

REPORT OF P.I.P. ACTIVITIES

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1. P.I.P. General

A. Infrastructure

The P.I.P. database (Advanced Revelation) was successfully upgraded and integrated in the general FIAF network. Right now, all main databases are accessible on the different work stations, while separate e-mail facilities are available.

B. Indexing matters

The new indexing program was installed at the Brussels office, tested and distributed to most indexers, together with an updated version of the Guidelines with some new examples. The indexing program was delayed because of computer problems, which are now solved. From now on, the indexers can enter their data on computer which enables us to incorporate it directly into our Advanced Revelation Database.

A new indexer was found for the indexing of South American periodicals.

A general letter was written to all the North American Film archives to find a solution for the indexing of several American periodical titles.

A new online discussion group on indexing topics was launched in December. This will hopefully stimulate communication between all P.I.P. contributors. Most P.I.P. contributors are already linked; the other ones will be added according to when they receive a connection.

C. Future developments of the P.I.P.

In collaboration with the programmer of the main database (Richard Begernie) some mass changes were made to uniformize several fields and abbreviations. In the beginning of next year, the thesaurus will be fundamentally changed and updated. At the same occasion, fields were created for the translation of the thesaurus into French and Spanish. Contacts were made with the "Filmoteca Espanola", the "Cinémathèque québécoise" and the "BIFI" for the translation work.

A three-year action plan was presented at the EC in November. This will be used as a base for the project's future.

2. FIAF International FilmArchive CD-Rom

The Autumn Edition was published in the beginning of December. For the first time, complete data from all volumes of the *International Index to Film and Television Periodicals* (1972 to the present) is included on one disk. A new Windows lay-out was carried out by the "Open University". Among its new possibilities are greater ease of data selection in the Film/TV Index as well as in some other databases. Further search capacities are being prepared for a later date. Manufacturing was done by "Euronimbus".

3. **Annual Volume of the “International Index to Film Periodicals”**

The 1997 annual volume was published in November and shipped in December. A new typesetting program was written in Framemaker which will be used for future editions as well. The lay-out was improved with the cover and art work. The volume was printed by Antony Rowe (who is specialized in short runs) and distributed by Sally Douglas in England.

For the first time, the invoicing for the annual volumes was done in the “Imis database” as for all the other FIAF publications. This means that in the future everything will be much easier to administrate.

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