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27th February, 1958.

Dr. Roger Mellick,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
PARKVILLE.

Dear Dr. Mellick:

During the Inaugural Meeting of the Australian Diabetes Federation which was held in Sydney in October 1957, discussions took place amongst physicians and other interested persons on the possibility of the forming of a society or association of professional workers, both medical and scientific, whose interests lie in the field of endocrinology.

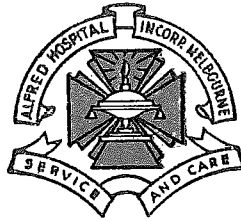
As a result of these discussions it was agreed that Dr. Keith Harrison of Sydney, Dr. Basil Hetzel of Adelaide and Drs. Ewen Downie, Bryan Hudson and Pincus Taft of Melbourne should explore the possibilities of forming a society. It was also decided that the result of these activities should be presented to a meeting to be held in Sydney in June immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

A proposed constitution for an Endocrine Society of Australasia has been drawn up, a copy of which is attached to this letter. This will be discussed at a Meeting to be held in the B.M.A. Hall, Macquarie Street, Sydney on Monday, June 3rd at 2.15 p.m., when a decision will be made by those present as to the desirability of forming such a society. If agreed to, the Meeting will then consider the enclosed draft for its constitution and proceed to elect Office Bearers and a Council.

It has also been agreed that a Scientific Meeting will be held in the B.M.A. Hall on the following day - Tuesday, June 4th at 9.30 a.m. and 2.15 p.m. for the purpose of interchange of papers on any aspects of endocrinology.

It is suggested that the names of any persons interested in joining such a society be forwarded to

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Dr. Ewen Downie or Dr. Bryan Hudson, C/o Alfred Hospital, Prahran, Melbourne, S.I., on or before March 31st 1958.

It has been proposed that for the purposes of formation of the Society the original members will consist of those who are present at the Meeting on June 2nd, together with any other persons of suitable qualification who may be nominated and seconded at that Meeting.

In order that arrangements may proceed for the organisation of the Scientific Session on June 3rd, it is requested that any persons wishing to present a paper or make contribution to the Scientific Session should communicate with Dr. Downie or Dr. Hudson giving brief outline of the subject to be presented and the title of the contribution on or before March 31st 1958.

Further details of the Meeting, together with a programme of the Scientific Sessions will be circulated to all interested parties by the first week of May.

Bryan Hudson.

Ewen Downie.