

NEWSLETTER 1



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Dear Colleagues,

The Filmoteca Española is proud to host the 55th Congress of the FIAF in Madrid in April 1999.

We have chosen to locate the various events, General Assembly, EC meetings, workshop and symposium in the city centre and to make accommodation and meals available nearby. Thus, the **symposium and workshop** will be held at our film theatre the Cine Doré, the **regional associations meetings** will be held at the Casa de América, in the Palacio de Linares, and the **General Assembly** will be held at the Círculo de Bellas Artes.

These venues are within easy walking distance from one another and in an area that contains most of Madrid's monuments, museums and places of historical interest. In fact, the three sites will coincide roughly with what has become known as Madrid's "Golden Triangle" the three points of which are formed by the Prado Museum, the Reina Sofía Museum of Contemporary Art and the Thyssen Museum.

By April 1999, moreover, we expect to open our new premises at the completely renovated Palacio de Perales, in Calle Magdalena, close to the Cine Doré.

For the activities and events of the Congress the Filmoteca Española is receiving the kind cooperation of the Filmoteca de la Generalitat de Catalunya, the Filmoteca de la Generalitat Valenciana, the Filmoteca Vasca and the Casa de América.

MADRID

Madrid, Spain's capital, located almost at its exact geographical centre, is essentially a people's city. Madrid has been the capital since 1561 and now has a population of 4.5 million (7 million with suburbs) - it is considered to be one of the most youthful, dynamic and forward-looking capitals in Europe.

THE SYMPOSIUM AND WORKSHOP

The symposium entitled **A Century of Cinema / A Century in Cinema** will invite a panel of international experts from diverse fields to analyse the reciprocal influence between cinema and all other areas of human experience. Not only an outlook on how cinema has incorporated the entire cultural and technical legacy of its time, but, what's more, on how cinema itself has influenced and modified the other arts (literature, fine arts, music, theatre, etc.) as well as other disciplines of human knowledge (physics, biology, etc.) and the perception of reality itself (philosophy, history).

The workshop, or technical symposium, entitled **History of Raw Stock Manufacture** is an ambitious plan for collecting and analysing information about this fundamental material used for shooting, copying and commercialising films. This workshop aims to foster its study, improve the coordination of work which is being carried out independently and stimulate the development of new research and the exchange of information.

Thus, by determining the origin and date of raw stock manufacture as well as its technical characteristics and use, a scientific base for the conservation and restoration work carried out by the archives can be established.

DATES

The 1999 Congress will be held from April 9-18, 1999 (Friday through Sunday), with the General Assembly, Symposium, regional associations meetings and Workshop taking place on April 12-18, 1999 (Monday through Sunday).

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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9, 10 and 11	EC meeting
11 (evening)	Arrival of delegates. Welcoming reception
12, 13 and 14	Symposium <i>A Century of Cinema / A Century in Cinema</i>
14 (afternoon)	Regional associations meetings
15	Workshop <i>History of Raw Stock Manufacture</i>
16	Excursion
17 and 18	General Assembly
18 (afternoon)	EC meeting

VISA REQUIREMENTS & TRAVEL GRANTS

Visas are required to enter Spain from the following countries:

COUNTRY	DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE FOR ISSUING VISAS
Albania	French Embassy
Angola	Spanish Embassy
Algiers	Spanish Embassy
Australia	Spanish Embassy
Bangladesh	French Embassy
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Spanish Embassy in Austria
Bulgaria	Spanish Embassy
Burkina Faso	French Embassy
China	Spanish Embassy
Cuba	Spanish Embassy
Egypt	Spanish Embassy
India	Spanish Embassy
Indonesia	Spanish Embassy
Iran	Spanish Embassy
Macedonia	French Embassy
Morocco	Spanish Embassy
Peru	Spanish Embassy
Rumania	Spanish Embassy
Russia	Spanish Embassy
South Africa	Spanish Embassy
Thailand	Spanish Embassy
Turkey	Spanish Embassy
Vietnam	French Embassy

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We are currently involved in negotiations to try to obtain travel grants for a limited number of delegates. We will make information about our progress in these negotiations available at a later date.

HOTELS

We are looking at a number of recommended and affordable hotels within walking distance of the Congress venues and will be able to offer a list in early autumn which will include a range of accommodation at different cost levels.

SPECIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Throughout the Congress week there will be special screenings at our film theatre the Cine Doré.

To coincide with the Congress an exhibition is being planned together with the Madrid's City Council.

The Casa de América is also to show an exhibition and hold a reception at its premises the Palacio de Linares.

The destination of the excursion will be announced in a near future.

TRANSLATIONS

Simultaneous translations into English, French and Spanish will be provided during the Symposium, Workshop and General Assembly.

