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Dear Dr. de Gruijter,

This is to inform you, and your colleagues, that the Executive Committee of ISSS, during its mid-term meeting in Alma Ata, USSR, september 18th, 1988, agreed to the establishment, on a provisional basis, of a "Working Group on Pedometrics (WG/PM)".

The Committee reviewed the flow of arguments between yourself, Dr. Webster and Dr. Dumanski, and shared some of the latter's reservations. It however decided to give you the benefit of the doubt, also in view of the large interest shown in the subject at the Hamburg Congress. The Group will have ISSS Commission I as its formal umbrella, for the time being.

You are expected to present, in due course, a formal position paper on the philosophy and the programme of the new Group to the ISSS Council in Kyoto-Japan, august 88, through my office.

The Council will then decide either to formalize the Group or to disband it. Pre-congress activities will be much appreciated, including an introduction (500 words or so) in the ISSS Bulletin.

I look forward to receive from you a suggestion on who should be the chairman and secretary respectively of the group till the Kyoto Congress.

Wishing you the best of luck in this new undertaking, and with best personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

W.G. Sombroek
Secretary-General

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