

The Technical Committee of the XXII International Apprentice Competition met on 13th September. Having ratified the resolutions of its meeting in Paris last April, it agreed on the urgent need to revise the descriptions of the trades which figure in our International Competitions.

On the suggestion of certain members of the Committee, the Technical Experts present at the XXII International Apprentice Competition are asked to express their critical opinion of those aspects of the trade descriptions which, in their view, might be revised.

Each expert is requested to submit his suggestions in accordance with the order given below for practical purposes of easy comparison and completeness:

1. Indicate whether the description of the work involved in this trade is in accordance with the text which the Technical Committee currently has in its possession.
2. Indicate whether the abilities and knowledge required are at a suitable level or whether the tests should require more or less of competitors.
3. State whether the machinery, equipment, tools, accessoires and further aids are in accordance with the requirements of the trade or whether more or less should be provided.
4. According to the work to be carried out, the abilities required of competitors and the tools and instruments which they need, state whether the equipment that figures in the description is appropriate or not.

Indicate whether the marking schemes are in your opinion adequate, giving the reasons that have led you to your judgement.

At the end of the report, under the heading "Observations", each expert is asked to issue all the further comments that he considers relevant.

If the report is drafted jointly by the experts currently on the trade Juries, the result is likely to be more comprehensive and more easily comparable. Furthermore, we could have it before the jury members returned to their countries. If it should not be possible to draft the report on a joint basis, we trust that they will be able to send it to us as soon as possible.

It should be borne in mind that this report will constitute the point of departure for the study which this International Secretariat intends to carry out on the request of the Technical Committee. For this purpose, periodical seminars of the Experts appointed by the Technical Representatives of the countries taking part in our Competition will be held.

Many thanks for your cooperation

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