

VARNA XXXIII GENERAL MEETING

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RAPPORT DE

Assemblée qui s'est tenue à Mexico les 27, 28 et 29 mai 1977. Les membres les plus calmes de l'histoire de notre Fédération et le Comité directeur ont été confrontés à un problème grave et complexe. C'est pourquoi il ne s'est tenu que trois fois, d'une à Mexico immédiatement après le Congrès de Mexico le 27 et 28 mai 1977 et la troisième fois les 27 et 28 mai durant ces trois derniers jours.

A sa première réunion, le Comité directeur a réuni les résultats du Congrès de Mexico et a choisi la candidature en tant que membres de deux archives nationales : la Cinémathèque Nationale et la Filmmuseum de la UFA, décisions qui seront soumises à la ratification de cette Assemblée générale. Il a aussi nommé les membres de la Commission pour l'étude des problèmes des pays en voie de développement, sur laquelle il nous fera un rapport et pour laquelle nous vous demanderons des directives et des conseils concernant la voie à suivre.

La plus grande partie du travail du Comité directeur a ensuite été consacrée à la préparation du Symposium : L'influence du cinéma soviétique sur le cinéma mondial, qui va débuter ici à Mexico dans deux jours. Le Comité directeur s'est penché sur les travaux courants de la Fédération, surtout les Commissions spécialisées et de nos comités à Mexico et à Copenhague. Il a aussi examiné la question de la reconformation statutaire de nos membres en commençant par les 0 plus anciens. Nous nous sommes aussi penchés sur les rapports de la FIAP avec les producteurs de films et examinés notre position au sein du IFCV, organisme actuellement confronté à une grave crise.

Ayant maintenant constaté où nous en sommes, nous devons maintenant réfléchir à la voie à suivre.

Mon opinion est que cette question est liée aux problèmes de développement interne mais surtout avec un vaste développement de l'industrie qui est indispensable pour maintenir le patrimoine cinématographique mondial. La Résolution de l'Unesco de 1964 sur les images en mouvement est un document mondial.

A ce propos, l'Assemblée Générale de l'Unesco s'est tenue à Nairobi et a voté deux projets importants directement liés aux travaux de notre Fédération.

XXXIII ASSEMBLEE GENERALE / VARNA
27 - 28 mai 1977

RAPPORT DU PRESIDENT

L'année qui vient de s'écouler depuis notre dernier Congrès à Mexico a été une des années les plus calmes dans l'histoire de notre Fédération et le Comité directeur n'a été confronté à aucun problème grave ni compliqué. C'est pourquoi il ne s'est réuni que trois fois, l'une à Mexico immédiatement après le Congrès, la deuxième fois à Moscou en janvier 1977 et la troisième fois ici à Varna durant ces trois derniers jours.

A sa première réunion, le Comité directeur a résumé les résultats du Congrès de Mexico et a admis la candidature en tant que Membres de deux archives mexicaines : la Cineteca Nacional et la Filmoteca de la UNAM, décisions qui seront soumises à la ratification de cette Assemblée générale. Il a aussi nommé les membres de la Commission pour l'étude des problèmes des cinémathèques dans les pays en voie de développement, sur laquelle il vous sera fait rapport et pour laquelle nous vous demanderons des directives en ce qui concerne la voie à suivre.

La plus grande partie du travail du Comité directeur a ensuite été consacrée à la préparation du Symposium : L'influence du cinéma soviétique muet sur le cinéma mondial, qui va débiter ici à Varna dans deux jours. De plus, le Comité directeur s'est penché sur les travaux courants de la Fédération, surtout de ses Commissions spécialisées et de nos cours d'été à Berlin et à Copenhague. Il a aussi examiné la question de la reconfirmation quinquennale de ses membres en commençant par les 8 plus anciens, tâche qui sera maintenant poursuivie régulièrement comme le prévoient nos nouveaux Statuts. Nous avons enfin traité des rapports de la FIAF avec les producteurs (FIAPF) et examiné notre position au sein du CICT, organisme actuellement menacé par une grave crise.

Ayant maintenant constaté où nous en sommes, nous devons examiner où nous voulons aller.

Mon opinion est que cette question est liée non seulement avec notre développement interne mais surtout avec un vaste élargissement de l'idée qu'il est indispensable de sauvegarder le patrimoine cinématographique, idée qui depuis la Résolution de l'Unesco de 1974 sur les images en mouvement a été reconnue mondialement.

A ce propos, l'Assemblée Générale de l'Unesco réunie l'an dernier à Nairobi a voté deux projets importants directement liés aux travaux de notre Fédération.

Le premier projet (n° 4068) est une étude qui abordera le problème de la réalisation du droit de chaque Etat membre à prendre connaissance et à entrer en possession des images en mouvement, de celles surtout qui se rapportent à son passé, quels que soient l'auteur, l'époque ou la raison pour laquelle elles ont été tournées, et ceci dans des conditions dont serait exclu tout aspect lucratif lorsque de telles opérations sont effectuées à des fins d'études ou en vue de compléter des archives. L'étude portera également sur la destruction des images en mouvement. 20.000 dollars sont prévus pour la réalisation de ce projet.

Le deuxième projet (n° 4076) concerne la création d'archives cinématographiques et de filmothèques qui sera encouragée, en particulier, dans les pays en développement. "Une aide sera donnée pour la formation de spécialistes dans tous les domaines d'activités liés aux archives cinématographiques (par exemple, conservation des films, documentation, catalogage, reconstitution de films et utilisation à cette fin de techniques appropriées, etc...), On fournira notamment une assistance pour l'établissement d'archives cinématographiques ou d'une filmothèque pilote dans un pays intéressé. Une publication sur les techniques et le matériel nécessaires pour la création d'archives cinématographiques, de filmothèques et de musées spécialisés sera également préparée. Le projet pilote sera exécuté en coopération avec le Conseil international du cinéma et de la télévision (CICT), la Fédération internationale des archives du film (FIAF), la Fédération internationale des associations de producteurs de films (FIAPF), le Conseil international des archives (CIA) et le Conseil international des musées (ICOM)".
L'Unesco a prévu 45.000 dollars pour ce projet.

Comme vous le voyez, ces deux projets sont d'une importance primordiale pour notre Fédération et je pense que nous devons sérieusement réfléchir aux moyens qu'a la FIAF d'y participer et même diriger tous nos efforts des mois à venir dans cette direction. Il faut que notre Fédération prenne la direction des actions concrètes prévues ci-dessus car elles représentent les buts mêmes pour lesquels la FIAF a été fondée il y a près de 40 ans. Sinon, nous serons rapidement dépassés et réduits à l'état de club privé de collectionneurs de films, ce qui n'est, j'en suis certain, pas notre vocation.

Varna, 27 mai 1977

Vladimir POGACIC

HOMMAGE A DEUX PERSONNALITES DISPARUES

Henri Langlois

Permettez-moi de dire quelques mots à la mémoire de Henri Langlois, l'un des fondateurs de notre Fédération.

Ceux qui l'ont connu savent que c'était un homme excessif en toutes choses mais fascinant par ses excès mêmes, un mélange extraordinaire d'inspiration et d'idées préconçues, de générosité et de jalousie.

Il a été à l'origine de la création de maintes cinémathèques (dont celle que je représente ici, et je ne l'oublierai jamais), mais il n'aimait pas voir grandir ses enfants et parfois aurait préféré les étouffer que les voir échapper à sa tutelle.

Tout le monde autour de cette table sait que notre Fédération n'a pas toujours eu à se louer des actions de Henri Langlois mais, au moment où il disparaît, je vous invite à vous recueillir et à penser pendant quelques instants à ce jeune homme brûlant d'idées et d'enthousiasme qui, à 21 ans, a créé avec quelques amis la Cinémathèque française et qui, deux années plus tard, avec les cinémathèques de Berlin, de Londres et de New York, a fondé la Fédération qui ouvre aujourd'hui, ici à Varna, son 33e Congrès.

Saul Yelin

Nous avons une autre disparition à déplorer aujourd'hui. Saul Yelin était beaucoup plus proche de nous, de notre travail, de nos soucis et aussi de notre cœur. Car Saul avait apporté un souffle nouveau à la FIAF. Grâce à lui, aucun congrès, aucune réunion du Comité Directeur ne pouvaient avoir lieu sans que nous nous interrogions sur le sort fait aux cinémathèques d'Amérique latine, et du tiers monde en général, qu'il défendait inlassablement.

Ceux qui, comme moi, l'ont vu à Moscou, jeune et gai, dansant dans les rues, ont peine à réaliser que nous ne verrons plus Saul, que nous n'entendrons plus ses interventions ironiques et mordantes qui étaient le sel de nos réunions.

Je vous demande d'observer une minute de silence à la mémoire de Saul Yelin qui est mort à la tâche, cette tâche qui est la nôtre.

Jacques Ledoux,

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ARCHIVES DU FILM

BALANCE PER 31 DECEMBER 1976

ASSETS

Current assets

Debtors 461.245,-
Guarantees 130.000,-

Quick assets

Banks 1.051.530,-
Cash 5.968,-

Reserve Fund

S.G.B. Brussels (SF 83.477,93)

591.245,-

1.057.498,-

p.m.

1.648.743,- BF

LIABILITIES

Creditors

178.183,-

Profit

Surplus carried forward from previous years 982.356,-

Surplus for 1976 488.204,-

1.470.560,- BF

1.648.743,- BF

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT PER DECEMBER 31, 1976

D E B I T

Expenses

2.048.430,-

Surplus for 1976

488.204,-

2.536.634,- BF

C R E D I T

Income

2.536.634,-

2.536.634,- BF

DETAILED BALANCE PER DECEMBER 31, 1976ASSETSDebtors

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Subscriptions unpaid for 1974-75 | 8.700,- BF |
| Subscriptions unpaid for 1976 | 138.475,- |
| Subscriptions unpaid to P.I.P. (75) | 36.250,- |
| Subscriptions unpaid to P.I.P. (76) | 132.820,- |
| St James Press + Bowker for 1976 | 145.000,- |
| | <u>461.245,- BF</u> |

Guarantees

| | |
|---|--------------|
| S.G.B. Brussels: time deposit for guarantee of London rent | 130.000,- BF |
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Banks

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| S.G.B. Brussels: current account | 61.387,- |
| S.G.B. Brussels: interest account | 880.964,- |
| Lloyds Bank London (± 1558,90)* | 109.179,- |
| | <u>1.048.028,- BF</u> |

Cash

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| At the Secretariat Brussels | 4.624,- |
| At London office (£ 19,20) | 1.344,- |
| | <u>5.968,- BF</u> |

1.648.743,- BFLIABILITIESCreditors

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Social security & taxes Dec. 76 | 19.584,- |
| Brussels office rent 4th quarter | 17.153,- |
| Brussels office charges | 15.269,- |
| Telephone, postage 4th quarter | 4.905,- |
| Adm. publications, Bulletin XI | 8.800,- |
| Printing of FIAF Statutes & Rules | 37.996,- |
| P.I.P. Salaries December (£ 500,97) | 35.086,- |
| P.I.P. Office costs (£ 319,82) | 22.399,- |
| P.I.P. Office supplies (£ 242,61) | 16.991,- |
| | <u>178.183,- BF</u> |

Balance

| | |
|--------|----------------|
| Profit | 1.470.560,- BF |
|--------|----------------|

1.648.743,- BF

* rate of exchange: 1 pound sterling = 70,036 BF
1 Swiss franc = 14,5 BF

DETAILED PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT, PER DECEMBER 31, 1976

DEBITEXPENSES

| | BF | |
|--|-----------|-----------------------|
| <u>Current expenses</u> | | |
| Staff salaries | 197.618,- | |
| Social Security, Insurances, Taxes | 109.967,- | |
| External work fees | 26.200,- | |
| Office rent and charges | 174.597,- | |
| Office supplies, prints & publications | 60.415,- | |
| Telephone & postage | 80.977,- | |
| Miscellaneous | 7.517,- | |
| | <hr/> | 657.291,- |
| <u>Special expenses</u> | | |
| Congress | 80.901,- | |
| Executive Committee | 23.324,- | |
| Commissions | 114.994,- | |
| Special missions | 29.009,- | |
| Administrative publications & Bulletin | 53.991,- | |
| Special publications | 83.546,- | |
| Office equipment | 29.235,- | |
| Miscellaneous | 9.095,- | |
| | <hr/> | 424.095,- |
| <u>Periodical Indexing Project</u> | | |
| Wages & external work fees | 714.842,- | |
| Office rent & costs | 125.773,- | |
| Supplies | 60.784,- | |
| Postage | 43.159,- | |
| Sundries & travel | 22.486,- | |
| | <hr/> | 967.047,- |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 2.048.430,- |
| <u>Balance</u> | | |
| Surplus for 1976 | | 488.204,- |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | <u>2.536.634,-</u> BF |

CREDITINCOME

| | | |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|
| <u>a) FIAF as such</u> | | |
| Members' subscriptions for 1976 | 1.566.492,- | |
| Sale of FIAF publications | 4.884,- | |
| Bank interests | 47.391,- | |
| | <hr/> | 1.618.767,- |
| <u>b) Periodical Indexing Project</u> | | |
| Subscriptions for 1976 | 737.012,- | |
| Bowker's royalties | 12.922,- | |
| St James Press editorial fee (£2000) | 140.000,- | |
| | <hr/> | 880.934,- |
| <u>c) Difference on exchange for 1975 debtors</u> | | |
| | | 27.933,- |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | <u>2.536.634,-</u> BF |

BUDGET COMPARISON FOR THE YEAR 1976

| <u>EXPENSES</u> | <u>Budgeted amount</u> | <u>Expenses paid</u> |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|
| <u>Current expenses</u> | | |
| Staff salaries | 210.000 | 197.618 |
| Social security, insur. taxes | 112.000 | 109.967 |
| External work fees | 30.000 | 26.200 |
| Office rent and charges | 150.000 | 174.597 |
| Office supplies | 75.000 | 60.415 |
| Telephone & postage | 100.000 | 80.977 |
| Miscellaneous | 10.000 | 7.517 |
| | <u>687.000,-</u> | <u>657.291,- BF</u> |
| <u>Special expenses</u> | | |
| Congress | 100.000 | 80.901 |
| Executive Committee | 60.000 | 23.324 |
| Commissions | 150.000 | 114.994 |
| Special missions | 30.000 | 29.009 |
| Administrative publications & Bulletin | 80.000 | 53.991 |
| Special publications | 80.000 | 83.546 |
| Office equipment | - | 29.235 |
| Miscellaneous | 12.070 | 9.095 |
| | <u>542.070,-</u> | <u>424.095,- BF</u> |
| <u>Periodical Indexing Project</u> | | |
| Staff salaries and taxes | 774.000 | 714.842 |
| Office rent and costs | 165.000 | 125.773 |
| Supplies | 94.620 | 60.784 |
| Postage | 45.300 | 43.159 |
| Sundries and travel | 53.070 | 22.486 |
| Miscellaneous (loss on exchange) | - | - |
| | <u>1.181.990,-</u> | <u>967.047,- BF</u> |
| <hr/> | | |
| <u>INCOME</u> | <u>budget</u> | <u>receipts</u> |
| a) <u>FIAF as such</u> | | |
| FIAF subscriptions | 1.422.470 | 1.566.492 |
| Sale of FIAF publications | 4.000 | 4.884 |
| Bank interests | 40.000 | 47.391 |
| | | <u>1.618.767</u> |
| b) <u>P.I.P.</u> | | |
| Subscriptions | 647.950 | 737.012 |
| St James Press editorial fee (£ 2000) | | 152.922 |
| + Bowker's royalties | 326.250 | |
| | <u>974.200</u> | <u>880.934,- BF</u> |

TOTAL FUNDS OF FIAF, per December 31, 1976

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|---|-----------------------|
| Current account in Brussels | 61.387,- |
| Interest account in Brussels | 880.964,- |
| FIAF account in London, Lloyds Bank (£ 1558,90) | 109.179,- |
| Time deposit in Brussels blocked to guarantee rent of London office | 130.000,- |
| Cash at Secretariat Brussels | 4.624,- |
| Cash at London office (£ 19.20) | 1.344,- |
| Reserve fund S.G.B. Brussels (SF 83.335,29) | 1.250.030,- |
| | <u>2.437.528,- BF</u> |

UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS BY DECEMBER 31, 1976

| <u>FIAF MEMBERSHIP FEES</u> | <u>1974-75</u> | <u>1976</u> |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Istanbul | | 2500 S.F. |
| Jerusalem | | 2500 |
| Roma | | 500 |
| Toulouse | | 2500 |
| Warszawa | | 500 |
| Buenos Aires | | 350 |
| Cairo | | 350 |
| Lima | 600 | 350 |
| | <u>600 SF</u> | <u>9550 SF [147.175 BF]</u> |
| <u>P.I.P.</u> | | |
| a) <u>FIAF members</u> | | |
| Canberra | 1250 | 1250 |
| Istanbul | 1250 | 1250 |
| Jerusalem | | 1250 |
| Roma | | 1250 |
| Toulouse | | 1250 |
| Washington AFI | | <u>1250</u> |
| | <u>2500 SF</u> | <u>7500 SF [145.000 BF]</u> |
| b) <u>non-FIAF subscribers</u> | | |
| Israël Film Institute (back sets) | | 535 |
| Essex County College, Newark, USA | | 510 |
| University Film Study Center, Cambridge, USA | | <u>615</u> |
| | | 1660 SF [24.070 BF] |

BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 1978EXPENSES

| <u>Current expenses</u> | <u>Expenses 1976</u> | <u>Budget 1977</u> | <u>Budget 1978</u> |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | BF | BF | BF |
| Staff salaries | 197.618,- | 238.000,- | 277.000,- |
| Social Secur., Insur., taxes | 109.967,- | 127.000,- | 137.000,- |
| External work fees | 26.200,- | 30.000,- | 35.000,- |
| Office rent and charges | 174.597,- | 171.000,- | 190.000,- |
| Office supplies, & prints | 60.415,- | 85.000,- | 90.000,- |
| Mail, telephone, telegr. | 80.977,- | 110.000,- | 115.000,- |
| Miscellaneous | 7.517,- | 15.000,- | 15.000,- |
| | <u>657.291,-</u> | <u>776.000,-</u> | <u>859.000,-</u> |
| <u>Special expenses</u> | | | |
| Congress | 80.901,- | 200.000,- | 200.000,- |
| Executive Committee | 23.324,- | 30.000,- | 60.000,- |
| Commissions | 114.994,- | 150.000,- | 160.000,- |
| Special missions | 29.009,- | 35.000,- | 40.000,- |
| Administrative publications & Bulletin | 53.991,- | 80.000,- | 80.000,- |
| Special publications | 83.546,- | 80.000,- | 90.000,- |
| Office equipment | 29.235,- | 20.000,- | - |
| Miscellaneous | 9.095,- | 10.000,- | 10.000,- |
| | <u>424.095,-</u> | <u>605.000,-</u> | <u>640.000,-</u> |
| <u>Periodical Indexing Project</u> | | | |
| Wages | 714.842,- | 808.000,- | 805.000,- |
| Office rent and costs | 125.773,- | 200.000,- | 200.000,- |
| Supplies | 60.784,- | 190.000,- | 190.000,- |
| Postage | 43.159,- | 68.000,- | 80.000,- |
| Sundries & travel | 22.486,- | 84.000,- | 60.000,- |
| | <u>967.047,-</u> | <u>1.350.000,-</u> | <u>1.335.000,-</u> |
| Total | 2.048.430,- | 2.731.000,- | 2.834.000,- |

INCOME FORESEEN IN 1978

Membership fees :

| | | |
|--|-------------|----|
| 40 full members à SF 2500 (SF 100.000,-) | 1,440.000,- | BF |
| 1 associate à SF 1250 | 18.000,- | |
| 16 observers à à SF. 350 (SF 5.600,-) | 80.000,- | |
| Selling of FIAF publications | 10.000,- | |
| Interests | 42.000,- | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | 1.590.000,- | |

P.I.P.

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|---|-----------|
| Subscriptions (if kept at their present rate) | 700.000,- |
| St James Press editorial fee (2000 pounds) | 125.000,- |
| | <hr/> |
| | 825.000,- |

Total income 2.415.000,-

Balance taken from the excess of income carried over
from previous years

419.000,-

2.834.000,-

Le rôle de la Fédération internationale des Archives de la Paix

La Fédération internationale des Archives de la Paix a été créée en 1925 à l'initiative de M. de la Moignon, ancien directeur de l'Institut de la Paix de La Haye. Elle a pour but de rassembler les archives de la paix et de les rendre accessibles à tous.

Elle a pour membres fondateurs : l'Institut de la Paix de La Haye, l'Institut de la Paix de Genève, l'Institut de la Paix de Stockholm, l'Institut de la Paix de Copenhague, l'Institut de la Paix de Oslo, l'Institut de la Paix de Berlin, l'Institut de la Paix de Paris, l'Institut de la Paix de Londres, l'Institut de la Paix de Bruxelles, l'Institut de la Paix de Rome, l'Institut de la Paix de Madrid, l'Institut de la Paix de Lisbonne, l'Institut de la Paix de Porto, l'Institut de la Paix de Oporto, l'Institut de la Paix de Valence, l'Institut de la Paix de Séville, l'Institut de la Paix de Cadix, l'Institut de la Paix de Barcelone, l'Institut de la Paix de Valence, l'Institut de la Paix de Séville, l'Institut de la Paix de Cadix, l'Institut de la Paix de Barcelone.

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Le Secrétaire
M. de la Moignon

XXXIII CONGRESS - VARNA

Report of the Preservation Commission, May 1977

The Commission had no Meeting since the Mexico Congress because of economical reasons. The year was filled up with editorial work for colour preservation and the other audiovisual media.

By technical reasons we cannot distribute the colour part on this congress. The manuscript is ready for printing, but the diagrams /nearly 50/ are to be drawn once more because of the different languages.

In September 1977 the members, authors and most important advisers of the Commission will meet in Berlin. The Staatliches Filmarchiv of the GDR will pay the costs of this meeting. We will have a last discussion about magnetic tapes and other video records and prepare a popular publication of the whole preservation work. In the meantime a polemic article was written for the Bulletin, regarding the preservation of colour. I hope it was instructive for the members.

Most important event of the last weeks was a letter in which the UNESCO asks me for the permission to use the "Theses on the Preservation and Restoration of Audio-Visual Material" prepared by the President of the Commission for the UNESCO Meeting in Berlin, September 1975 and to bring it up to date. This is of course an excellent opportunity for the FIAF to demonstrate in practice its capacity in this direction. We will try to make the best possible use of the occasion.

H. Volkmann
Chairman

CHAPTER 7. THE STATE OF TEXAS

Section 1. The State of Texas is hereby organized into counties, to-wit:

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Cinémathèque Royale

Conservation de films couleur dans une atmosphère saturée d'azote, à basse température et humidité relative

L'étude ci-dessous se base sur le fait que la qualité d'un film couleur s'altère au gré des composantes suivantes : température, humidité relative et oxygène.

Quelques considérations sur l'azote et l'oxygène

L'air se compose essentiellement de 77,08% d'azote et de 20,75% d'oxygène. L'azote est un gaz inodore et incolore (neutre) qui à une température de +20°C ne réagit presque à aucun élément. Lorsqu'il y a réaction, celle-ci se produit très lentement, et tend à s'arrêter au fur et à mesure que baisse la température (0°C). Par contre, l'oxygène est un gaz qui s'oxyde très facilement (sauf au contact de gaz rares). L'azote de type D est, notamment, disponible en bouteilles de 8 m³ à 60 F/m³ (+ éventuellement le coût de la location des bouteilles).

Dépôt

L'espace frigorifié est pourvu d'armoires hermétiques. Dans ces armoires, on place les boîtes de films, ouvertes ou avec couvercle perforé pour éviter la condensation. Après fermeture, l'armoire se remplit lentement d'azote jusqu'à obtention de l'humidité relative souhaitée. Lors du retrait des films, les boîtes sont fermées pour éviter la condensation, et sont alors amenées à température dans un local chauffé.

Avantages

- Conditions de conservation optimales en permanence.
- Installation de conditionnement d'air chaud onéreux remplacé par une installation frigorifique commerciale (standard) beaucoup moins coûteuse à l'achat et consommant beaucoup moins d'énergie.
- En hiver, dans la mesure où la température extérieure le permet, possibilité de refroidir le dépôt par air extérieur.
- Le dépôt ne doit plus nécessairement être pourvu d'un sas, ne doit plus du tout être réfrigéré.

Inconvénients

- Acquisition d'un décompresseur d'azote.
- Achat régulier de bouteilles d'azote
- Armoires beaucoup plus coûteuses que les rayonnages
- Personnel à avertir et à instruire en matière de danger et d'utilisation de l'azote.

Important

Avant la construction d'un tel dépôt, demander l'avis des divers fabricants de pellicule dont on aura à conserver des films quant au degré de température et d'humidité souhaité pour conservation en milieu azoté.

REPORT FROM THE JURY ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COURT

THE COURT OF APPEALS

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REPORT FROM THE FIAF DOCUMENTATION COMMISSION

FIAF CONGRESS - MAY 1977 - VARNA

The Documentation Commission held no meeting during 1976. The subcommission for the set designer's index met in Rome in October 1976, and the subcommission for the P.I.P. met in Amsterdam at the end of the same month. The next full meeting of the commission is scheduled for August 12-14, 1977, in Copenhagen, immediately before the FIAF Summer School on Documentation, with the intention that members will remain to help with the instruction in the school.

Projects underway :

I. The 1975 International Index to Film Periodicals was delayed by the publisher, but finally appeared early in 1977. As of the end of 1976, St. James reported total sales for the 1974 volume to be 950 copies, of which 333 were sold by St. Martins in the United States. A representative of St. James has been sent to New York with the task of promoting the sale of the publisher's reference books through St. Martins, including our Index, and he has been quite active since his arrival. We hope that this effort will increase the sales in the United States at least to the extent of those sold by Bowkers of the earlier editions. Frances Thorpe was renewed as Editor of the project for another year, and the lease on the London office was renewed. St. James has indicated its intention to publish the 1976 volume as well.

II. The publication of the set designer's directory, volume one, was delayed by the illness of the subcommission member in Amsterdam. In order not to delay the use of all the information already prepared, the subcommission took the decision to send out to FIAF members the brochure on the set designers of the Deutsche Demokratische Republik which is to be used to help in producing volume one.

III. The FIAF Directory of Film and Television Documentation Sources was completed and sent to all FIAF members.

We have no reports on other commission projects, as the commission has not met since the last congress. New projects suggested by FIAF members will be considered at the August meeting of the commission. We welcome further suggestions for projects of limited scope which could be undertaken by the commission without demanding enormous amounts of time and effort on the part of its members.

Eileen Bowser.

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Report of the Cataloguing Commission of FIAF

Dear Member,

I should like to inform you of the most important activities carried out by the Cataloguing Commission since the 1976 Congress.

Since that time the Commission was convened once and dealt with the following items:

1. Glossary of terms used for film cataloguing

Approximately 300 terms which emerge during film cataloguing were compiled by the Commission. Translation of the terms into all FIAF languages is intended at a later date. In preparation for this it was necessary to define the filmographic terms.

The draft glossary will be distributed to all FIAF members at the Varna Congress or immediately after the Congress. I should like to ask you to study the draft and submit any corrections, changes or additions to the address of the Staatliches Filmarchiv.

We hope that the material serves the practical work in the cataloguing of films, the uniform application of the terms and also helps to establish better communication between archives.

Your comments and suggestions are needed by 30th September 1977 so that we can discuss them at the next Commission meeting.

2. Study on the usage of computers for film cataloguing

All members who have practical experiences in the usage of computers for cataloguing or who are preparing to use computers have been asked by the Cataloguing Commission to report of their experiences. The material shall be compiled and be made available to all FIAF members.

You will appreciate that the Cataloguing Commission cannot cope with all that work and that it requires the co-operation of all the members who have gained any experience in that field. I want to seize this opportunity of thanking the Library of Congress, the Imperial War Museum, the Museum of Modern Art, the Svenska Filminstitutet and the Staatliches Filmarchiv der DDR for their co-operation.

The Commission has decided that the material which is available so far shall not be published until the questionnaires have been completed and returned from all the archives concerned. I should like to appeal to the American Film Institute and to the Cinémathèque Québécoise in particular to contribute to the project. I am hopeful that the contributions will be presented from the two archives by 30th September 1977 to enable the Commission to discuss the whole material and make the necessary preparations for its publications at the next meeting.

3. Film Cataloguing during the 2nd FIAF Summer School

25% of the scheduled teaching programme of the 2nd FIAF Summer School was allocated to problems concerning film cataloguing. The knowledge imparted to the participants was based on the experiences, findings and recommendations of the FIAF Cataloguing Commission.

4. Publication of "Film Cataloguing"

In 1976, FIAF entered into an agreement with Burt Franklin & Co., New York, on the publication of "Film Cataloguing". The manuscript was revised for that purpose, and the publication was scheduled to appear in spring 1977. At the time when this report was written I had no information as to when exactly 'Film Cataloguing' would be offered for sale.

All FIAF members will receive one free copy as soon as it is published.

The Commission has resolved to consider the following items for its future work:

- to complete the "Glossary of terms used for film cataloguing" and to start with the translation of the terms into other languages;
- to complete the study on the usage of computers for film cataloguing and to make it available to all the members;
- to examine whether it is possible to conduct a summer school specialising in problems of film cataloguing in Great Britain;
- to elaborate a new bibliography of filmographic sources;
- to study the problems that emerge with the acquisition of TV material to the film archives for cataloguing.

I should be grateful to you for informing me of any problems for which you may expect assistance and support in the field of cataloguing from the Commission. As far as it is within the range of our possibilities we will gladly include your suggestions in our plan of work.

My thanks are due to all those archives which made it possible for their staff to participate actively in the work of the Cataloguing Commission of FIAF. The present Commission is composed of the following members :

Mr Wolfgang Klaue - Staatliches Filmarchiv der DDR,
President

Mr Philip Acimovic - Jugoslovenska Kinoteka,
Vice- President

Mr Lesek Armatys - Filmoteka Polska,
Mrs Dorothea Gebauer - Deutsches Institut für Filmkunde,
Mrs Harriett Harrison - Library of Congress,
Motion Picture Section

Mr Roger Holman - National Film Archive,
Mr Jacques Ledoux - Cinémathèque Royale de Belgique,
Mrs Marta Luttor - Magyar Filmtudományi Intézet,
Filmarchivum

Mr David Penn has ceased to work for the FIAF Cataloguing Commission due to the new post that he took on at the Imperial War Museum.

We thank him particularly for his productive and creative collaboration over a long period.

Wolfgang Klaue
President

ANNEX 10. THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The first three articles of the Constitution establish the three branches of the federal government: the legislative branch (Congress), the executive branch (the President and the Vice President), and the judicial branch (the Supreme Court and the lower federal courts).

Article I, Section 1, vests all legislative powers in Congress, which consists of the House of Representatives and the Senate. The House is elected by the people, while the Senate is elected by the states.

Article II, Section 1, vests the executive power in the President. The President is elected by the Electoral College, which is composed of electors chosen by the states.

Article III, Section 1, vests the judicial power in the Supreme Court and the lower federal courts. The Supreme Court is composed of one Chief Justice and eight Justices, who are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

The Constitution also contains several amendments that have been added over time. The first ten amendments, known as the Bill of Rights, were adopted in 1791 and guarantee certain individual liberties.

The Constitution is the supreme law of the United States, and all laws and actions of the federal government must conform to its provisions.

The Constitution is a living document, and its meaning has evolved over time through the actions of the courts and the actions of Congress and the President.

Varna, May 27, 1977

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

At the XXXII FIAF Congress in Mexico City, an "ad hoc" Commission was created to study the problems of archives in developing countries and to make a report at this Congress. Mr Pogacic, Mr Yelin and Mr Perry were named as members of this Commission.

With the untimely death of Mr Yelin, the work of the Commission has been weakened, since it was he who had much direct knowledge about the work of archives in some developing countries. Nevertheless, the remaining members of the Commission, feeling that the subject was of great importance, determined to make a report to this Assembly.

The report is in the form of a specific proposal, namely that FIAF create a permanent Commission to deal with the problems of archives in developing countries. We further propose that this Commission consider, but in no way feel restricted to, the following areas of study, concern, and activity :

1. A thorough review of the actual state of film collecting and storing in developing countries, i.e., how, if, and where films are being kept. Such a survey might immediately indicate certain areas where assistance was needed, what kind of assistance, etc. It might also indicate an immediate need for some FIAF archives to undertake temporarily the collecting and storing of films in those countries where there is no such program. In any case, it would seem absolutely necessary that the Commission begin its work with some thorough understanding of the actual state of the cultural and educational use of film, and the collecting and storing of film, within and without archives in the developing countries.
2. The development of the practical, specific, and goal-oriented program whereby the resources of FIAF can be made available to the developing countries, e.g.,
 - a) the dissemination of the FIAF leaflet being prepared by Mr Buache and the FIAF manual for new archives being prepared by Mrs Bowser and Mr Kuiper,
 - b) the sharing of human resources, in the form of experts who would travel to the archives, and in the form of members of the Executive Committee, or those designated by them, who would be asked to travel to such developing countries in order to try and persuade the governments as to the importance of collecting and storing films for their history,

c) a program of support and guidelines for research in the archives of these countries and for film education programs -exhibition, courses, lectures, publications, etc.- which would assist the archives in helping to develop film literacy in their countries,

d) a program whereby more people from such developing countries could participate, free of charge, in the FIAF summer schools and an additional program whereby some archives would agree to accept trainees, or interns, from these developing countries,

e) the preparation by FIAF and its member archives of more circulating film programs.

f) the preparation and the dissemination of a film which would visualize the importance, and the methods, for collecting and storing films,

g) a concerted effort to invite more representatives of more developing countries, and/or their archives, to attend FIAF Congresses, and

h) a planned attempt to integrate the work of this new Commission with the attempts of UNESCO to formulate policy and practice regarding the preservation and presentation of the cultural heritage of mankind.

3. A complete investigation into the legal, technical, financial and political problems of archives in developing countries, e.g.

a) the problems of film storage in areas of high humidity and/or high temperature,

b) legal deposit of all film materials prepared and screened in the country,

c) the simplification of importing and exporting films for cultural and educational purposes,

d) the possibility of financial support for the archives coming directly from the government and/or being derived from a percentage of box office receipts.

It is important to repeat that the recommendation of the "ad hoc" Commission is the establishment of a permanent FIAF Commission and that the preceding examples were given not as restrictions upon the activities of the newly proposed Commission but as indications of the many concerns with which such a Commission might be concerned. Moreover, the various examples should provide some direction for the initial work of the Commission. Finally, the various examples as to the possible workings of such a Commission should indicate how important is its work, and that such work is not foreign and abstract, dealing only with countries and archives about which we know very little, but that such a Commission is integral to the work of the present membership of FIAF, to those in the more developed countries.

CHILEAN FILM ARCHIVES - PARRA

Report from ICAH

At the request of the Secretary-General of ICAH and Director of the Chilean Film Archives of the Ministry, Mr. Pedro Jaksic, I take pleasure to inform the Board of Directors that at the beginning of the present month of May, the 14th Congress of ICAH took place in Caracas, Venezuela, with the participation of representatives of the film archives of Mexico (two archives), Brazil (two archives), Cuba, Colombia, Venezuela (two), Argentina, Ecuador, Bolivia, Chile (in the sense) and from the Cinematheque de Quebec, thus making a total of 14 countries.

An important aspect, amongst others, of this Congress was the participation of ICAH and the Latin American archives from Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador and Venezuela. These also arrived about the preliminary efforts being made in Chile towards the development of the National Film Archive, recently created by Law, and also information had arrived from ICAH regarding the formation of a new film archive in that country.

Basically, ICAH proposes to strengthen links with the newly created archive, and this intention was well received in our country. But, at the same time, and to the extent that the financial resources of the area, ICAH considers whether it could count on the assistance of ICAH in the attention due to this growing number of archives in the Latin American continent, as ICAH further believes that this trend should be promoted actively.

Best regards,
Director of Cinematheque de Chile

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Report from UCAL

At the request of the Secretary-General of UCAL and Director of the Chilean Film Archive of the Resistance, Mr Pedro Chaskel, I take pleasure to inform the General Assembly that at the beginning of the present month of May, the IX Congress of UCAL took place in Caracas, Venezuela, with the participation of representatives of the film archives of Mexico (two archives), Brazil (two archives), Cuba, Panama, Venezuela (two), Peru (two), Ecuador, Bolivia, Chile (in the exile) and from the Cinémathèque Québécoise, thus making a total of 14 archives.

An important aspect, amongst others, of this Congress was the participation of 4 (four) new Latin American archives: from Bolivia, Panama, Ecuador and Venezuela. News also arrived about the preliminary efforts being made in Jamaica towards the development of the Jamaican Film Archive, recently constituted. And also information had arrived from Costa Rica regarding the formation of a new film archive in that country.

Naturally, UCAL proposes to strengthen links with the newly created archives, and feels optimistic about this trend in our continent. But, at the same time, due to the known limited economical resources of the area, UCAL wonders whether it could count on the assistance of FIAF in the attention due to this growing number of archives in the Latin American continent, as UCAL further feels that this trend should be promoted somehow.

Héctor Garcia Mesa,
Director of Cinemateca de Cuba

1978 - 10 YEARS ON

There is nothing special about a quadrennial jubilee. Yet I think it is an occasion to give a special interest for the organization and also for the members of the working committee. There is no harm in IIAF and the members trying to receive more public attention. Also concerning the relationship between IIAF and ICAO I think an effort should be made to draw attention to the fact that IIAF has been the subject of international organization of the field of IIAF.

The following proposals are made as a stimulus for IIAF work that may be...

- The members of all members of the Federation should be drawn to the quadrennial IIAF Jubilee by Dr. Hillier or by a circular. The proposal should be sent to all members asking them to initiate activities in 1978. The proposal should be sent to IIAF in order to give it more publicity, particularly in the form of articles, etc. The members should be invited to make their plans and ideas known to the IIAF Secretariat.

- It would be desirable if an article on the development, importance and results of the organization could be published in a journal and the technical press for use.

- This contribution could possibly be published in form of a section, "What is IIAF - 10 years International Organization of File Archives".

- The IIAF should be invited to publish in 1978 a brochure about IIAF about its activities, similar to the one that was published in the occasion of its 20th Anniversary.

- It would be desirable that the story of the organization of one or two decades of the IIAF should be published every year for the technical press. Regular work on this project should start in 1978. Some kind of press release would not be superfluous, but more about the Federation and its members would be sufficient.

- IIAF should appeal to its members to correct the contents of national or international journals in the respective countries and initiate such retrospectives be carried out in the occasion of the quadrennial jubilee of IIAF.

IIAF could produce a brochure about IIAF.

1978 - 40 YEARS FIAF

There is nothing special about a quadragenarian jubilee. Yet I think it is an occasion to win public interest for the organisation and also for the members in the various countries. There is no harm in FIAF and its members trying to receive more public attention. Also concerning the relationship between FIAF and Unesco I think we would benefit if we drew greater attention to our achievements and the long tradition which FIAF has as the oldest international organisation in the field of film.

The following proposals are meant as a stimulation ; I am sure that only some of them can be carried out.

- The attention of all members of the Federation should be drawn to the quadragenarian FIAF jubilee by the Bulletin or by a circular. An appeal should be sent to all members asking them to initiate activities in 1978, thus propagating the goals of FIAF in press, radio and TV, publications, manifestations, retrospectives, etc.

The members should be invited to make their plans and ideas known to the FIAF Secretariat.

- It would be desirable if an article on the development, importance and merits of the organisation could be made available to members and the technical press for free use.

- This contribution could possibly be published in form of a leaflet, "What is FIAF - 40 years International Organisation of Film Archives".

- The idea is not new, but it might be useful if in 1978 a brochure about FIAF could be published, similar to the one that was published on the occasion of its 20th anniversary.

- It would definitely help the image of the organisation if one or two issues of the Bulletin would be published every year for the technical press. Regular work on that project could start in 1978. Such kind of press release need not be comprehensive, 3-4 pages news about the Federation and its members would be sufficient.

- FIAF could appeal to its members to contact the organisers of national or international festivals in the respective countries and initiate that retrospectives be carried out on the occasion of the quadragenarian jubilee of FIAF.

FIAF could generously patronise such events.

- It is hoped that on the occasion of the quadragenarian jubilee one archive could be interested in launching a FIAF festival which could be devoted to subjects of film history and not to current productions. The screenings could be supplemented by lectures, discussions, etc., and the programme might be considered for circulation in other countries, too.

- Suggestions could be made to produce films or TV broadcasts on the activities of film archives. These films or TV transmissions could be presented at one of the following general meetings and possibly be given an award.

Other activities of the organisation, e.g. the 1978 Congress, work of the commissions, publications, should also be marked by the quadragenarian FIAF jubilee.

These proposals are meant to be ideas and suggestions as a basis for discussion. If there is principal agreement that this prominent occasion should be used to make every effort to make our activity better known in public, it should be examined by the individual archives what activities could be carried out depending on the number of staff and the funds available.

Wolfgang Klaue,

DOES FILM HISTORY RESEARCH BELONG IN THE FILM ARCHIVE ?

File history research must take place where the files and their contents were collected together. Whether it is accomplished by film historians, the staff of the archive or by visiting historians, the responsibility is obliged to make a provision for it and to be involved in it.

We should not confuse file history research with the teaching of film or with the approach of a critic, making judgements. If an archive is an "official" vehicle of film history, it does indeed run the risk of inhibiting further study and the discovery of new issues and approaches. This danger is to be avoided, as any good film historian will avoid it, by a process of ongoing research by declining to make final judgements, by constantly searching for new files and new information and presenting this to the public and to film historians. One thing we would prefer to avoid is the danger of doing nothing, which only means that research is not going to get done at all.

The staff in the archive who are responsible for acquisition, preservation, cataloguing, also the diffusion of the culture, must be film historians themselves if they are to perform their tasks responsibly. Although we profess to believe that any film ever made should be preserved, preserved, catalogued, and seen by everyone, we are full of practical fears. In the early days of the film archive, the large volumes of material in various boxes were shelved in rows. There must be some way of indexing parts of them. For example, when we copy untitled film, the first one to be processed was 10 at the expense of films lower on the priority list, while some disappeared in the meantime. The catalogue would correctly record all the data about a film without a knowledge of the history of that film. All the films we collected in archives would eventually be projected in a person's lifetime of viewing. Thus do we make choices, even if we would prefer not to. The administrative staff, which may not need as deep a knowledge of film history, must have sufficient knowledge to be able to advise the non-specialist personnel, to see that they are properly housed, ready to start the work of the projects to be carried out. The archive staff must never affect to distance themselves from film history research.

On the other side, the archive staff is in the position of having to have to make decisions about film history, in the sense of what should be preserved, what should be shared with the public, what should be made available. It is very easy to see primitive stages as a discipline and as a profession, which contain the data necessary for a history of film. The staff should see themselves as film history researchers, if it is not possible to do so by itself. Or at any rate, they should be able to advise the public of films to be viewed and accessible to be analysed. It is not enough that the work of many film historians must be recognized and valued.

DOES FILM HISTORY RESEARCH BELONG IN THE FILM ARCHIVE ?

Film history research must take place where the films and their documentation are collected together. Whether it is accomplished by film historians on the staff of the archive or by visiting historians, the responsible archive is obliged to make a provision for it and to be involved in it.

We should not confuse film history research with the teaching of film history or with the approach of a critic, making judgements. If an archive presents an "official" version of film history, it does indeed run the risk of inhibiting further study and the discovery of new ideas and approaches. But this danger is to be avoided, as any good film historian will avoid it, by a program of ongoing research, by declining to make final judgements, by constantly searching for new films and more information and presenting them to the public and to film historians. Some among us would prefer to avoid the danger by doing nothing, which only means that research is not apt to get done at all.

The staff in the archive who are responsible for acquisition, preservation, cataloguing, also the diffusion of film culture, must be film historians themselves if they are to perform their tasks responsibly. Although we profess to believe that all films ever made should be acquired, preserved, catalogued, and seen by somebody, as a matter of practical fact, we are daily compelled to make choices, at least choices of priority in which these tasks shall be done. These must be made from an informed point of view. For example, when we copy unstable film, the first ones to be preserved may be at the expense of films lower on the priority list, which could deteriorate in the meantime. The cataloguer cannot correctly assess all the data about a film without a knowledge of the history of that film. All the films now collected in archives could scarcely be projected in a person's lifetime of viewing. Thus do we make choices, even if we would prefer not to. Even the administrative staff, which may not need as deep a knowledge of film history, must have sufficient knowledge to be able to select the best-qualified personnel, to see that they are properly trained, and to determine the priority of the projects to be carried out. The archive staff cannot afford to distance themselves from film history research.

On the other side, the archive staff is in the unique position of being able to make discoveries about film history, in the course of their daily work, discoveries which should be shared with other film historians. Film history is very much in its primitive stages as a discipline for study. If the film archives, which contain the data necessary to a developed film history, do not involve themselves in film history research, it is not very likely to come about by itself, or at any rate will develop much too slowly. The body of films to be viewed and materials to be analyzed is already so enormous that the work of many film historians must be combined to make any progress.

What are the practical ways in which this can be done? We all have the problem of insufficient time for what we want to do, and have to decide our own priorities. The important principle, it seems to me, is that there must be ways for frequent communication with film historians. A very rich archive, or one which may be able to get special funds for the purpose, could have a group of film historians on the staff, working on research projects. The archive in Prague has weekly projections, to which both staff and film historians from outside the archive are invited, and they discuss the films together. At the Department of Film, this year, we have been hosts to a number of university seminars, which staff may attend, where papers in film history research are discussed among a small number of specialists. Staff members may also be encouraged to publish results of their research done in the course of their work, or to give lectures, or to find any means of communication with the community of film historians. And FIAF itself should give over at least part of its time at annual congresses for consideration of film historical problems, as we have begun to do. It may not be our top priority, but it is an important one, which we should not pretend we can safely ignore.

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