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have reservations about any irrevocable agreement which might prove to be to their detriment. These reservations are very understandable. Furthermore, the division has now lasted so long that many teachers do not know their fellow teachers on the Comhdháil side.

The representatives of both organisations who have been meeting to discuss reunification are of the opinion that while talks aimed at full reunification are in progress a certain number of competitions on both sides should be opened to teachers of the opposite side. Such a step would enable teachers and pupils of both organisations to meet and get to know each other. It would also give teachers an opportunity of testing whether their fears concerning competitions etc. were well-founded or otherwise. No teachers would be forced to enter such "open" competitions who did not want to do so and there would still be more than enough competitions confined to their own organisation to satisfy them.

The representatives of ~~An Comhdháil and An Coimisiún~~ agreed to recommend the following interim scheme to their respective organisations.

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1. The number of such open competitions on both sides will be about 20% and will be selected by agreement between the two organisations. No Feis or Féile will be obliged to "go open" if it does not wish to do so.
2. A teacher with An Coimisiún who wishes his or her pupils to compete in such competitions of An Comhdháil will to enable him to do so, apply for special affiliation to An Comhdháil (as well as registering in the usual way with An Coimisiún) and pay a nominal fee, probably £1. The scheme will operate in reverse in the case of a Comhdháil teacher.
3. In the case of Comhdháil competitions open to both organisations and where only one adjudicator is engaged, that Adjudicator will be a Coimisiún Adjudicator and vice versa in the case of An Coimisiún 'open' competitions. Where three adjudicators are engaged, in each case two will be from the other organisation.
4. The scheme will be a temporary one in that it will be discontinued should it prove unsatisfactory, or should the reunification talks break off, or cease to make progress.
5. During the period of the scheme registered adjudicators, or teachers of An Comhdháil may not change to An Coimisiún or vice versa. Similarly pupils of a Comhdháil teacher may not transfer to a Coimisiún teacher, or vice versa.
6. An Coimisiún has agreed in principle with the scheme (in which some points remain to be finalised), but will be explaining and discussing it at the forthcoming Convention and any other suitable occasions that may arise. It is understood that An Comhdháil is in the process of discussing the scheme with its' branches.

You will be informed of any further developments.