

su Guido Ascoli, ICMI e CIIM

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The Italian contribution to the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction from its founding to the 1950s

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Following a request from Behnke for an Italian representative in ICMI, Ascoli had been nominated for that role by the Office of the President of the Italian Mathematical Union on 7 January 1953, cf. *BUMI* 3, VIII, 1953, p. 96.

On 21 February 1953 Guido Ascoli was designated treasurer of ICMI.

The *Sottocommissione italiana per l’Insegnamento della Matematica* was constituted in Bologna on 28 March 1954 on the occasion of the meeting of the Scientific Commission of the Italian Mathematical Union. It was composed of Ascoli (Torino); Vincenzo Amato (Catania); Luigi Amerio (Milan); Pietro Buzano (Torino); Oscar Chisini (Milan), president of the Mathesis Association; Ugo Cassina (Milan); Francesco Cecioni (Pisa); Mario Villa (Bologna); and Guido Zappa (Florence).

The first task that the commission had to face was the preparation of the report on the results of the two enquiries promoted by ICMI on mathematical instruction for students between 16 and 21 years of age and the role of mathematics and the mathematician in contemporary life for ICM XII, which was to take place the following summer in Amsterdam. The first report was assigned to Villa, and the second to Ascoli; both were published in their entirety in *L’Enseignement Mathématique*.

Ascoli’s first contribution as a member of ICMI was the report that he presented to the ICM in Amsterdam on the role of mathematics and the mathematician in contemporary life.

Following the Amsterdam congress [...] Ascoli had been nominated as one of the member at-large.

The Italian Commission for Mathematics Teaching officially began to function on 17 April 1955 when the first official meeting was held in Bologna with Ascoli as president and Buzano, as secretary (Verbale, 1955).

The last meeting of the Italian Commission for Mathematics Teaching over which Ascoli presided before his death took place in Torino on April 24, 1957.

¹ Livia Giacardi mi ha gentilmente fornito il testo in *file* con possibilità di ricerca e di estrazione: ho scelto alcune delle indicazioni trovate cercando “Ascoli”.