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Dear Professor Christensen ,

                    In reply to your letter of 12 January , I wish
to say that you may still count on me as an ICTM Liaison Officer and that , as
far as possible , I shall endeavour to increase the membership in Australia.

                    At the present time , I have some doubts about the
advisability of attempting to establish an Australian National Committee
of ICTM . Those of us who are researching traditional musics are , with very
few exceptions , already members of the Musicological Society of Australia , which
is a National Branch of the IMS. Currently there is a membership drive of sorts
going on in the MSA . So far we have established Chapters in three States and in
the Australian Capital Territory. This is encouraging , though Chapter
attendance is often very small.

                    I see no reason for not including the ICTM as
part of the drive for new members . One organisation might well stimulate the
other . It has occurred to me that if you have some brochures, or publicity
handouts of some kind , I could distribute these at the next annual meeting of
the MSA which is to be held in Adelaide in May (17-21). Usually about 100
members gather during these conferences and the brochures might be included
in the usual package given out with Registration.

                    In August (14-28) there is to be , as you know, a
Conference at Goroka in Highland New Guinea. I shall be attending this conference
and again could bring the ICTM to the attention of participants . And here I have
a question to ask you . Has it ever been suggested that a South Pacific Region
of the ICTM be established? It may well be the case that people attending the
Goroka Conference would be interested in such a proposal. Before taking such a
matter any further, however, I should be glad to have your comments on it.

                    Please find a bank draft enclosed for my 1982 subscription.
Looking forward to hearing from you again,

                    Yours sincerely