

## D. DOCUMENTATION COMMISSION

### General Report

Mrs Bowser reviewed the Commission's projects in turn:

1. International Directory of Cinematographer Set and Costume Designers  
Volume 1 is ready ( a copy available at the EC meeting). It will be distributed through the Secretariat.  
FIAF will make no money from this publication but it adds to our list.
  
2. International Directory to Film and TV Documentation Sources  
MOMA volunteered to publish the second enlarged edition at a time when FIAF was short of funds. It has been slower than expected because of the need to retype and redesign and delays in redesigning the cover (a copy of text available at the EC meeting).  
MOMA would print 500 copies (not more as it will get out of date) at a cost of \$2000 (some typing costs being absorbed by MOMA in addition). Suggested selling price \$ 6.50, giving breakeven after 300 copies.  
  
Free copies to Members and Observers, members of the Documentation Commission and the ex-FIAF Editor, Brenda Davies.  
MOMA will try to sell 300 copies and hopes FIAF members will try to sell the remaining copies from Brussels. A sales leaflet will be available. There may be an update in 1983 under the editorship of Frances Thorpe.
  
3. International Bibliography of Dissertations on the Cinema.  
This project is continuing in collaboration with a US publisher who has been publishing US and Canadian lists. The Editor, Raymond Fielding, is setting up a computer databank.  
  
So far 12 countries have contributed material.  
Mrs Bowser will be happy to continue with this project even after leaving the Commission which she expects to do shortly.
  
4. Workshop in Madrid on Classification of Film Literature.  
Mrs Bowser attended opening meeting, has list of 17 participants, 3 teachers and a copy of the programme.  
The Poona delegate for whom FIAF was paying the staying costs had not arrived: there had been delay in authorising his travel costs and it was not known if he would be attending or not.  
She supported that the arrangements for the Workshop were excellent thanks to the meticulousness of Karen Jones and the services of their hosts at the Spanish Archive.  
  
NB The Spanish Archive expressed their strong wish to host an Executive Committee meeting next year and Mrs Bowser strongly recommended acceptance. (see item 11,1).
  
5. PIP Meeting of Indexers  
Mrs Bowser asked again if any member, particularly from Eastern Europe,

was able to host and pay the staying costs for a meeting of indexers to clarify problems and answer questions that the Editor didn't have time to attend to on an individual basis.

It was thought that a meeting of all 35 indexers would present problems so the present suggestion was that there might be 3 meetings for 15 people each, one in North America and two in Eastern Europe. The Eastern Europeans were asked particularly if they could make such a contribution to the project as for currency reasons they were unable to pay directly for the cards they received.

#### 6. Publications promotion

It was suggested that as Frances Thorpe is working on improving promotion of PIP she could at the same time help to promote FIAF publications as the mailing lists would overlap. Mrs Bowser asked if it was possible to allocate say £300 from the FIAF 1982 Publications budget to this purpose, perhaps for a year's trial.

#### 7. Training of archivists from developing countries.

The PIP Editor suggested it might be useful to offer to take on a trainee who could learn about indexing and improve his English by working on the project for a period of say 3 months minimum.

A basic knowledge of English or French would be essential; he should be able to stay at least 3 months to be useful to the project.

There was no provision in the PIP budget for this but perhaps it could be funded through a cultural exchange programme.

Mr Klaue opened the discussion by volunteering to communicate with the 7 socialist countries re the possible meeting of indexers (item 5). Both he and Mr Andreykov felt that it was already too late for 1982 but 1983 should be a possibility.

Regarding FIAF publications promotion by Frances Thorpe (item 6), Mr Daudelin, Mr Andreykov and other members expressed their approval. It was suggested that Mrs Bowser and Mrs Thorpe together should prepare a document outlining the proposed activities and terms of reference and the Senior Executive Officers of the EC should approve it so that work can start as soon as possible.

Mr Francis felt FIAF members could all do more with activities like "piggyback mailing", swapping advertisements with useful publications, etc. Mrs Bowser agreed and saw Mrs Thorpe's role as co-ordinator in this, in addition to the work she would do in compiling mailing lists and following up enquiries.

It was the feeling of the meeting that the Documentation Commission was engaged on a large number of useful activities. In particular FIAF thanks would go to Dr Krautz for his work on project n°1 above.

#### PIP new operational principles

Mrs Bowser asked for comments on the draft principles put before the EC for the operation of PIP under the new regime.