

Meeting on Specialized Requirements Concerning
the Preservation of Films and Other Audio-visual Media in Developing Countries

(General information)

Dear participant,

The Meeting will be organized by Unesco (Division of Cultural Heritage; responsible: Y. Turchenko, Chief of the Section of Studies and Publications) in collaboration with the National Commission of Argentina, together with the International Film and Television Council and other NGOs concerned.

The Meeting should be considered as a practical step towards the implementation of Unesco's project on moving images contained in Resolution No 3.422 (to be attached for your information to the basic work document). This resolution was adopted by Unesco during the 18th Session of the General Conference, and is concerned with the necessity for drawing up a programme for the purpose of salvaging and conserving moving images.

The main aim of the Meeting will be to consider major problems faced by developing countries concerning the preservation of moving images (technical, economic, and administrative aspects; problems concerning training; circulation of moving images; equipment; experts' services; publications, etc.), and to work out recommendations to be submitted to the Unesco Secretariat.

During the beginning of 1979 Unesco will publish and distribute the Meeting's Final Report to all organizations and persons concerned.

Meeting place:

Plaza Hotel
Florida 1005
Buenos Aires
Argentina

Telephone number: 31-5011
Telex: 012-2488

Meeting dates:

from 16 to 20 October 1978 (the Meeting will be convened at 10:00 on 16 October; the hotel meeting room will be announced in advance on 15 October)

Please note that during the Fall season the temperature in Buenos Aires ranges between +20 and 25°C in the daytime, with the temperature dropping at night.

Chief Participants taking part in the Meeting have been invited from: the Arab Republic of Egypt, Brazil, Cuba, France, G.D.R., Ghana, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, United Kingdom, U.S.A., Venezuela, including an expert from the host country.

Invitations to organizations for observers to attend the Meeting have been sent to the International Film and Television Council, Fédération internationale d'archives de films, International Council of Archives, International Federation of Film Producers, Inter-American Association of Broadcasters, International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property in Rome, International Council of Museums, regional broadcasting unions, and the Latin American Regional Office of the United Nations.

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Working languages: English, Spanish

Working documents:

1) The Basic Work Document for the Meeting has been prepared by the International Film and Television Council and is being sent under separate cover to each participant. The document covers the main items which should be considered during the Meeting. It is dedicated particularly to basic problems and requirements, with recommendations on how to implement the preservation of moving images with respect to the needs of developing countries.

2) All Chief Participants have been kindly asked to prepare working papers (5-6 pages each in English or Spanish) concerning the preservation of moving images in their countries. These papers will be distributed to Participants on the spot.

Participants are kindly advised to apply as soon as possible for their travel visas in the country of their residence at the Argentinian Embassy or the nearest consulate.

Open air tickets (economy class) will be sent by Cook's Agency to the Chief Participants.

Each Chief Participant will be contacted in his country by Cook's Agency and advised about travel tickets and other arrangements.

Upon arriving at the Buenos Aires international airport, each participant will be met by a representative of the meeting's steering committee, and will be provided with transportation from the airport to the hotel, with the committee assuming the cost. (The steering committee representative will be wearing an identification badge marked "Unesco" and will be stationed near the airport passport control to meet participants).

Hotel reservations will be made for all participants.

All participants will be invited to attend a small cocktail party the evening of 15 October at the Plaza Hotel.

Upon their arrival in Buenos Aires all Chief Participants will receive a per diem in local currency to meet all hotel and other expenses for the duration of their attendance at the Meeting.

Unesco will provide a per diem at the prevailing UN rate, which at present approximates U.S. \$42.00.

All participants are kindly asked to fill the attached form concerning the date of their arrival, flight number, airline, hotel reservation, etc.

Should there be any queries please contact Mr. Y. Turchenko, representative of the Director-General of Unesco (not later than 6 October at Unesco, 7 Place de Fontenoy, Paris 75007, France; telephone number: 577-1610, Ext. 63-79; from 14 October Mr. Turchenko will be accessible at the Plaza Hotel, Buenos Aires (telephone number: 31-5011). The other responsible who could be contacted will be Miss Saira Arias, Permanent Secretary of the Argentinian National Commission to Unesco, Avenida Eduardo Madero 235, 6th floor, Buenos Aires (Telephone number: 34-4249 or 34-4258).