

REPORT OF THE CATALOGUING COMMISSION

TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Commission members have continued work on all projects:

A. Polyglot glossary:

Gosfilmofond has completed revisions of its draft, and Ani Velchevska (BNF) is working on integrating it with the other languages. The English and German language drafts are complete, and final editing is underway on the French and Spanish language versions. We still hope to submit the manuscript to the Secretariat for publication late this winter.

B. Bibliography of national filmographies:

Only about seven countries remain to be edited and input into the word processor. We still hope to submit the manuscript to the Secretariat in December.

C. Union list of nitrate holdings:

Roger Holman (NFA) and Brigitte van der Elst (Secretariat) have made excellent progress. Ms. van der Elst can provide details.

D. Computer survey:

Roger Smither (IWM) reports that a few more archives have responded to the survey following our requests at the 1984 Congress in Vienna. These recent answers bring the total number of questionnaire responses to 35. Of these, 15 have reported and described the use of automated systems for their cataloging work. Mr. Smither is still awaiting two promised responses, but will begin his final compilation and editing work by the end of the year so that we can look forward to a publication date of 1985 for this document.

E. Cataloging chapter for the FIAF Handbook:

Jon Gartenberg (MOMA) has prepared the revised chapter on film cataloging for the FIAF Handbook. The chapter has been reviewed by the members of the Commission, and Mr. Gartenberg's most recent draft includes their suggestions. It will be submitted to the editors of the Handbook for their consideration in late October or early November.

Our next Commission meetings will be hosted by the Deutsches Institut für Filmkunde, who has generously offered to fund staying costs for the Commission members. The meetings will take place in Wiesbaden on March 25-29, 1985.

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