

Regional meetings are to be held to determine how the scientists in the area want to develop the program. As a start, those scientists who, in response to the questionnaire, indicated interest in participating in cooperative, interdisciplinary ecosystem studies or in planned modification of the environment will be invited to cooperate in this planning. These meetings are expected to produce specific plans for the proposed activities, including budgets, and proposals for the initiation of the research.

Individual scientists may participate in the program in a variety of ways. The U. S. National Committee of the IBP has agreed to review and evaluate proposals from the point of view of appropriateness for the IBP. A proposal may be submitted directly to a granting agency by the originator and a copy to the IBP office, Division of Biology & Agriculture, NAS-NRC. A proposal recommended or accepted by the USNC-IBP will compete with other proposals for available funds, and final judgment for support of the proposal rests with the granting agency.

Those scientists desiring to participate in the program should write to the appropriate regional convener. If the intent is to participate in the regional ad hoc planning meetings, this communication should be prompt, since the meetings will be scheduled during January 1967. As indicated above, those who have already expressed their interest in the proposed cooperative studies will be sent announcements of the meeting. Funds will be available to pay travel expenses for some of the participants at these working-group sessions. If you want to attend and will need financial support for your travel, you should write to the convener, even if you have responded previously.

The programs of research developed by the regional ad hoc committees will be reviewed by this Subcommittee and, if approved, will constitute the central theme of the program. Worthy proposals designed to fit into or cooperate with one of the regional programs will be given the highest ratings for appropriateness to the IBP objectives.

Many scientists want to participate in the "Supporting Investigations" of the IBP program. Some of these may be vital to the development of the program, even if they are conducted