

To the FIAF Affiliates

Brussels, 28 January 2005

Dear Colleagues,

During the last EC meeting, we discussed the proposal made by Vladimir Opěla – see attached letter from 19/11/2004.

Unanimously it was decided to support the different projects outlined in the letter by Vladimir, and I have just written to the Director-General of UNESCO to ask for his support.

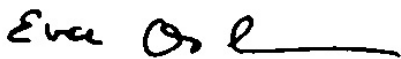
We need, however, your help if we want to succeed: if you feel you want to support the proposals made by Vladimir Opěla you should contact your national UNESCO Commission and ask that your country proposes at the 170<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Board of UNESCO that UNESCO celebrates the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Recommendation for the Safeguarding and Preservation of Moving Images by organising a retrospective of restored films;

Simultaneously your national Commission should suggest to declare the 27<sup>th</sup> October, which is the anniversary day of the adoption of the Recommendation, the “World Day of Audio-Visual Heritage”;

And finally you should ask your national Commission to support the extension of the Recommendation into a Convention.

Concerning the retrospective of restored films we already have the promise from Boris Todorovitch that CNC/Service des Archive du Film would help to organize a programme to commemorate this important event.

Hoping that you find ways to support this project I send you my best wishes,



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President FIAF