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GEOPHYSICS AT THE BRUSSELS MEETINGS, JULY 18-28, 1919¹

UNDER the auspices of the International Research Council, which met at Brussels in the Palais des Académies, July 18-28, 1919, there was established, besides other international unions of astronomy, mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, scientific radiotelegraphy, etc., the International Geodetic and Geophysical Union, consisting of the following sections and officers:

Since there were represented at Brussels this time only the countries of the Allies, it was concluded to defer complete organization of the sections until the entrance into the Union of other countries to be invited by the International Research Council. In the case of Section (b) (Seismology), since the agreement among nations belonging to the International Seismological Association, formed before the war, does not expire until April 1, 1920, it was necessary to postpone any organization, whatsoever, of the section. However, as the central office of the association is at Strasburg, it is fitting that it continue there when the Section of Seismology is organized. Professor E. Rothé has been appointed to the chair of geophysics, at the University of Strasburg, France. The rector of the university invited the delegates at Brussels to attend the opening, on November 11, 1919, of the university, now under French auspices.

The *Executive Committees of the Sections* were for the present limited to the president, vice-president and secretary, excepting in the case of (e) (Physical Oceanography) where Sir Charles Close (British Ordnance Survey)

¹ Basis of an account which the writer was requested to give before the combined meeting at Ann Arbor, September 4, 1919, of the American Astronomical Society, American Mathematical Society, and the Mathematical Association of America.

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