To conclude, it was agreed to submit to the General Meeting, the budgets for 1973 and 1974 proposed by the Documentation Commission and for the time being, to continue the work as before in the best possible way.


Mr Lindgren's illness had unfortunately reduced the Commission's output to a minimum this last year, and Mr Kuiper who had momentarily acted as its deputy-chairman said there was therefore nothing to report.

Mr Pagacic however wanted to inform the members at the General Meeting of the Symposium on copyright held in Milan, which he personally had found very interesting. He appreciated mainly the interventions of Dr Fioravanti and the Italian lawyer, Mr Moscona who had developed the idea of films being considered as cultural goods and being therefore entitled to legal protection as any community property. This was already the case in some countries for other kinds of works of art.

The Executive Committee had to designate a new chairman of the Commission.

Mr Kuiper felt reluctant to accept this post because he thought the chairman should be European for reasons of practical efficiency. The decision was however postponed until the E.C. meeting which would immediately follow the Congress.

The question of renewing our contacts with FIAPF (International Federation of Film Producers' Associations) was also discussed at length. It was finally decided that FIAF would take the initiative of renewing these contacts and that our delegation for these negotiations should include a representative of the Socialist countries, perhaps Mr Pagacic.

- Agenda item 15: Status of Members

Admission of new members

a) Cinémathèque Suisse / Lausanne

Wants to become full member. No problem. Mr Borda visited the preservation facilities and made a favourable report.

b) National Film Archive of D.P.R.K. / P'yongyang

Wants to become provisional member. No problem.

The General Meeting had adopted the motion proposed by Mr Privato and which, while recommending to all FIAF members to cooperate with the Latin-American archives, authorized the Executive-Committee to start the carrying out of some of the proposed points and entrusted the same Ex. C. to set up, within 6 months, a scheme or concrete project for helping those archives.

The Secretary-General said that to carry out this motion, the Executive Committee first needed more detailed information about U.C.A.L., its members, its Statutes, the links between the members, their Statutes, etc... Could Mr Yelin provide that or should the Secretariat write to U.C.A.L. or to all its members and would they be able to provide this information?

Mr Yelin having answered affirmatively, it was decided to give the Secretary-General full power to act in this matter as he thought best.

5. Relations with the International Federation of Film Producers (FIAPF)

Consequently to the decision of the General Meeting that FIAF should renew its contacts with FIAPF, Mr Pagocic proposed to talk to Mr Brisson, on behalf of FIAF, as he had sometimes the occasion to meet him, but this proposal was put down because the members thought that FIAF should not be committed by one person alone. They also considered preferable that the FIAF delegation should represent several types of archives.

Mr Ledoux then suggested to send to the members a copy of the FIAPF draft agreement together with a copy of the counter-proposal prepared some years ago by Mr Lindgren and himself, and to ask them for their comments. One could not be too explicit because some of the members were very close to producers. This was agreed.

6. Negotiations with the editor of the Periodical Indexing project.

A small committee was appointed to discuss with Michael Moulde the question of his editorial fee. It included: Mrs Bowser, Mr Gough-Yates, Mr Ledoux and Mr Stenklev.

7. Copyright Commission.

Although he did not think it was very convenient either for him or for the Commission, Mr Kuiper accepted to be the new Chairman of the Legal and Copyright Commission, in replacement of Mr Lindgren. He would send a proposal for the nomination of the Commission's members as soon as possible.