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THE history and organization of the International Commission for Scientific Aeronautics, whose name does not indicate that its purpose is to explore the atmosphere, are briefly described in SCIENCE, Vol. XXI., page 461. The fifth meeting of the commission had been appointed for Rome in 1906, but on account of the exposition at Milan, with its aeronautical section, the place of meeting was changed to the latter city. The conference began on October 1 and lasted through the sixth, there being about forty members of the commission and guests in attendance. The proceedings were opened by Professor Celoria, representing the exposition of Milan, and a further welcome was extended by Signor Gavazzi on the part of the municipality, by Professor Palazzo for the Italian government and by Professor Hergesell as president of the commission. Two presiding officers for each session were chosen from among the foreigners present, who were chiefly Germans. England, however, was unusually well represented by four delegates and guests. The writer was the official representative of the United States Weather Bureau, as well as of the Blue Hill Observatory, and on his proposition Dr. O. L. Fassig, research director at the new Weather Bureau observatory on Mount Weather, Virginia, was elected a member of the commission, as were also M. Lancaster to represent Belgium and Signori Gamba and Oddone from Italy.

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