

10 April 1990

EDITOR'S REPORT

Microfiche service

In order to fulfill our obligation to subscribers we have to send out at the end of each year's work a cumulation of the data back to 1987. The microfiche bureau were unable to produce a merge of the 1987 and 1988 data, so we asked Computaprint to solve the problem for us. They offered us two solutions as described in the attached letter to David Francis (as representative of the Executive Committee).

The committee approved my recommendation to adopt the second option which was to merge the data on a computer of our own, together with a substantial modification of our Revelation software. This necessitated the purchase of a more powerful computer with a hard disk of at least 85mb in order to be able to store and process our data for at least the next five years. With our budget it was out of the question for us to look at the top of the market machines such as IBM or Compaq, however there are now available "clones" which, though less refined, perform as well for about half the price. We acquired an Elonex 386SX with 100mb disk in February and Computaprint have just finished installing the modified software on it.

We are now completing some editing work on the merged database, required because of minor changes applied during the course of the three years, after which we will prepare the output for the 1987-89 microfiches. Once the cumulations are out of the way we shall catch up very quickly on inputting the current work.

Film and television volumes

The 1988 annual film volume was published on the 7th March and the standing orders were sent out over the next two weeks. We will publish the 1989 volume in September this year and the 1990 volume in the following spring.

The 1983-86 television volume is at the paste-up stage. Publication is now planned for late autumn.

Indexing

In order to push forward with the projected collaboration on indexing, talks have continued with the British Film Institute (mentioned in my report of March 1989). We have provided the BFI with hard copy (actually proofs of our input which we have finished with) of indexing for several issues of Eastern European periodicals which for language reasons they have difficulty dealing with. We have not received anything in return as yet but we have been promised a suitable output from their computer in the near future.

Rent and Rates

The new business rate in the UK will affect us in that our rates will increase from £374 last year to £1322 phased over five years.

The three-year rent review for our office in Canalot came up on the 6th April. The landlord has proposed an increase of over 80%, from £3120 p.a. to £5644. This is in line with other rents in the building now and it would seem we have no choice but to accept it, otherwise I fear we would incur legal costs to no advantage.

In the budget forecast the accountant has allowed fully for the rates increase, but for only a 40% increase in rent. The figure in the 1990 forecast of £3940 for rent should be £5013, and in 1991 £4220 should read £5644.

Publicity

We now have a new leaflet, designed in Belgium and kindly produced for us by the Secretariat. We have started an address list on the computer and already have about 600 really useful organisations on it. France and Germany are well covered but we need more coverage, particularly up to date addresses in the USA. With the Documentation Commission we are going to circulate the member archives to ask for help in distributing the leaflet (together with the new FIAF leaflet) to their known contacts. Assistance with postage would also be appreciated.

Update on Notes to the Accounts for 1989

Subscriptions 1988

Barcelona: Diario El Pais	lapsed	
Canberra	paid	£500
Dublin: RTE	cancelled	
Frankfurt: Kunst Buch	lapsed	
Reykjavic	cancelled	
Los Angeles: UCLA	paid	£578
Rio de Janeiro	lapsed	

Subscriptions 1989

Belgrade	paid	£586
London: BBC	paid	410
Los Angeles: USC	paid	190
Ottawa: CRTC	lapsed	
Santa Barbara	paid	190
Toulouse	paid	445
Wellington	outstanding	

Support 1988

Canberra	paid	480
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Support 1989

Jerusalem	paid	210
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New subscription 1990

Contacts (Paris)	to pay	407
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Subscriptions and Support 1990

Paid at 10.04.90	19603.88	
Still to pay	10962.00	
Total	£30565.88	