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Foreword

The U.S.A. National Committee Report for the period 1957–1960 represents a departure from previous reports in scope and form. The Committee decided that a concerted effort should be made by the Commissions to review the work in their fields more critically than was done heretofore. The evaluation of progress rather than a bibliographical summary and a résumé that places the status of the field in its proper perspective were set as major objectives. The members of the Commissions responded enthusiastically to the call for contributions and the objectives have been met in a large measure. We hope that the National Committee Report will itself furnish a basis for discussions at the General Assembly and it represents a step forward in the activity of the National Committee.

The National Bureau of Standards has given inestimable aid to the preparation of the report for presentation to the General Assembly. An editorial group under Mr. Bradford Bean undertook the enormous task of uniformizing the method of referencing and of checking the references and preparing the manuscript for final printing. Time was too limited to allow for extensive editing of the manuscripts and in some cases the reports are more than coverages of the period 1957–1960. However, such deviations and expansions are not without value in a first presentation of this type.

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