister of Education will invite foreign members to a reception in this city. Before or/and the main sessions at Kyoto, excursions for sight-seeing will be scheduled and also visits to several universities in different parts of Japan will be arranged, where we hope to be given short lectures by some of our guests.

Prof. Slater's suggestion to hold the meeting of the executive committee of IUPAP in Japan concurrently with the conference would be really welcome to us. Profs. Mott, Kramers, Slater and Wheeler are on our invitation list, and we shall be glad to provide the facilities for the meeting and the stay of other members of the executive committee in Japan.

With my very best wishes, I remain

Yours sincerely

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CC; Prof. Slater
Prof. Yukawa
Dr. Kelly

