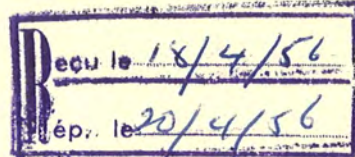


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Dear Catherine,

This is to inform you that a Swedish Committee of Film Historical Research has now been set up. The members are: Bengt Idestam-Almquist, Rune Waldekranz, Gösta Werner and myself. The Committee has chosen me as executive member and delegated me as representative at the next meeting of the International Bureau of Film Historical Research.

The research at present undertaken by the different members of the Swedish Committee is as follows:

Mr. Idestam-Almquist (Robin Hood) is at present writing an extensive biography of the Swedish pioneer Charles Magnusson, who was president of Svenska Biografteatern between 1907 and 1928 and under the guidance of whom Sjöström, Stiller and others created the classic period of the Swedish silent cinema. This book will be ready next year at the 50th anniversary of Svenska Bio, now called Svensk Filmindustri.

Mr. Waldekranz is at present tracing the history of the Méliès films in Sweden, trying to establish which of these films were shown, when and where, and he is also trying to prove to what extent Méliès might have influenced contemporary Swedish films.

Mr. Werner has recently concluded the first series of lectures on film history at the University of Stockholm.

Personally I am continuing the work on a complete index of all feature films as well as the more important short subjects, which have been exhibited in Sweden since 1896.

Other persons in Stockholm, Uppsala and elsewhere are at present working on film subjects of different kinds, which may well prove of

value to film historians. The Committee will endeavour to contact such persons and might in certain cases make them associate members.

I hope, dear Catherine, that all this can be used as an item in your next issue of the FIAF Bulletin, and I can only add that it was with great regret that I had to say no to Henri's invitation for the inauguration of the Swedish Film Cycle the 19th. How I would have liked to leave the winter here, which has not yet let go it's chilling grip, snow falling still every day. I hate it! But I have to stay, work of great importance to the FHS demands it. I should very much appreciate if you would send me some clippings from the newspapers, in case they cover the event of the inauguration.

Finally may I remind you, dear Catherine, that I am still waiting for your letter concerning FHS's cotisation to FIAF, which I asked for in my letter to you of March 9. What's the matter, don't you need money any longer at the FIAF office?

With very best regards,

Yours,

Einarz.