

18th January, 1954.

My dear Luca,

I am writing about your letter of January 14th, in which you tell me of your proposed summer course in statistical methods for the summer of 1955, presumably in Milan.

I am not now President of the Biometric Society. Perhaps Darmon is, or has a new President been elected to replace him? I attended the meeting at Nice as delegate from the Royal Society of London, and it is a little questionable what connection can properly be established between the I.U.B.S. and the Biometric Society.

However, your initiative is entirely in line with the resolution agreed at Bellagio, and which I believe Montalenti was instructed to convey to the appropriate officers of U.N.E.S.C.O. and I have no hesitation at all in giving it the fullest support.

For my own part, I think that a considerable portion of the time available e.g. one third, should be devoted to working arithmetical examples of the methods discussed, and that any student has put in a very good three weeks' work if he has a

practical understanding of the structure of the calculations of the analysis of variance, and of its relations on the one side to the design of experiments, and on the other to the fundamental distributions, Poisson, binomial, normal,  $\chi^2$  etc. of biometrical work. On the basis of giving attention to the same thing from aspects which, at first, will seem to many very distinct, I think a compact and useful course can be established.

Sincerely yours,