

XXIst F.I.A.F. GENERAL MEETING - Oslo, June 1965

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

I. XXth General Meeting - Moscow 1964

The Minutes of the XXth General Meeting have been sent out to all members in November 1964. According to the decisions taken, the Secretary general has :

- 1<sup>o</sup> - Written to the ex-corresponding members, China Film Archives, Cinémathèque Egyptienne, National Library of Ireland, to inform them of the deletion of this status and inviting them to join the Federation in the quality of associate member. No answer has been received to-date.
- 2<sup>o</sup> - Written to the provisional members informing them of the prolongation of their status, that is to :
  - Filmarshiva e Republikes Popullore Te Sqiperise (Albania)
  - Cineteca Universitaria (Chili)
  - Federation of Korean Film Archives
  - Cinemateca Venezolana

- 3<sup>o</sup> - Written to the new provisional and full members admitted in Moscow to inform them of their admission, that is to :

New provisional members : Cinémathèque canadienne (Montreal)  
National Film Archive of India (Poona)  
Oesterreichisches Filmmuseum (Vienna)

New full member : Canadian Film Archives, Ottawa.

Immediately after The Moscow General Meeting, the Secretary general went to Oslo where he examined, together with the officers of the Norsk Filminstitut, the place where the XXIst General Meeting could be held.

II. Executive committee

In conformity with the Statutes of the Federation, the Executive committee held 4 meetings. The first took place in Moscow, immediately after the General Meeting. Were present : Madame Iris Barry, Honorary President, M. Toeplitz, President, Messrs Lindgren and Privato, Vice Presidents, M. Ledoux, Secretary general, M. Pogacic, Deputy Secretary general, M. Lauritzen, Treasurer, M. Volkmann, Deputy Treasurer, Messrs Svoboda and Wingard, members, Messrs de Vaal, Lippmann and Monty, deputy members.

The second meeting was held in Paris, on November 24th through 26th, 1964. The following members were present at this meeting : M. Toeplitz, President, Messrs Fioravanti and Lindgren, Vice Presidents, M. Ledoux, Secretary general, M. Pogacic, Deputy Secretary general, M. Lauritzen, Treasurer, Messrs Svoboda and Wingard, members, Messrs de Vaal, Lippmann and Monty, deputy members.

The The third meeting took place in Vienna, on March 28th, 29th and 30th, 1965. The excellent collaboration between the two Austrian archives resulting in a particularly warm reception is to be mentioned. Were present at this meeting : M. Toeplitz, President, Messrs Fioravanti, Lindgren and Privato, Vice Presidents, M. Ledoux, Secretary general, M. Pogacic, Deputy Secretary general, M. Lauritzen, Treasurer, M. Volkmann, Deputy Treasurer, Messrs Svoboda and Wingard, members, Messrs de Vaal, Lippmann and Monty, deputy members. Messrs Gesek, Konlechmer and Kubelka were invited to attend the meetings.

The last meeting of the Executive committee is to be held in Oslo, on June 19th and 20th.

The problems discussed and the decisions taken at these meetings are mentioned in the report of the President.

### III. Membership

Since the last General Meeting, the Federation comprises :

- 31 full members
- 9 provisional members

As indicated above, we have received no news from the 3 ex-corresponding members.

The Federation is negotiating with three institutions which could receive the status of associate member :

- 1<sup>o</sup> - The association LES AMIS DE GEORGES MELIES, to which the Executive Committee submitted the draft of an agreement which the AMIS DE GEORGES MELIES wish to amend. The draft agreement proposed by the Executive committee and the counter-proposition of LES AMIS DE GEORGES MELIES are attached to this report.
- 2<sup>o</sup> - The IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM of London which had expressed its wish to join the Federation, but which gave no news since the status of associate member has been created.
- 3<sup>o</sup> - The INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC FILM ARCHIVE of the I.S.F.A. which has been contacted on the initiative of the Executive committee.

Contacts have been pursued with different organisations interested in the creation of film archives in the following countries : Algeria, Mexico, Syria.

New candidatures : Two candidatures to the status of full membership have been received during this exercise : from the CINEMATHEQUE CANADIENNE of Montreal, in May 1965, and from the OSTERREICHISCHES FILM-MUSEUM of Vienna, in May 1965 also.

Two candidatures to the status of provisional membership have been received during the exercise : that of the DEUTSCHE KINEMATHEK, Berlin, in November 1964 ; that of the CINEMATHEQUE DE TOULOUSE, in May 1965.

These four candidatures will be discussed during the XXIst General meeting in Oslo.

Concerning the provisional members, one member has formally requested the prolongation of its present status, that is the FILMARSHIVA E REPUBLIKES POPULLORES TE SQIPERISE of Albania. Three others have implicitly requested same by sending in their annual report of activities : the HELLENIKE TAINIOTHEKE (M. Coundouros), the CINETECA UNIVERSITARIA and the NATIONAL FILM ARCHIVE OF INDIA. No news have been received from the TAINIOTHEKE TES HELLADOS (Madame Mitropoulos), the CINEMATECA VENEZOLANA and the FEDERATION OF KOREAN FILM ARCHIVES.

#### IV. The work of the Executive Secretariat

The Executive Secretariat has performed the different administrative tasks of the Federation: sending of the convocations, agendas and minutes of the different reunions; requests and reminders for subscription fees; current bookkeeping; sending out of circular letters on requests from members; circular letters concerning different projects and works of the various F.I.A.F. specialised commissions. Besides, the Secretariat prepared all the documents necessary for the different stages of the procedure in the Federations legal affairs and maintained contacts with the competent persons and authorities. The Executive Secretary attended Unesco meetings in Paris when cultural cinematographic affairs were discussed and maintained contacts with the International Film and Television Council. In view of the realisation of the F.I.A.F. African project, she also contacted the interested persons and the Unesco services.

The Executive committee acknowledged with regret, the decision of Miss Sterling to quit the Federation after 8 years of work. After having tried unsuccessfully a secretary whose knowledge of English proved insufficient, the Federation appointed Miss Claude Fessaguet on a part time basis.

The Secretary general has been preoccupied with the clarification of the F.I.A.F. personnel in relation to the legal and fiscal legislation in France, and the establishment of contracts of employment precisising the conditions of appointment, work and leaving of this personnel. Unfortunately, his endeavours have proved unsuccessful to-date.

#### V. Work of the General Secretariat

In order to unburden the Executive Secretariat, the General Secretariat has sent out a circular letter requesting from all members the list of activities they wished the Federation to undertake. Moreover, the Secretary

general has gathered in Brussels the annual reports of activities of the different film archives and has had them bound in one volume . In this respect, it is a pity that many archives have not followed the precise indications which had been given to them concerning the format of the paper to be used. The result is a volume which, although looking impressive, does not have the neatness which would have been desirable in this case. However, it must be said that this is a first experience, and if the General Meeting decided to continue it, it is to be expected that in the future, all members will be more careful in the sending of their reports. It is their interest as well as that of F.I.A.F.

Brussels, June 12th, 1965