

February 6, 1978

D.O.No. 212/29/78.

Dear Prof. Townsend,

I am grateful to you for your letter no. GFT/EC/JAD, dated the 31st January, 1978, inviting me to serve as President of the International Bee Research Association for a two-year period. It is a great honour and I shall be happy to do whatever I can to further the cause of bee research. I am aware of my inadequacies for discharging such a responsibility but your assurance that the bulk of the work will be carried out by the Council and the Secretariat has encouraged me to accept your generous invitation.

With my best regards,

Yours sincerely,

M.S. Swaminathan

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New Delhi, India.

Dear Dr. Swaminathan,

The Council of the International Bee Research Association, at its meeting yesterday, discussed the choice of a President to be appointed at the Annual General Meeting on 20 May 1978. The suggestion that you should be invited was received with unanimous approval. As Chairman of the Council of the Association, I am writing to ask you whether you would do us the honour of accepting this invitation.

We elect the President for a two year period. The outgoing President is Dr. D.F. Waterhouse, FRS, Chief of the Division of Entomology of CSIRO in Australia. Previous holders of the office have included Professor Karl von Frisch, Sir Edward Salisbury, Sir Vincent Wigglesworth, Dr. E.F. Knipling, Professor O.W. Richards, and Sir Thomas Scrivenor.

It was felt at the Council Meeting that it would be a particularly appropriate time to invite you to become our President, because of the likelihood that the Second Conference on Apiculture in Tropical Climates will be held in India during your term of office. However, I should like to emphasise that although we shall, of course, welcome any help or interest in our other activities you may be able to give us, we understand how busy you are, and do not expect you to be able to take part in our general work.

Although we appreciate the many heavy demands upon your time, we know that you are sympathetic to our cause and appreciate the work being done by the Association, and we very much hope you will be kind enough to accept our invitation.

Yours sincerely,

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