

Documentation commission.

The Secretary-General reported that he had received a letter from Mr Spiess asking the Executive Committee to accept his resignation as President of the Commission on grounds of his ill health and proposing that Eileen Bowser should be named in his place.

This was unanimously agreed, and a vote of thanks to Mr Spiess was passed.

Mrs Bowser then proceeded with her report on the commission's work. There had been no meeting since last Congress, but certain changes in the Periodical Indexing Project had to be approved by the E.C. It was proposed that Michael Moulds would take over as Editor of the project from Karen Jones in 1973.

Michael Moulds is resigning from his position at the Canadian Film Archives and will move to London.

He would do the editing of the entries from his own office in London and send them to the FIAF Secretariat in Brussels where a typist would be hired to work under the supervision of the Executive Secretary. The cards would be reproduced and sent out to all the archives.

As Michael Moulds would no longer be attached to a FIAF archive, he should be put under contract to FIAF for one year, as Editor of the project.

It was also proposed that FIAF should finance certain expenses of the project which could not be included in its present budget :

the purchase of an offset machine for reproduction of the cards, the travel costs of Karen Jones to New York to do the final editing when turning the cards over Bowser, and travel costs of Michael Moulds & Brigitte van der Elst to Copenhagen to study the system in detail.

Mrs Bowser also gave the revised 1973 Budget for the project, which read as follows :

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A. INCOME

1972 Surplus	\$ 851	BF 37.708
Subscriptions	\$ 1310	BF321.640
Bowker Editorial Fee	\$ 5000	BF220.000
Bowker Royalties	\$ 4428	BF194.832
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	\$17.595	BF774.180

B. EXPENSES

Supplies	\$ 4220	BF185.680
Postage	\$ 2410	BF106.040
Editorial fee	\$ 5000	BF220.000
Wages + Social Security	\$ 5240	BF230.560
Travel	\$ 725	BF 31.900
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	\$17.595	BF774.180

She explained that it was not certain whether we would receive Bowkers' Royalties within the calendar year 1973, but if only 10 more subscriptions to the cards could be sold outside FIAF, this would be no problem for the balance of the Budget.

Everything was presently being done to promote the sale of the cards. In the discussion which ensued, the main objections given by the members to these proposals were that :

1°) the same quickness and efficiency could not be obtained from 2 persons working in 2 different countries as from Karen Jones and her typist working in the same archive. Why not continue in Copenhagen?

2°) it was rather embarrassing to take away M. Moulds from the Canadian Film Archives for FIAF, without even noticing this archive, and even if M.Moulds had decided to leave Montreal anyway (Mr Ledoux' objection).

Mrs Bowser then answered these objections one by one :

It had always been anticipated that the project, after its first run, would have its own office & its own staff. Karen Jones, who had very generously offered all her time and capacities for the first year, now asked to be relieved because she felt she had fallen behind in her work at the Danish Archive.

Michael Moulds was the most able to replace her and FIAF should of course make a time contract with him for this job. Furthermore, there was a space problem at the archives both in Copenhagen and in London; it was almost impossible for them to house the project and, anyway, Mrs Bowser thought no archive should take this responsibility for a project which could afford to be quite independant.

As for Mr Ledoux' objection, it was considered as unjustified by the other members.

After Mr Konlechner had discussed all details of the budget and proposed to devote some unused money of the 1972 budget (special reserve fund and congress : + 60.000 BF) for the extra costs assumed by FIAF, which was agreed, Mr Kuiper submitted to the vote a motion by which the Executive Committee authorized the Documentation Commission to go ahead with its submitted proposals. This was unanimously accepted.