this report which reflected the hard work of the Commission on topics which, she believed, were of great interest to the archives.

Mr Ledoux, evoking the financial difficulties of the Periodical Indexing Project (which would be discussed in detail under the item "Financial Report"), said that he nevertheless considered the project as vitally important and, although it was not yet an urgent necessity, he made a suggestion to finance it in a different way. He proposed - and this only in case it appeared impossible to continue with the present system - to run the P.I.P. as a cooperative to which only voluntary archives would subscribe at its real cost price, share the risks and be responsible for its working, under the aegis of FIAF and not excluding possibly a certain guarantee or subsidy from FIAF. He asked the delegates for their opinion on this proposal and for an indication on the number of archives who could possibly subscribe to such a cooperative.

Mr Stenklev and Mr Cincotti, after having underlined how valuable the P.I.P. card service was for their archive, and also saying that they were not against a cooperative in principle, thought however that it would be preferable first to urge all the archives of FIAF to subscribe to the cards, in their own interest and in the interest of the project which would then run on a safe financial basis.

Mrs Bowser and Mr Klaus said Mr Ledoux's question was too hypothetical to answer here. The delegates needed more practical information and exact figures before they could engage their archive in such a cooperative.

Mr Pogacic thought the Commission should investigate all other possibilities of financing the P.I.P. because the main drawback of the cooperative was that all the archives which, for a reason or other, were incapable of paying the requested fee, would be totally excluded from it.

Mrs Wibom said that her archive found the P.I.P. so important and valuable that they were ready to support any initiative that would help it continue.

To conclude, Mr Yelin suggested a vote of thanks to Mrs Bowser for the excellent work of the Commission. It was passed with applause.

B. REPORT OF THE LEGAL AND COPYRIGHT COMMISSION

Mr Kuiper, Chairman of the Commission, made a brief oral report, stating that the Commission had not met this year because all its members had been engaged in the hard work of revising the FIAF Rules and many other tasks. He hoped however to start it working again in the course of next year.