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**Abbreviations**

EC: Executive Committee
GM: General Meeting
!!: Points discussed but not on Agenda
MINUTES

Mr KLAUE opened the meeting with a welcome to all present and regretted the unavoidable absence of 3 Members and 3 Honorary Members.

1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was adopted as presented with the exception that Point 3, Preparations for the Symposium, was postponed to the afternoon at the request of Mrs WIBOM.

II ATTENDANCE OF DIPLOMATS AT FIAF GENERAL MEETINGS

Mrs WIBOM asked for an urgent discussion of a cable from the Seoul Archive which needed a reply.

Mr KLAUE explained that the Archive had cabled that the Cultural and Information Attache of the Republic of Korea in Sweden would be attending the Congress in place of the Head of the Archive. He asked the EC to consider whether FIAF approved the principle that Archives should be represented by diplomats or Embassy representatives.

Mr DAUDELIN referred to Article 25 from which it was clear that only the Director or "responsible employees" of the Archive could attend as representatives of the Archive. Mr KLAUE and Mr DE VAAL agreed that it was a delicate matter and they did not wish to offend the Archive but it was agreed in discussion that the Rules should be enforced as diplomats would not have the necessary background to contribute.

DECISIONS

Mr KLAUE, DAUDELIN and Mrs WIBOM to draft reply cable with polite but firm refusal, referring to the FIAF Rules; the cable to be in the name of the EC and signed by Mr KLAUE.

Mr DAUDELIN to mention the matter of principle at the GM.

2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING IN MADRID

The Minutes were approved unanimously, subject to 3 minor amendments:

i Page 36 (bottom of page)
Mr KLAUE pointed out that the Decision had not been as strict as indicated. In the letter sent to the Archives they had said Conference Hosts would be invited to provide Spanish facilities wherever possible and, if they could not, the EC would try to provide assistance from the FIAF Budget.

ii Page 2
Mr SCHOU asked that his contribution to the work of the Organising Committee might be included as a matter for the record.

iii Page 13
The name missing from the second paragraph from the bottom should read "Mr KULA".
3 LAST REPORT ON THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE SYMPOSIUM

Mrs WIBOM distributed the programme of the first joint FIAF-FIAT Technical Symposium, entitled "Archiving of the Moving Image in the 21st Century" and reported that 28 FIAT delegates were expected.

The programme was reviewed by the EC and arrangements made for allocating delegates to the workshops of their choice. The Workshops would be repeated as necessary and it was agreed the minimum number of participants should be 3.

Mr ALVES-NETTO pointed out that this was the first occasion on which FIAF had been able to welcome so many delegates from less developed countries and he felt it was important that they had the opportunity to speak with the FIAF EC before the final joint session with FIAT. Mrs WIBOM reported that they had already requested an evening meeting with the EC and it was hoped there would also be many informal discussions during the Symposium.

Mr KULA felt the 15-minute session on FIAF/FIAT cooperation should include some assessment of the value of the Symposium and consideration of whether it would be useful to have further joint Symposia, say, every 3 to 5 years. One could also discuss the possibility of joint Technical Commissions on specific topics of mutual interest.

4 MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS

4.1a New Candidates for Membership:
ATHENS - TAINIOTHIKI TIS ELLADOS

Mr DAUDELIN thanked Mr CINCOTTI for his visit to Athens and his 5-page report of 28 April 1983 which answered almost all the questions. In general, he agreed with Mr CINCOTTI's favourable evaluation of the progress they had made in transformation from an organisation purely concerned with cineclub activity into a film archive concerned with preservation and conservation.

The first question which concerned him was why the Greek Retrospective in Belgium had been organised in cooperation with the Centre du Cinema grec instead of the Cinematheque. Mr DE VAAL mentioned that for the Greek retrospective in Holland they too had had to get help from the Centre du Cinema grec as the Cinematheque had been unable to supply the prints required. Neither Mr CINCOTTI nor any of the other members present knew much about the Centre and its relationship to the Cinematheque although it was thought the Centre had some government funding.

The second point raised by Mr DAUDELIN was the proportion of effort spent on preservation as compared with film screenings. Although progress had been made in preservation activities, he felt it was necessary to stress yet again that it should be considered as their main task. Mr KLAUE agreed: the sheer volume of films being shown abroad was impressive but with only 7 staff he wondered how they found time to do anything else. The storage conditions had been described but he would like particulars on the actual preservation work being undertaken.
Mr FRANCIS felt it was important to clarify whether films sent by FIAF archives were being shown in Athens only or whether they were being made available for showing elsewhere.

In response to these queries, Mr CINCOTTI felt that FIAF films were shown only in the Cinematheque. He thought there was a good balance between distribution and preservation activities and that work was beginning on conservation as well. They were not earning revenue from films loaned to the cinéclubs and they were not providing films to the commercial cinemas d'essai. He felt totally reassured by the favourable comments he had had from people in Greece, both within and outside the Cinematheque. He said they had had a lot of difficulties following the earthquake 3 years previously, they had taken account of our suggestions and he felt they should be encouraged as an emerging Archive.

Mr DAUDELIN agreed and stressed that there were no grounds for rejecting them. We should simply reiterate the importance of further developing the real Archive activities.

In response to a question from Mr KLAUE about whether there was a national deposit law in Greece, Mr CINCOTTI and Mr DAUDELIN said there was no law but voluntary deposit was quite common, especially as some of the top film makers were on the Board of the Cinematheque.

Mr TOEPLITZ supported the Cinematheque saying that Mrs MITROPOULOS whom he had known for some 30 years was very devoted and, as there was no other archive in Greece, we could not expect anything better. Mr KLAUE agreed and said he was pleased with their unexpected progress.

Before closing the discussion, Mr DAUDELIN mentioned that prints supplied by the Cinematheque to other archives for Greek Weeks had been of very poor quality and did no service to the Greek cinema.

DECISION by secret ballot: 9 YES, 1 abstention.

4.1b New Candidates for Membership:
BOIS D'ARCY - SERVICES DES ARCHIVES DU FILM

Mr DAUDELIN quoted from Mr BORDE's letter of May 18 in support of the candidates, stressing particularly the size of their collections and the quality of their preservation work. He then reviewed the dossier in detail, noting that all questions were answered precisely and in accordance with FIAF requirements. He mentioned that FIAF had been hoping for many years that Bois d'Arcy would apply for full membership.

Mr KULA opened the discussion by pointing out that these two organisations (Athens and Bois d'Arcy) represented the two extremes of organisations within FIAF; one was very active in promoting the exhibition of films, the other had a massive collection and excellent preservation facilities but had a very limited cultural programme. FIAF could press for a good balance between cultural and conservation activities but could not demand it or require any fixed percentage of budget or effort should go to one or the other. We should accept both kinds of organisation and recognise there would always be a range of different organisations within the Federation.

Mr DAUDELIN mentioned that in fact Bois d'Arcy had recently become more
active on the cultural side, as witnessed by their intervention at Cannes, the weekly screenings organised at the Beaubourg in Paris and the circulation of good quality programmes on, for instance, L'Herbier and Melies.

In response to an enquiry from Mr KLAUE about members' experience of film exchanges, Mrs BOWSER, MM DE VAAL, KULA and DAUDELIN all reported favourably. Mrs WIBOM and Mr FRANCIS however reported that they never succeeded in exchanges and had to buy films if needed as Bois d'Arcy were only interested in French films themselves. Mrs WIBOM had sent them some French nitrate films as a gift.

Mr FRANCIS also mentioned that he had been advised that the Melies anthology was in fact of very poor quality and he had been surprised that Bois d'Arcy had allowed them to be issued in that state. He added that he was surprised that they reported, on page 13 of their brochure, they had prepared master negatives of only 1296 films since February 1982. He felt this was a low figure in view of their facilities but Mr KULA pointed out it was probably higher than the total collection of some other members!

On the question of a possible inspection visit, Mr DAUDELIN pointed out that this was at the discretion of the EC but in any case a number of EC members had visited them recently and the Head of the Preservation Commission had spent one and a half days there.

DECISION by secret ballot: 10 YES (unanimous).

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FOR PRESERVATION COMMISSION

In the course of the above discussion, Mr SCHOU pointed out how useful it would be for the Preservation Commission to have access to the preservation activities described in membership applications. It was agreed the Head of the Preservation Commission could have relevant extracts, but not the full dossier which was reserved for the EC. The other Commissions did not require the information.

4.2 Reconfirmation of Members
   a MEXICO CITY - CINETECA NACIONAL DE MEXICO
   b FILMOTECA DE LA UNAM

Mr DAUDELIN introduced the discussion by referring to the last meeting at which the Cineteca Nacional dossier had been incomplete and that of UNAM had arrived too late for discussion. He had written to them and received replies from both.

Starting with UNAM, Mr DAUDELIN mentioned the points that required attention:

- examples of cooperation with national film organisations (2e)
- copy of budget showing proportion spent on preservation (2g)
- organisation chart, clarifying how the archive functions
- letter of cooperation between CN and UNAM
- subscriptions for 1981 and 1982 (1981 since received)

Some of the points had been covered in a telephone conversation with Mr DASANOVA, in the Annual Report, and in his letter (with accompanying
Mr DAUDELIN mentioned that on the other hand the letter from CN, signed by Mr Alberto ISAAC, a well-known director and the new General Director of Mexican Cinematography, was very positive. Mr ALVES-NETTO felt it was incorrect to state CN did not exist. The new Headquarters was in an old four-storey building because the budget for reconstruction after the fire had been cut because of the government’s overall financial problems. As Mr ISAAC was expected at the Congress, he suggested discussion should be held over till after his arrival. Although it was difficult to get clear information, they nevertheless did exist and were functioning. The main confusion seemed to be above the working level, in the political area. Mr DAUDELIN felt the confusion was typical of the Mexican situation over the years; he himself had spent hours with friends trying to understand the set-up.

Mr ALVES-NETTO pointed out that at least the new General Director, Mr ISAAC, had connections with the film industry and was not an outsider so in fact the situation was rather better than in previous years. Mrs WIBOM reported that CN had changed the name of the representative coming to the Congress three times: from Salvador ALBERES to Alberto ISAAC and now Fernando MACOTELLA. Mr CINCOTTI reported that he had been with Mr MACOTELLA on the Berlin Festival Jury and believed he was connected with the film school.

Mrs ORBANZ felt there was no problem with UNAM: nothing seemed to have changed, they were short of cash but were doing the same work and had better premises. Mr DAUDELIN was not so sure: he had found it very shocking to discover that the people we had been working with at the Congress were fired the next morning.

MM DAUDELIN and ALVES-NETTO both mentioned the problems state institutions had when they were so easily affected by government intervention. After the fire, the CN could well have been shut down by the government altogether. As with Greece, FIAF should seek to work with the archives that existed, in spite of any shortcomings.

Mr KULA asked if in fact there was any evidence they were failing to perform as archives. There was confusion certainly because of government and staff changes but, as far as he could see, nothing had changed substantially since we decided to admit them both in 1976.

Mr DAUDELIN said that if we confirm CN we should put in writing our hope that their preservation activities should resume as soon as possible. Mr FRANCIS pointed out that with the involvement of Mr ISAAC we had the opportunity to expand more fully as he at least would be able to understand. MM ALVES-NETTO and DAUDELIN agreed with this point.

DECISION by show of hands: UNAM 9 YES, 1 abstention
                   CN 8 YES, 2 abstentions
Mr DAUDELIN to write letters of confirmation, including EC comments as indicated in the discussion.

4.3 ISTANBUL - SİNEMA TELEVİZYON ENSTITUSU

Mr DAUDELIN referred to page 9 of the Madrid EC Minutes and read out to the EC his subsequent letter of January 31 to the Turkish Archive. As there had been no reply, the EC had to proceed with suspension as set out in Articles 21, 22 and 23 of the FIAF Rules.

Mr FRANCIS queried whether the Madrid Minute implied there should be discussion at the GM before proceeding with suspension. Mr KLAUE felt the EC was bound by Article 21 and had to make a recommendation to the GM who had the right to approve or reject suspension; in addition, the EC had to make recommendations regarding future relations with the Archive.

Mr KLAUE stressed that it was important for Mr DAUDELIN to spell out the details at the GM as it was a unique situation.

The EC agreed with Mr CINCOTTI's suggestion that one year's suspension was long enough before proceeding to expulsion or readmission.

With reference to Article 23 (limits of relations), Mr KULA pointed out that there was no possibility of banning contacts but that members should be aware that all future relations with the Turkish Archive would be on the basis of dealings with any other "non-member" and accordingly at their own risks and discretion. Mr KLAUE added that members should be reminded that there was no basis for film exchanges if one party was not bound by FIAF Rules.

Mr KLAUE suggested members should be invited to inform the Secretariat if they received new approaches from the Turkish Film Archive. Mr TOEPLITZ felt it was sufficient to make a statement that contacts would be at their own risk but that FIAF was available for support in case of difficulty.

DECISION

The EC to recommend to the GM a period of one year's suspension.

Later in the day

Mr KLAUE read out a telex just received from the Director of the Turkish Archive, regretting that he could not attend the Congress and reporting that he had just become aware the subscriptions had not been paid. The 1983 subscription had been paid that day and that for 1982 would follow as soon as possible.

It was regretfully decided that the response from Turkey had come too late as suspension had already come into force (ie 60 days after 31 January 1983).

4.4a Reconfirmation of Observers

LIMA - CINEMATECA UNIVERSITARIA DEL PERÚ

Mr DAUDELIN opened the discussion by saying that their Annual Report was embarrassing in that it was simply a list of programming activities and had
only 3 lines on archiving. He had sent them a long letter reminding them of the importance of preservation and asking for more information but this had been ignored. He asked Ms ORGANZ and Mr ALVES-NETTO if they had any information.

They both reported that the Annual Report represented the true situation and the Archive did almost nothing on the preservation side. Mr ALVES-NETTO added that the lack of preservation was beginning to worry people in Peru and there will probably be a new organisation set up in Lima to preserve the national heritage which would approach FIAF when ready, maybe in one year. He would be visiting there in 3 months.

DECISION
Reconfirm but with letter repeating need for preservation.

4.4b Reconfirmation of Observers
CAIRO - AL-ARCHIVE AL-KAMNY LIL-FILM

Mr DAUDELIN and Mr KLAUE reported what they knew of the situation. There had been no Annual Report and no subscriptions paid for two years.

Mr KLAUE had written to Mr Mustapha Mohamed ALI (whom he had met at Leipzig) as promised in the Madrid EC Minutes (page 10), but had received no reply. However, he had asked for the Stockholm papers and might be attending. As Under-Secretary of State for Cultural Matters, he was responsible for the Egyptian Film Centre although not in charge of its operation.

Mr Abd el Hamid SAID, who had visited the FIAF offices in Brussels, was the person mentioned by Mr ALI as a potential candidate to run the Film Centre. Mr KLAUE said he had known him for some 20 years; he had been working in the Cairo Film Festival as an organiser and was a "real archive buff".

Mr FRANCIS suggested the decision should be postponed until after the Congress in case Mr ALI came and provided more information.

DECISIONS
Mr DAUDELIN to request more information
Mr KLAUE to write to Mr ALI if he does not attend and offer FIAF help.
(Mr KLAUE mentioned that he might be able to go to Egypt next year under the GDR/Egypt cultural agreement)

4.4c Reconfirmation of Observers
BOGOTA - FUNDACION CINEMATECA COLOMBIANA

Mr DAUDELIN reported that no information had been received. Mr ALVES-NETTO had no information about them either.

DECISION
Mr DAUDELIN to write usual letter explaining they cannot be reconfirmed without information.
4.4d Reconfirmation of Observers
GRAZZAVILLE - CINEMATHEQUE NATIONALE

Mr DAUDELIN reported that no Report had been received but Mr MBALOULA was expected at Stockholm. (The Madrid Confirmation referred to 1981)

DECISION
Mr DAUDELIN and Mr ALVES-NETTO to meet with Mr MBALOULA privately and report to the EC after the Congress.

4.4e Reconfirmation of Observers
KOBLENZ - BUNDESARCHIV/FILMARCHIV

Mr DAUDELIN reported that no Report had been sent in spite of several reminders.

He referred to the note from Mr KAHLENBERG of 17 May 1983 following the discussions at Oaxtepec concerning their autonomy. Mr KLAUE mentioned that it would be very difficult to reach the ideal state of autonomy within the Bundesarchiv whose structure had been established for decades; the present document had arrived very late but it was a slow complicated matter to get agreement through the many channels involved.

DECISION
Mr DAUDELIN, KLAUE and Mrs ORBANZ to meet with Mr KAHLENBERG during the Congress.

4.4f Reconfirmation of Observers
CARACAS - CINEMATECA NACIONAL DE VENEZUELA

Under item 5, Financial Report, it was agreed that they could not be reconfirmed as subscriptions were outstanding for two years.

DECISION
Mr DAUDELIN to advise them that services would have to be discontinued unless the two outstanding subscriptions were paid within 3 months.

4.4g Reconfirmation of Observers

All other Observers were reconfirmed.
4.5a Miscellaneous Membership Questions
APPLICATION FROM SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL FILM ARCHIVE

Mr. DauDELIN reported that this Archive had written to the Secretariat asking for membership information as they would like to re-apply to join. They had already applied in 1975 and, following discussion at the Belgrade EC meeting, Mr. LEDOUX had advised them in November 75 that it was not possible to accept their application in view of the close relations FIAF had with other international organisations. Mr. DAUDELIN had referred to this previous decision in his acknowledgment of their new letter and said the matter would be discussed at the EC meeting in Stockholm.

He pointed out the political implications, in particular the possibility that UNESCO might withdraw B Status if South Africa were to join FIAF. He personally did not feel FIAF's response should be any different this time but wanted the views of the EC.

Mrs. BowSER reported that Mr. DE LANGE had visited her early in 1976 shortly after the decision, asking for further explanation and she simply confirmed the official viewpoint. He had written to her earlier this year asking if the climate had changed within FIAF and, after consulting with Mr. DAUDELIN, she had written that, although we were more closely aligned with UNESCO now, nevertheless the membership of the EC was different and there might therefore be a different decision.

Mrs. BowSER explained that in 1975 she had accepted the view of the majority and recalled that only Mr. LEDOUX had been against the decision, saying it was against FIAF's "non-political status". Since then, she had felt the decision had been against FIAF's principles and, even though one had to weigh the practical benefits of association with UNESCO, she personally was ready to reverse her decision and consider their application on its merits alone. This had been the only decision, as far as she knew, which FIAF had taken on purely political grounds.

Mr. KLAUE pointed out that it was an exceptional situation and the highest international bodies had recommended boycotting South Africa from all cultural, economic and political relations because of their racist policies. He quoted from the relevant Resolutions:

UNO 1960 Resolution 35.286, 5 pages
... strongly urges the international community including member states and intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations to continue and intensify the campaign to isolate South Africa from economic, political, nuclear and other forms of cooperation.

UNESCO 1974
... you are expelled from all kinds of cooperation with UNESCO if you cooperate with South Africa in the cultural field.

Apart from our own relations with UNESCO, he felt FIAF was bound by these external political recommendations; if we opened the Federation to South Africa, it would be disturbing to many countries, in Africa and Asia particularly.

Mr. TOEPLITZ mentioned that FIAF had also rejected South Africa's application in 1959. He proposed that the General Assembly be asked to accept the United Nations Resolution as a resolution which took precedence
over FIAF’s internal principles of being “non-political”. He felt this was a more dignified basis for decision than the UNESCO factor where self-interest was involved. He himself expected the UN Resolution would be accepted with a large majority and this would close the discussion once and for all.

Mr CINCOTTI felt we were not necessarily bound by UN or UNESCO Resolutions. However, he felt in such delicate political situations it might be useful to refer to precedents. He mentioned that three years ago at a World History Project meeting there had been a move to reject both S Korea (because of their intransigent attitude to N Korea) and Formosa. He and Mr POGACIC had declared on behalf of FIAF that as S Korea were members of UNESCO there was no reason to reject them and similarly as Formosa were not members they should be rejected. He felt membership of UNESCO/UNO could be the criterion in this case also.

Mr TOEPLITZ suggested there were two alternatives:

i. The President or Secretary General to report that in view of the UN and UNESCO rules and recommendations the EC felt there was no possibility of considering the application from South Africa. There could be a discussion and vote if requested by the members.

ii. The GM could be asked to give their formal support to the UN Resolution.

Although he had proposed the second he thought that perhaps the first was more practical. Mr DAUDELIN felt there was no need to take it to the GM as the EC had the authority to take the decision as they had done in 1975.

Mr KULA felt the discussion was confusing two issues: the decision about South Africa and FIAF’s relations with UNO and UNESCO.

He felt it should be clear that, although we had chosen to affiliate to UNESCO for the purposes of collaboration and cooperation in the cultural and in particular the audiovisual field, we were nevertheless still an independent organisation and not part of UNO. He was personally distressed by the increasing politicisation of UNESCO and would not be happy to see FIAF committed to following UNESCO wherever they went, outside their cultural mandate.

On the question of South Africa, he had bitterly resented back in 1975 that the EC had taken the decision without giving the GM the opportunity to participate in the decision. He would like to see the EC advising the GM that an application had been received from South Africa but leave it to the members of the GM to decide whether the application should be considered, on the basis of their own understanding, conscience and position. He felt it would be incorrect procedure for the EC to refuse to consider the application without putting it before the GM.

Mrs VAN DER ELST mentioned that many members had first heard about the South African 1975 application in Mr Ledoux’s speech of resignation in 1978 and had said that they felt they should have been able to discuss it at the time.

Mrs WIBOM also felt that the GM should be invited to vote even though it would create problems for her archive if South Africa were accepted. Only
two weeks ago, her own organisation established a new rule that all proposals for contact with South Africa (eg supply of films for Festivals, etc) were to be submitted to the Board.

Mr ALVES-NETTO reported he had the same instructions from his government and he felt the position would be the same for all the FIAF members who were official government organisations: they would not be able to vote against their own government's position.

Mr KULA felt this did not alter his view that the members themselves should have the opportunity to speak and vote for their own position, whether it was based on personal conscience or their government's instructions. Mrs BOWSER agreed but felt there should be a secret ballot after the discussion.

DECISION
Following presentation of the background, the GM to discuss and vote on whether the application from South Africa should be considered at all. Secret ballot if requested.

4.5b Miscellaneous Membership Questions
COMPLAINT BETWEEN MEMBERS: MILAN AND MOMA NEW YORK

Mr DAUDELIN read out relevant portions of a letter, dated 31 March 1983, from Mr COMENCINI regarding a "Circulating List of Films for Sale or Loan", issued by the Museum of Modern Art, New York. It had come into their hands via a private collector in Italy and Mr COMENCINI was distressed to note that it included some 10 films which his archive had supplied to New York on an exchange basis. He did not think it right that an Italian collector should have the right to buy from New York films originating from an Italian archive.

In reply, Mrs BOWSER showed the EC a copy of the publication in question and reported that she felt there was some misunderstanding as she believed the Italian films were only offered for loan and that it was in accordance with the exchange agreement that the films should be available for loan to the educational institutions served by MOMA.

She confirmed that within the USA they had the right to sell films which were "in the public domain" ie out of copyright. However, if asked to supply such films outside the USA, they would naturally first consult with the FIAF member in the country concerned.

She had written to Mr COMENCINI on May 3 asking for information on the films in question but had received no reply before leaving for Stockholm so could not respond further to the charges. She certainly had no wish to break FIAF rules or offend any FIAF members.

DECISION
Letter to Mr COMENCINI reporting the EC had discussed the matter and heard Mrs BOWSER'S explanation and willingness to make correction if in error; and hoping the two archives could resolve the matter without further recourse to the EC.
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!! FIAF POLICY ON SALE OF FILMS

As a result of the discussion above, Mr CINCOTTI asked as a point of information whether it was legitimate for archives, as non-profit making organisations, to offer films for sale, even when out of copyright.

Mr DE VAAL was reassured that films like "Alexander Nevsky" which was offered for rental on the MOMA list would not be available to anyone outside the USA. Mr DAUDELIN confirmed that he had been refused films on the MOMA list. Mr FRANCIS mentioned a case where a UK buyer had obtained a print from the US "public domain" without difficulty but had been prosecuted on arrival with it in the UK where it was protected by UK copyright laws.

Mr FRANCIS pointed out that on the question of archive's selling activities there were 3 separate issues:

- sale
- sale abroad
- sale without permission

His own Distribution Library had been generating substantial and very useful income through the sale of prints but he had been obliged to stop them because of potential problems with the film suppliers.

Mrs WIBOM felt it was not only legitimate but part of the function of an archive to make films available. However each country was bound by its own copyright laws: in Sweden a film remained in copyright for 50 to 70 years after the maker's death or longer if not renewed by another person. In her case it was the Distribution Department which handled sales where rights had been obtained; the Archive itself never sold prints even though they often had better quality material.

Mr KLAUE felt it was a useful point to discuss as in many countries the copyright had expired for many films. Other members felt that very few films were out of copyright. Mr FRANCIS pointed out that the concept "author" had not been legally defined, which meant that almost all films in the UK were still within copyright.

Mr CINCOTTI intervened to say that his original question had not been concerned with copyright matters but with the basic principle of whether archives, as non-commercial organisations, should engage in selling.

Mrs BOWSER agreed this was a useful question. For instance, they did not consider the sale of prints a commercial activity as it was not profitable. She asked members to consider what differences there were, if any, between selling and supplying prints to television for a fee. She felt most archives were being asked to supply television very frequently and suggested that on occasions films were supplied even though they had been unable to trace the owners of the rights. In MOMA's case, she considered the supply of films to TV was saved from being considered as commercial by the fact that they put the money into their Film Preservation Fund. She also cited the fact that they had contracts with independent film makers to distribute and/or sell their films for them and give them a royalty; she did not consider this "commercial" either.

Mr ALVES-NETTO did not see that there was a problem. Many archives were
selling tickets for showing films from the archive, which could be considered commercial. In his country, the legal definition of commercial was not the fact that money changed hands but the destination of the money afterwards. If the money was used for the future activities of the archive, then the activity was not commercial.

Mr. FRANCIS felt the provision of films to television was an interesting point. In his case, they insisted that the film supplied should be destroyed after use so there was no possibility of it being used elsewhere as a rival to the archive.

Mr. KULA pointed out that they could not protect the film from being copied on to video during transmission. Mr. ALVES-NETTO agreed that this happened every time but there was no way to control it.

Mr. KULA felt the situation was complicated and should be debated at length on another occasion. He cited another factor, that of the "life of print" lease, which allowed multiple use but was not an outright sale. Mrs. BOWSER said this was the kind of sale MOMA offered; they did not have any problems with suppliers as in the US all films made for government were automatically supplied to the archives and became part of the "public domain" and thus available for sale to the public; this was accepted by everyone in the industry, including the producers.

Mr. KLAUE suggested the matter should be raised in Open Forum so see if members wanted to study it further and perhaps develop guidelines. As an example, he mentioned that it might be difficult for outsiders to accept that Cineoteca Uruguaya's activities were "non-commercial" when they sold thousands of seats daily through their 5 cinemas.

Mr. KULA thought the matter could usefully be proposed as a study project to UNESCO, relating the questions of copyright and national legislation as applied to audio-visual materials.

DECISION
Mr. CINCOTTI to raise his question in Open Forum to see if members were interested in further study, via a questionnaire or a position paper.

4.5c Miscellaneous Membership Questions
SEOUL - KOREAN FILM ARCHIVE INC FOUNDATION

Mr. DAUDELIN quoted from the Madrid EC Minutes, page 22, and confirmed that they certainly seemed to be more serious as an Archive than previously. They had even responded to the questionnaire about apparatus with some Polaroid pictures and he believed this was the first time they had responded to a FIAF questionnaire. He referred to the letter from Pyong Yang sent to he President and other members of the EC (January 8), warning against Seoul's candidature and suggesting they were not serious.

It would be necessary to arrange a visit with very careful guidelines, particularly as it was such an unfamiliar culture, quite apart from the touchy situation created by the hostility between the two neighbouring countries. He asked if anyone would be able to go in the next 6 - 8 months.

Mr. KLAUE suggested the matter should be discussed after the Congress as
perhaps the visit could be combined with the proposed SE Asia seminar. Mr TOEPLITZ asked if it was necessary for an EC member to go as a representative from a neutral country might be preferable. Mrs WIBOM said that if she were re-elected to the EC, she could visit Seoul after her planned visit to Tokyo in the autumn.

DECISION
Mrs WIBOM to visit subject to her re-election, with funding from FIAF for the additional travel and staying costs.

4.5d Miscellaneous Membership Questions
NETHERLANDS INFORMATION SERVICE, AUDIO-VISUAL ARCHIVE

Mr DAUDELIN mentioned a new letter from this archive which had already written in June 1978, 1981 and 1982 and Mr DE VAAL supplied additional background.

DECISION
Mr DAUDELIN to reply, stressing need for autonomy, cooperation agreement with existing national Member and other additional information before the application could be considered. Mr DE VAAL to see draft.

4.5e Miscellaneous Membership Questions
BERKELEY - PACIFIC FILM ARCHIVE

Mr DAUDELIN reported that nothing further had been heard since their request for information on Observer status in February.

4.5f Miscellaneous Membership Questions
NAMIBIA, SW AFRICA

Information had been sent in response to an enquiry.

4.5g Miscellaneous Membership Questions
TOKYO - FILM CENTER

No further news since the last meeting of the EC.

4.5h Miscellaneous Membership Questions
STATUS OF VISITORS

Mr KLAUE asked the EC for comments on the paper prepared primarily by Ms ORBANZ (see Annex 1) and two minor changes were proposed by Mrs BOWSER:

- para 3.2
the charges should be "the same as Observers" rather than a specific amount, to emphasise the agreed principle and avoid the need for future updating.

- para 1.3
replace "taken" with "decided" for better English.

Mr FRANCIS felt the item should not be discussed in the Members Only session as Observers should be present during the discussion, especially as
this new category of Visitor would be paying the same fees as they were.

DECISION
Submit the amended text to the GM under item 9.

5 FINANCIAL REPORT - INTERIM REPORT January - May 1983

Mr DE VAAL gave details of those archives which had not paid the 1982 subscriptions:

MEMBERS: 6
Istanbul (2 years), Madrid, Mexico UNAM, Rio de Janeiro, Washington Library of Congress, Warsaw

OBSERVERS: 6
Boise d'Arcy, Bogota, Brazzaville, Caracas (2 years), La Paz, Lima

Reminders had been sent out from Brussels in September, January and May, Warsaw had explained their situation and would be paying later. Following Istanbul's cable that 1983 was paid, they would be advised that the sum would be set against 1981, the earliest year outstanding.

In response to a question about voting rights, Mr DAUDELIN referred to Article 36 which indicated voting rights were valid if subscriptions had been paid up to and including the last financial year. Mr FRANCIS asked for clarification of the cut-off point as some archives might bring the money with them; Mr DAUDELIN confirmed the cut-off point was the opening of the first day of the Congree when voting rights were confirmed.

Mr ALVES-NETO reported that in his country the Film Institute often paid bills one or two years late and there were similar delays in Mexico. It would be easier if they could pay in their own currency. Most Latin American countries had difficulties in exporting money but, when archive staff travelled abroad, they could bring some out and pay gradually.

Mr FRANCIS referred to Article 79 and the possibility of an extended period for paying subscriptions but it was pointed out by MM TOEPLITZ and DAUDELIN that the Treasurer could extend "in exceptional circumstances" only to the end of December in the year the subscription was due. Beyond that, the decision passed to the EC and, if the EC thought fit, the GM.

Mrs WIBOM suggested a note should be included with the subscription reminders asking archives to advise the Treasurer if they had difficulties. It was not reasonable to expect the Treasurer to grant an extension if the archive supplied no information.

DECISIONS
The EC to delegate to the Treasurer the responsibility of meeting with the archives concerned and deciding whether a further extension was justified. The Treasurer to make a statement at the GM about the need to pay on time or to submit a written request for extension within the first six months of each financial year.

The Accounts for 1983 to date and the draft Budget for 1984, with comparative figures for 1982 (actual) and 1983 (budgeted) were reviewed and various minor questions answered.
Mr FRANCIS suggested we might be in danger of paying out money faster than it was coming in via subscriptions and suggested the Treasurer should mention this to the GM as a further encouragement to faster settlement.

Mr STROCHKOV joined the meeting at this point.

6 EXAMINATION OF MAIN POINTS OF GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

The numbers below refer to the items on the General Meeting Agenda which were discussed.

6.1 Official Opening

Mrs WIBOM described the arrangements for the Opening and indicated who would be present. There would be no formally established seating arrangements but there would be an opportunity for all to identify themselves as there were so many new faces. A full list of delegates and visitors would be available.

6.5 Report of the President on behalf of the EC

In response to Mr KLAUE’s request for comments on the 13 page draft Report, Mrs BOWSER felt there should be a clear separation into two parts, that is, FIAF member activities and EC activities.

She felt the Report was too long and would prefer to see the first part deleted; Mr FRANCIS agreed as the information could be obtained from the Members’ Annual Reports; as it stood, the statistics were misleading as a number of the Members’ reports were missing. He felt it was important for the President’s Report to give members information on how the EC spent its time on their behalf.

Mr TOEPLITZ and Mr KULA disagreed as they found the analysis interesting; Mr KULA felt that many members would not bother to do the analysis for themselves and it was therefore valuable as long as the fact that the data was incomplete was indicated.

Mr KLAUE agreed with these comments and suggested the next EC could be asked to define the statistics the Federation would like to collect and perhaps prepare a list of items to be included routinely in Members’ Reports. This would make the Reports easier to read and analyse for trends and would be more informative than now. Mr KULA supported the idea of a single page checklist for Members’ Reports.

Mr CINCOTTI thought the first part was the best ever but agreed more prominence and details should be given on EC activities. For this year, it was agreed that both parts were interesting and useful and would be retained but with a clear distinction between the two.

In a page by page review of the draft it was suggested that mention should be made of:
6.5 Symposium Organising Committee & value of outsiders' views (Mrs WIBOM)
- Additional regional seminar in Latin America (Mr ALVES-NETTO)
- Need to avoid late payment of subscriptions (Mrs BOWSER)
- High cost of conference organisation (Mr FRANCIS)
- Bulletin & request for more contributions (MM DAUDELIN/DE VAAL)
- Items discussed at length by EC
e.g. sale of prints, Article 104, participation of Commission Heads
- Items expected for Open Forum (Mrs BOWSER)
- PIP and FIAF publications: appeal for publicity

DECISION
Mr KLAUE to amend with stylistic support from Mrs BOWSER.

6.6 Report of the Preservation Commission

Mr SCHOU invited comments on his draft Report and the following points were discussed:

a  Preservation Manual

On the question of updating, Mr DAUDELIN pointed out that two copies of the manuscript were already with UNESCO and as far as they were concerned, it was routine updating. Mr TOEPLITZ stressed that all documents needed updating but it was necessary to make a cut-off point.

Mr KLAUE stressed the importance of a dialogue between Mr SCHOU and Mr VOLKMANN concerning possible changes to the manuscript to ensure that the latter was aware that FIAF was respecting and appreciating his contributions.

Mr FRANCIS asked that a few moments should be spent at the second Stockholm EC meeting reviewing the quotation from Focal Press in case UNESCO were unable to guarantee publication within a reasonable period.

b  Report from Mr VOLKMANN "on behalf of the Preservation Commission"

The EC considered how to handle this unsolicited Report and Mr DAUDELIN suggested it should be included in the Historial Section of the next Bulletin under the heading "The first twenty-five years of the Preservation Commission" as a personal document from Mr VOLKMANN.

c  New Preservation Commission

Mr SCHOU reported that he had a working group of 6 people including himself and had satisfied himself that all had the necessary drive, energy and time. He hoped to reschedule his planned visit to Gosfilmofond.

MR KLAUE asked that after the first meeting of the new Commission Mr SCHOU should make available to the EC a detailed working programme with indications of objectives and timescales. The new EC should have the opportunity for a dialogue with the new Commission.
6.7 Report of the Cataloguing Commission

Mrs HARRISON as Head of the Commission asked the EC to review two Reports, one for the General Meeting and one for the EC (see Annex 2).

The Report for the General Meeting was accepted without change. Three items from the Report for the EC were discussed at length:

a Item 2: Centralised Catalog of FIAF Member Holdings

The purpose of the Catalogue was to assist in identification of films in order to avoid duplication of preservation resources; it was not intended to be used for programming or initiating requests for exchanges. Mrs HARRISON stressed the outline format was only provisional and suggestions from the EC were welcomed.

The main discussion concerned the supply of information and the need to keep it to the minimum needed for identification in order to reduce the burden on the contributing archives.

The following suggestions were made:

- Longer introductory document indicating how much information was required.
- Possible restriction of scale of project to:
  - sound films only (Mr KLAUE)
  - films made outside one's own country (Mr FRANCIS)
  - both the above (Mr KULA)
- Use of machine-readable forms for possible future input (Mr FRANCIS)
- Submission of entire catalogue instead of forms (Mr KULA)

Mr KULA said that early sound films were becoming a source of anxiety for all concerned with preservation and it would be particularly useful to have information on examples of national product held elsewhere. Mrs HARRISON mentioned that archives without country indexing might have difficulty identifying non-national material.

DECISION
Mrs HARRISON to present the written proposal together with verbal report on some of the discussions in the Commission and the EC, inviting comment from the GM.

b Item 3a: New Projects: Cataloguing Pamphlet

Mrs HARRISON reported that the proposal for an introductory pamphlet to be published in different languages had been originated by Dorothea Gebauer of Wiesbaden as most cataloguing documentation was in English only.

Mrs BOWSER supported the proposal but felt it would be useful to have a pamphlet in English as well as many people failed to appreciate the importance of cataloguing and the need for skilled interpretation of data.

Mr KLAUE hoped a draft could be presented to the EC early in 1984 although the deadline should be at the Commission's discretion.

c Item 3b: New Projects: Unidentified Films
There was continued interest in workshops to try and identify films. Mr FRANCIS felt it might be useful to make video copies but Mrs BOWSER felt there was no possibility of working without the film itself.

It was hoped that the Identification Workshop planned for the 1985 New York Congress would lay the foundations for identification methodology.

DECISION
Mrs HARRISON to mention the matter in Open Forum.

6.8 Report of the Documentation Commission

Mrs STAYKOVA presented the written report prepared for the GM and added information concerning subsequent developments:

a Item 1.1: Microfiche service of PIP
The service began in March as scheduled and was progressing smoothly with the third monthly batch ready to go out.

b Item 1.4: Microfiche of first 10 years
They had required 133 instead of the estimated 87 microfiches so two or three extra buyers would be needed to cover costs. Plastic folders would be available at £12 for the 3 binders.

c Item 1.2 & 3: Film & TV Volumes
Mrs STAYKOVA reiterated her thanks to MOMA and AFI for their support. The AFI had now undertaken to promote the first TV Volume (copy shown to the EC). Production of the 61/82 volume at the end of 1983 was subject to availability of a grant or loan.

d Item 1.5: Promotion
Mrs STAYKOVA regretted the Report did not mention the £1000 promised by FIAF for 1983; she had mistakenly thought it had to be approved by the GM. Four leaflets had already been mailed to 800 key institutions and the FIAF money would be used for producing and mailing better quality brochures to the same 800 and a further 1000 addressees.

All publications would be on display during the Congress and she would be encouraging participants to place orders for them, paying in advance if more convenient.

e Item 1.6: Meetings of PIP Indexers
Mrs STAYKOVA thanked Mr KULA for hosting the May meeting in Ottawa of 7 indexers and mentioned that she would appeal to archives to send their indexers to the October workshop in Berlin.

f Item 1.7: Budget
The Budget would be discussed with the Supporters only but a copy would be distributed to all members.

g Item IV: International Directory for Film & TV Documentation Sources
Mr KULA reported that FIAT would be happy to cooperate to ensure that some of the organisations omitted would be included in the new edition. All FIAF archives would be listed.
Item V: Meetings

The joint meeting with the Cataloguing Commission was now scheduled to be held in Sofia immediately before the 1984 Vienna Congress. The Cataloguing Commission had already drafted a list of possible joint projects.

At the end of Mrs. STAYKOVA's report, Mr. CINCOTTI said there was a possibility that his archive could provide the loan for the next TV volume.

6.9 Projects and Publications Underway

Reports were available for items 1 - 4, 6, 7 and 9. No information was available from UNAM on item 10 and Mr. KLAUE would report on item 11. The other items were discussed as below:

Item 5: 9.5 mm Encyclopedia

Mr. FRANCIS had brought a video cassette of the two authors at home being interviewed about the project together with a 3 minute film of the Pathé 9.5 mm factory in action, which he hoped could be shown to members. Unfortunately, the technical facilities in the GM room were not suitable so he would be preparing a written statement.

The budget was virtually unchanged. As the US contributor had volunteered his services free, it was hoped to use the $500 for the authors to visit the newly discovered catalogues in France (Mr. Olivier, Chateau-Thierry). Apart from the possible inclusion of new titles from this source, the publication was ready except for the introduction which could only be prepared once the sponsoring organisation was identified.

The main problem was financing the publication. Mr. FRANCIS suggested that £25 was a realistic price per copy which would attract the individual enthusiast as well as organisations. He thought it would be possible to obtain 400 pre-publication orders but not the full 1000 used to estimate printing costs. He would not like to solicit orders "on spec" and then fail to publish as this would be damaging for FIAF.

Mr. FRANCIS spoke very strongly in favour of FIAF risking some money to subsidise this publication as he felt it would provide important knowledge about the world's cinematic heritage. A number of films had been made in 9.5 mm only and some shortened versions of longer films were valuable sources of information, particularly as 9.5 had always been on safety stock so had a high survival rate.

Mr. TOEPLITZ agreed it was an important project and felt FIAF should be ready to risk some money on a market survey, either through direct approaches to 9.5 groups or through advertising. He asked how much money would be needed.

Mr. FRANCIS replied that it would be difficult to estimate the market because of the difficulty of identifying potential buyers outside the 9.5 groups. A simpler solution might be to ask a publisher to share the risk with FIAF by offering a subsidy which would help cushion possible losses.

There was a lengthy discussion about alternatives and the difficulty of asking the GM for money when it was not certain if the project could go
ahead or how large the potential loss might be.

Referring to the publishing costs quoted at Madrid (page 31: 1,300,000 Belgian francs for 1000 copies), Mr FRANCIS pointed out that this included £500 promotion and £500 editing to FIAF standards which could perhaps be lost in other budgets (FIAF or BFI).

NOTE from transcriber of Minutes

Total Cost £16,700  1,300,000 Belg fr for 1000 copies
LESS 10,000  400 sales at £25 (conservative estimate)
LESS 1,000  promotion/editing costs absorbed
At risk 5,700 covered by further 228 sales at £25

Sales above the first 628 copies would generate profit
If all 1000 copies sold, profit would be £9,300
(Authors' market estimate: 3000 copies).

Revenue if sold at £30 per copy:
400 copies = £12,000  At risk £3,700
600 = £18,000 Profit £1,300
1000 = £30,000 Profit £13,300

Mr DAUDELIN referred to page 33 of the Madrid Minutes to ask what other sources had been pursued; Mrs ORBANZ reported that Ligorni had been unable to help; Mr KLAUE asked for samples and photographs for the Munich publisher; it was not known if Mr BORDE had contacted CNC before his accident. Mr DE VAAL asked if the Gulbenkian Foundation had been approached.

The Treasurer reported that £500 to 1,000 could be found from FIAF budgets (either Special Publications or Reserve Fund) for some market research, if required.

The Madrid Decisions were then amended as follows:

- Mr FRANCIS to make a verbal report at the GM, provide sample pages for each delegate and encourage them to view the video and film.
- The GM to be invited to approve that £1000 be spent on a market survey on the understanding that the money would be lost if the project did not go ahead.
- All members to be encouraged to identify possible buyers and potential sources of funding.
- Mr KLAUE to try to interest the Munich publisher.
- Mr FRANCIS to manage market research among collectors and clubs.
- FIAF as an organisation to approach other national and international organisations for possible funding assistance.

b  Item 9: International bibliography on the cinema (Bucharest)

Mr KLAUE reported that no information had been received from Rumania but their Annual Report mentioned work was continuing on the project.

DECISION

Mrs VAN DER ELST to copy relevant portion for reading out at the GM.
c Additional Projects

At this stage various items were raised by different members of the EC for mention under this item or Open Forum:

i PIP foreign language thesauri of subject headings

Mr DAUDELIN reported that at the indexers' meeting in Ottawa it had been agreed that the Cinematheque Quebecoise and the Cinematheque de Lausanne would cooperate to produce a French version. Mr MOULDS had discussed the project in Montreal with the CO Librarian.

Mr ALVES-NETTO mentioned that the Portuguese version produced by Cinemateca Portuguesa was available.

ii Guidelines for shipping 35mm acetate film: Portuguese

Mrs BOWSER mentioned that the Cinemateca Portuguesa had produced a Portuguese version; file copies had been supplied to the Secretariat and members should be told of its availability.

iii World Film History Project (Bulgaria)

Mrs ORGANZ suggested that members of the GM should be advised that the World Film History Project had been abandoned. Other members, in particular Mr KLAUE and Mr DE VAAL, pointed out that it was already a closed project. If anyone asked about it, then the Bulgarian archive representative should be asked to comment.

Note from transcriber: see page 37 Madrid Minutes

iv Annual bibliography of members' publications (Ottawa)

Mr KULA mentioned that they planned to produce a complete retrospective of all films produced by archives using archive material including those produced for television.

DECISION
Include as item 9.12.

6.10 Future Congresses

i Vienna 1984

Mr KLAUE welcomed the representatives of the Austrian film archives and Mr BIENERT outlined their proposals:

- Dates
  EC: arrive Tuesday April 3; meetings 4 & 5
  GM: arrive Thursday 5; meetings 6 - 10; depart Wednesday 11

- Hotel & other costs
  All participants would be housed in new central hotel, the Etape.
  Rates for room, bath & breakfast $40 and $56 (single/double)
  Meetings at the Hilton Hotel
The archives will pay for all EC meals; and for 2 lunches and 2 other functions for all participants. Participants to pay for all other meals during GM and Symposia. A hotel subsidy was offered to Eastern countries. It might be possible to provide staying costs, but not travel, for delegates from developing countries.

-- Symposia
Filarchiv: The beginning of film in Central Europe till 1914 (to include Austria, Germany, Italy, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland)
Filmmuseum: The preservation of non-industrial (independent) films

-- Timings
The EC asked for the proposed timings to be extended to allow 17-18 hours for the EC and 7 hours per day for the GM.

-- Budgets and Subsidies
The simultaneous translation estimate was 150,000 A.sch/400,000 Belg frcs. Mr BIENERT reported they had already received 800,000 A.sch and expected a further 400,000 in January 1984 to cover the total estimated ($75,000). Mr KLAUE proposed that 370,000 Belg frcs should be made available to the organisers from FIAF funds; FIAF would also fund Mrs VAN DER ELST's travel and staying costs.

When asked what support was required from FIAF, Mr BIENERT mentioned that both archives would like help in identifying guests for the Symposia.

Mr KLAUE was concerned that one and a half days had been devoted to tourism which meant delegates would have the expense of staying longer but Mr BIENERT thought delegates would want to relax and see Vienna after the hard work of Stockholm.

Mr DAUDELIN asked that the archives should provide the GM with as much detail as possible about the Symposia.

Mr KLAUE closed the discussion by mentioning that the new EC should be advised to invite the Vienna representatives to the next EC meeting after Stockholm.

He noted that Dr SCHWANDA, from the Austrian Ministry of Education and Culture, would be at the Stockholm congress, which indicated how seriously the authorities viewed their country's hosting of the 40th Congress.

ii New York 1985

The EC reviewed in detail the 3 page progress report prepared by Mrs BOWSER. It was decided that official invitations should not be issued until next year but with a request for delegates to be nominated as soon as possible to give plenty of time for visa problems to be sorted out.

On a point of order, Mrs BOWSER was advised that her progress report was subject to EC approval only; at the GM she would simply be supplying information and answering any questions arising.

iii Australia 1986

The EC checked the Oaxtepec Congress Minutes (pages 24-26) which confirmed that the GM had unanimously approved that the Congress should be in
Australia, provided "substantial financial aid was available".

Mr TOEPLITZ who had organised the 1982 Film School Congress in Australia pointed out that a precedent had been set as the National Library had obtained government funding to pay the staying costs of all the delegates. He mentioned that although Qantas had promised substantial fare reductions they had failed to deliver to delegates had used cheaper airlines.

Mr FRANCIS thought it was important to get the fares question in perspective. For many countries it would be just as cheap to go to Australia, or cheaper, than it would be to come to Stockholm. Mr DAUDELIN supported this view, saying that several archives had not attended Mexico simply because they had not properly investigated alternative fare possibilities. Mr KULA noted that fares from Canada to Australia had dropped by 20% in the previous few months because of competition; he could have travelled to Australia for less than his return trip to Stockholm via Paris and Amsterdam.

DECISION
MR SCHOU to report back that the decision for 1986 was firm and that Mr EDMUNDSON should come to Vienna with detailed plans for all aspects of the Congress (using Mrs BOWSER's report for guidance).

iv 1987 +

Mrs ORBANZ said Berlin would be happy to be hosts in 1987 but were flexible if other candidates emerged.

Mr KULA asked if it would be possible to consider a Congress in Africa in 1988 that could be sponsored in part or in full by FIAF, UNESCO or some other organisation rather than a specific archive.

Mr DAUDELIN welcomed the idea and thought that in Tunisia (which had already organised a large African Film Festival) the authorities would be happy to have their country associated with a movement to stimulate archive activities in Africa, even though there was as yet no formal link with FIAF.

Mr KLAUE suggested it would be useful to sound out the idea both at the Stockholm meeting with the less developed countries and with UNESCO.

Prompted by Mr SCHOU, Mr FRANCIS confirmed that Mr KULA's proposal was the sort of thing he had in mind when he had suggested FIAF should endeavour to ensure funding for a Congress every 5 years or so in some part of the world that would not otherwise be covered. Mrs BOWSER agreed with the idea but felt it should not be a fixed rule.

Mr KLAUE pointed out that there had never been a Congress in Asia or South America (as opposed to Latin America).

DECISIONS
Mr DAUDELIN to ask for firm invitations for 1987.
The possibility of a 1988 Congress in Africa to be explored.
6.12 Relations with UNESCO

Mr KLAUE reported that Mr ARNALDO, Division for Development of Communication Systems, would represent UNESCO at Stockholm and be given the floor at the GM.

Mr KLAUE reported that he had eventually (28 February 1983) received a reply to his letter of 30 August 1982 from Mr J TOCATLIAN, Director of the General Information Programme (PGI). He felt it was important to pursue contacts with PGI, especially regarding the RAMP project, and quoted from the UNESCO 1984/85 draft budget point 3.6. Section 3 concerned "Communications in the service of man" and Section 6 included:

- $30,000 for future orientated studies concerning preservation of audio-visual material
- $116,000 for development of audio-visual archives and training of archivists.

The Group of 5 International Organisations would be discussing RAMP projects at their June 83 meeting.

Mr KULA stressed that RAMP covered all categories of archives, not just paper. He provided a copy of his own paper, produced under an ICA contract from UNESCO, to be published in English, French and Spanish in 1983/4; he asked for comments to be addressed to Mr Frank EVANS, PGI.

Arrangements were made for meetings with Mr ARNALDO (before the GM) and Mr NAIR (Poona Seminar).

IPDC Programme

Mr FRANCIS reported on the UNESCO meeting held in Paris, February 1983 to discuss establishment of an international network for exchange of TV films and documentaries. The meeting had been organised by Mr ARNALDO and was opened by Mr BOLLA, Assistant Director General, responsible for the Communication Section. Participants were drawn from radio and TV broadcasting organisations, minor film producing organisations, distributors, archives (including FIAT) and researchers.

There were 3 major consultants:

- Dr ROADS, well-known to FIAF members; freelance consultant to UNESCO but recently appointed Head of the UK Institute of Recorded Sound
- Roland TRISCH, Director of the Leipzig Festival
- Rene BASSIER, International Radio and TV University; the main contributor.

The IPDC Programme (International Programme for Developing Communications) was a two-year programme covering 1983/84 but entry could be at any point. Projects could be proposed via national commissions and joint projects to bridge the gap between developed and developing countries were likely to be encouraged. Unfortunately the master document, code name C4, was available for consultation only at the national commissions.

The Conference and the Programme were not concerned with archiving matters but with setting up mechanisms for exchanges, primarily for TV programmes. They initiated the setting up of a world-wide directory of producers and
exchange centres. Mr Ernie DE PEDRO had introduced the APEX programme, an exchange programme designed to serve 38 Asian countries.

Mr FRANCIS mentioned that since that meeting he had been approached by Mr ARNALDO to provide bibliographic help with a small study on why the world film heritage is disappearing. He was not sure that FIAF could usefully contribute to the IPDC programme but in general felt that Mr ARNALDO was sympathetic to FIAF and wanted to arrange mutual cooperation.

Mr SCHOU mentioned that Mr LYNKEY had a different impression of the meeting, particularly the APEX project which suggested they were concerned with establishing archives but at a "degraded" level.

Mrs WIBOM said that Mr ARNALDO had mentioned to her the possibility of a UNESCO archive for documentaries from Third World countries but it was obvious he had no budget as yet.

Mr FRANCIS said that UNESCO were finally addressing the question of archives and PSG and Communication Divisions had just had their first joint meeting on the subject; they both referred to "audio-visual" whereas Heritage Division talked only of "film". We should meet with Mr ARNALDO before considering further activity.

6.13 Membership Questions

This would include discussion of Article 184, including Mr NAIR's comments. Mr DAUDELIN would formally announce the names of Observers admitted at Madrid.

6.16 Open Forum

Delegates would be asked to submit topics in writing to simplify organisation.

7 1984 CONGRESS see item 6.10

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Meeting with FIAT

Mr KULA was asked to arrange final Symposium planning meeting. Mr DE VAAL suggested the two EUs should meet but other members felt this was not necessary and there was no time. They would however find time to discuss the Symposium together and prepare final joint Statement.

8.2 Meeting of new EC

The Working Meeting was provisionally scheduled for June 2 with a brief meeting immediately after the elections to appoint Officers of the Federation.

There being no further business, Mr KLAUE closed the meeting two hours ahead of schedule. As it was the last meeting of the present EC, he formally thanked them for their contributions over their two years of office. All joined with him in thanking Mrs WIBOM for all her work as host
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ANNEX
1  Draft Resolution to UNESCO
MINUTES

Mr KLAUE opened the meeting, noting that Mr TOEPLITZ and Mrs STRAYKOW was had to leave after the General Meeting.

1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Draft Agenda was adopted with the addition of items 2.5 and 8.2.

2 MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS

2.1 Seoul

In connection with this archive’s application for membership, Mr KLAUE advised the new Members of the EC that the previous EC had proposed that Mrs WIBOM should visit the archive as an extension of her planned visit to Japan at the end of the year, with FIAF paying the extra expense. This proposal was approved.

ACTIONS

i Mrs VAN DER ELST to distribute dossier to all Members.

ii Mr DAUDELIN, with support from Mr KLAUE, to prepare draft list of questions based on the dossier submitted, together with any additions proposed by the EC Members.

iii Mr DAUDELIN to write to Seoul informing them of the decision to visit and asking for their agreement.

2.2 Koblenz

Mr KLAUE explained that this application had been discussed at Oaxtepec, in the EC and with Professor KAHLER, who had been asked to obtain clarification of the Filmarchiv’s autonomy vis-a-vis the Bundesarchiv. A document had now been received and the dossier could be discussed at the next EC meeting in Toulouse.

ACTION

i Mrs VAN DER ELST to send full dossier to all EC Members.

2.3 Istanbul

Mr KLAUE reported that Mr DAUDELIN would write to the Archive to formally report the decision of the GM and indicate that their subscription payment had been credited to the earliest year outstanding. He should encourage personal contact with the EC or individual FIAF Members and ask the Director to advise the Secretariat when he planned to travel outside his country in the hope that a meeting could be arranged. If by chance Mr Sekeroglu is in Europe at the time of the next EC meeting, we should invite him to join us. Mr KLAUE stated that he did not think it appropriate for FIAF to consider spending its funds on a visit to Istanbul until the Archive itself had responded and initiated contact.

ACTION

i Mr DAUDELIN to write to the Archive as described above and to send a circular letter to all the members reporting on the GM decision.

ii The next EC meeting to consider the next step, depending on the
response from the Archive; in particular what action to recommend at the next GM.

2.4 South African National Film Archives

ACTION
i Mr DAUDDELIN to formally advise them of the GM decision.

2.5 Reconfirmations for 1984

ACTION
i Mrs VAN DER ELST to send standard Reconfirmation requests to Rochester, London, New York, Brussels and Copenhagen.

3 COMMISSIONs

All Commissions were asked to prepare proposals for the revised version of the Handbook for Film Archives for discussion at the next EC meeting.

3.1 Cataloguing Commission

Mr KLAUE suggested the EC should confirm their proposed Working Programme, with the addition of the proposed pamphlet on cataloguing.

Mrs HARRISON reported there had been a lot of interest in the documentation of the Potemkin package and Mr SCHULZ had agreed to review the material and prepare a sample form for gathering technical information. This could be made available from the Secretariat to new archives and other interested parties.

3.2 Documentation Commission

Mr KLAUE suggested the EC should approve their proposed Working Programme, with the addition of a response to the GM proposals for extending the scope of the PIP.

Mr KULA asked if international organisations could be approached to help provide funds to enable developing archives to gain access to the PIP fiches. Mr KLAUE suggested the matter should be discussed under point 5 of the Agenda, Relations with UNESCO.

3.3 Preservation Commission

Mr KLAUE asked that their Working Programme should be circulated to the EC as soon as convenient after their initial 2-day meeting in Stockholm, so that it may be discussed at the next EC meeting.

a UNESCO Handbook

Mr KLAUE suggested they should anticipate that UNESCO might be ready to print Mr VOLKMAN's handbook at the end of September 1983 and have ready any minor corrections by then. Mr SCHOU said it would be on the Stockholm Agenda; he personally would like to eliminate some errors and then plan for a new edition. Mr SCHOU confirmed to Mr FRANCIS that he would write to
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Focal Press to keep the situation open in case anything went wrong with the UNESCO plans.

b  Cooperation with FIAT

Mr KULA and Mr SCHOU reported on a proposed arrangement, whereby the Chairman of the FIAT Commission on Technology should be ex officio member of the FIAF Preservation Commission, and vice versa. This would mean that they would exchange information on meetings, projects, etc., and avoid duplication of effort.

c  Publication of the Stockholm Symposium

Mr FRANCIS asked if it would be possible for the Preservation Commission to have the opportunity to annotate the transcriptions of the Symposium sessions which would make them more valuable as a reference document.

Mrs WIBOM reported that she had already received a proposal from Mr Labrada that FIAT should be responsible for the publication of the Proceedings. She felt it should be done jointly but raised a number of questions about the problems of editing, especially for those sessions with extensive use of slides and films. The Workshop sessions had not been recorded but some summary descriptions could be obtained. She personally was not technically qualified to evaluate what had been said so could not be responsible for editing or annotations although she might be able to find some funding.

Mr SCHOU was unhappy at the number of controversial statements which went unchallenged and wondered if on a future occasion the Preservation Commission could have sight of the papers in advance.

Mr DAUDELIN was not happy at the idea of adding comments to the Proceedings as this would be against the spirit of the Symposium but he agreed that it was unfortunate that a number of controversial statements had been allowed to stand unchallenged. Mr KULA said that, as Chairman of one of the sessions, he felt he could not allow interventions as time was limited and, once he allowed challenges to be raised, he would have been obliged to give the manufacturers the right to reply, which would have disrupted the whole timetable. He too felt it was not feasible for Symposium Proceedings to have comments added. However, as FIAT was willing to publish, FIAF’s contribution could be the help of the Committees in editing and reducing the material to make it readable.

ACTIONS

i  Mrs WIBOM to obtain as many papers and summaries as possible from the various speakers and, as suggested by Mr NAIR, invite the Chairman of the Workshops to add a contribution if they wished.

ii A group of EC members to discuss arrangements for publication with FIAT the next day bearing in mind offers from Mr SCHOU (Australian Library transcription of the film sessions) and Mr KULA (video).

iii The Preservation Commission to be responsible for overall supervision.
ARCHIVES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Mr KLAUE mentioned that many suggestions had been put forward at meetings with the Basic Needs Group and Mr ARNALDO of UNESCO but there had not been time to collate or evaluate them. The list was reviewed to see what decisions would be made straightaway.

a Possible Commission on developing archives

Mr KLAUE felt it was not appropriate to make a decision on this at Stockholm, especially as FIAF already had experience of such a Commission which had failed because the members did not have the funds to meet. It should be discussed at the next EC meeting. Mr SCHOU asked if UNESCO itself could be asked to provide funding and Mrs ORBANZ reported that the CILECT Commission received UNESCO funding.

Mr ALVES-NETO mentioned that he had proposed to Mr ARNALDO that a 3rd Latin-American seminar might be held in Brazil and been told that suggestions had already been received from Panama and Bolivia. As these were the countries where UNESCO already had missions, Mr ALVES-NETO had the impression that UNESCO would probably be only interested in proposals which fitted in with their existing plans.

Mr GARCIA-MESA reported that his impression, from the meetings with the Basic Needs Group, was that the two basic problems were lack of funds and lack of technical know-how. He felt the first priority was for FIAF to obtain more information from them on what they did, how they worked, what equipment they had, and what possibilities they had for a sustained archiving activity. Rather than simply asking for them to submit a report, he would like to send them a questionnaire so that their replies were to a standard format and could be more readily interpreted. He had already begun work on such a questionnaire and suggested that two members of the EC should refine it and distribute it as soon as possible without waiting for a further EC meeting.

Mr KLAUE felt we should ask the archives in the countries concerned for their views on whether a FIAF Commission on Developing Countries would be useful and ask them for their ideas on its initial working programme and for an indication of their willingness to contribute and participate actively. He felt we should not rush into establishing the Commission without a clear programme of action and we should not rely on UNESCO for its funding.

Mr FRANCIS agreed we should proceed slowly and he was even against mention of the possibility of a special Commission. He felt we should wait and learn from the Asian Regional Seminar about what was wanted and how to make best contact and communication with these countries.

Several speakers referred to the previous questionnaires managed by Mr KLAUE and Mr FERRY in 1978 and 1980 and both Mr DAUDELIN and Mrs BOUSER felt one should not attempt another questionnaire until FIAF was ready to start some kind of action programme. Mr DAUDELIN felt Mr NAIR's group (himself, Mr PIMENTA and Mr SUSZ) could prepare a list of priorities.

Mr KLAUE felt there was no guarantee the questionnaire would be answered, especially in countries where there were no archives, simply because FIAF had insufficient authority. It would be preferable to secure the backing
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of UNESCO, perhaps tying it to an enquiry into the present situation worldwide with reference to the Recommendation on the preservation of moving images.

Mr GARCIA-MESA asked if it would be possible to supply some basic publications at least.

Summarising the discussion, Mr KLAUE stated there would be no decision at Stockholm on the formation of a new Commission. Mr GARCIA-MESA’s questionnaire could be distributed to the Basic Needs Group at Stockholm and they could be invited to send their replies to the Secretariat if they wished. The questionnaire could be distributed more widely in the future if, for instance, UNESCO were willing to be associated with it as this would update the information obtained by the previous questionnaires (Peter Morris) which was now some 10 to 15 years out of date. Mrs WIBOM said she would prefer to consult with Mr PIMENTA before agreeing to distribute the questionnaire to the Basic Needs Group as she personally felt it was too intrusive into the affairs of their own countries.

b Exchange of addresses

Mrs VAN DER ELST could ensure that everyone in the Group received a complete list of the names and addresses of FIAF members, the Secretariat and the Chairmen of the Commissions. Similarly, names and addresses of non-FIAF participants in the Basic Needs Group would be supplied to FIAF members.

c Offers of help to each country

Mr KLAUE would write as President of FIAF confirming FIAF’s offers of help and inviting them to apply to the Secretariat or the Commissions for practical help whenever required.

d Circulating film programmes

Mr KLAUE to confirm to each developing country that FIAF would willingly circulate its members with details of any film programmes available from their country. In addition, Mrs VAN DER ELST to inform FIAF members of the availability of circulating programmes from Latin America.

e Invitation to New York congress in 1985

Mr KLAUE to confirm Mrs BOWSER’s invitation for them to attend the congress in New York.

f Training

Priority would be given to the 3 Regional Seminars proposed for Poona, Africa and Latin America and, perhaps later, to a Summer School.

g Guidance on best “classical” films

Several archives had requested guidance and several lists existed but Mr KLAUE felt it was essential to indicate also where the films were obtainable. Mr FRANCIS reported that he had brought along a new NFA list as he wanted to collect information on where the best quality prints could be obtained.
Mr ALVES-NETTO felt new archives should be encouraged first of all to take care of their national production before worrying about classical films. Mrs WIBOM said that some archives had already taken care of their national production and wanted to compare it with the best of international production. She had had several requests for prints of Ingmar Bergmann films which she could not of course supply for copyright reasons. However, if there were a way to get round the copyright problem, she would like to revive a suggestion she made in Open Forum some 10 years previously, namely, that established archives should try to donate dupe negatives to new archives. She could try for instance to donate one to one archive in each region who could then become responsible for supplying prints to other archives in that region.

h Search for negatives of recent African production

Mr DAUDELIN to write to French and Italian members to ask them to identify what negatives they held of recent African productions (ie not colonial period) and what they could make available to the countries concerned.

Mr ALVES-NETTO mentioned that the Portuguese archive in Lisbon had recently made an agreement to return such negatives to Angola and Mozambique.

i Support for the seminar in Poona

i Mrs VAN DER ELST to supply Mr NAIR all relevant addresses in Asia and copies of programmes for Latin American seminars and summer schools

ii Checklist of basic points for construction of archive vaults (draft by M4 KLAUE & PIMENTA for Hanoi) to be circulated to EC and Heads of Commissions for discussion at next EC meeting before issue.

j Supply of FIAF publications

Following the suggestions of Mr GARCIA-MESA and Mr KULA, it was agreed that FIAF could afford to give each member of the Group a set of basic FIAF publications as a gesture of goodwill. (Estimated selling price per set $100)

5 RELATIONS WITH UNESCO

Mr KLAUE reported on the meeting he and Mrs WIBOM had had with Mr ARNALDO of UNESCO during which Mr ARNALDO had made two specific proposals:

a that the FIAF/FIAT Congress adopt a Resolution urging UNESCO to increase its "moving images" budget for developing countries by $150,000, and that this Resolution should be submitted by the Congress participants to their own national representatives.

b that FIAF and FIAT should submit to UNESCO a list of priorities for projects over the next one or two years.

In the discussion that followed, many members expressed concern at the
proposed Resolution and felt any Resolution should be drafted by FIAF itself, expressing FIAF concerns, rather than using Mr ARNALDO’s draft which might get them trapped in UNESCO internal politics.

Mr KLAUE and Mrs WIBOM both felt that Mr ARNALDO had been disappointed at the budget allocation and, as a result of his attendance at the Symposium and greater awareness of needs, was doing what he thought would be most effective in getting additional funds for the work that he and FIAF considered important. Mr ARNALDO had referred to two specific items in the programme where he thought it important that FIAF should receive some funding: the development of AV archives and training of archivists, budget $116,000, and cooperation with international NGOs in the field of cinematography and AV media, budget $48,000 all allocated to IFTC.

Mr DAUDELIN preferred any Resolution to be expressed in terms which recognised that the film heritage of developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America was fast disappearing, urged UNESCO to take urgent action and offered FIAF collaboration.

It was finally agreed that the EC would make no decision until they had met again with Mr ARNALDO and discussed the text of his proposed Resolution with him.

Following the meeting with Mr ARNALDO, EC Members prepared a new draft Resolution (see Annex 1).

On the question of project priorities to be proposed to UNESCO, Mr KLAUE listed the ideas put forward so far:

i Training
- Regional seminars in Poona, Mozambique and Brazil
- Possible help for next FIAF Summer School

ii "Propaganda" Visits from Advanced Archives

Experts should visit countries where there were no archives or very young ones only, to encourage the authorities to take action to preserve their own heritage.

iii Fellowships to attend FIAF Congress and visit established archives

In discussion, it was agreed that for someone likely to play a key role in setting up an archive one visit of 3 weeks would be far more valuable than visits of one week each to 3 separate archives.

iv Bi-lateral Fellowships

Mr KULA pointed out they had been trying for over two years to get help to bring a delegate from Sri Lanka for training in Canada. It was agreed to include this case and Tanzania/Pyong Yang and any other where interest had already been shown but action was delayed by lack of funds.

v Pamphlet on Standard Cataloguing Rules

Supported by Mr ARNALDO in the Congress meeting
Publication on Preservation

Study on national legislation re preservation of AV media.

Study on implementation of UNESCO Recommendation

Mr. KULA volunteered to prepare a proposal to be submitted to UNESCO covering these two points, which could link in with Mr. GARCIA-MESA's proposed questionnaire and might include a draft of model legislation.

6 RELATIONS WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

6.1 Liaison Group of 5

It was agreed that Mr. KLAUE would attend the next meeting in the Hague even though no projects had been put forward.

6.2 FICC (Cineclubs)

Mr. KLAUE suggested that FIAF money should not be spent on attending their Congress in Helsinki. At the suggestion of Mrs. WIBOM, it was agreed that Mr. ALHO should be asked to attend and report back to FIAF.

Mr. GARCIA-MESA reported that FICC also planned a meeting in Havana in December, during the Latin American Film Festival. It was agreed that he should represent FIAF if FIAF were invited.

6.3 ICA (International Council of Archives)

To be discussed at next EC meeting.

6.4 Council of Europe

Mr. DAUDELIN reported that the Cultural Committee wanted to issue a recommendation on the lines of the UNESCO Recommendation on the preservation of film heritage and had approached FIAF for assistance, which we had expressed our willingness to give.

A meeting was planned in Stockholm during the Congress for Mr. KLAUE, DAUDELIN, and Mrs. WIBOM to meet with some of their experts and a full meeting of the Council was scheduled to be held in Delphi in the autumn of 1983. Mrs. WIBOM reported that she had attended meetings of the Council for four successive years from 1978-1981, but she felt it was an organisation that never got round to action.

It was agreed that if a formal invitation to Delphi was received and FIAF would not incur any expenses, Mr. CINCOTTI or another FIAF representative from a country belonging to the Council of Europe, should attend.
7 PROJECTS

7.1 Existing Projects

i UNESCO Courier

Mr DAUDELIN referred to the 3 extra articles proposed by UNESCO and hoped he could discuss them in Paris on his return home:
- National legislation: Mr KULA volunteered
- Vaults in tropical countries: it was suggested no information was available without extensive research
- Why film heritage is disappearing in developing countries: it was agreed to ask the Basic Needs Group at Stockholm and those participating in the Asian Seminar if anyone would be willing to write/help.

ii Updating the Basic Handbook

Mrs BOWSER agreed to prepare a circular asking for comments and proposals for what should be included in the revised version.

iii International Bibliography

Mr KLAUE confirmed he would write again to Bucharest for information.

iv Catalogue of old Equipment

Mr DAUDELIN had had some useful discussions in Stockholm and would brief Mr VERONNEAU to produce a new report for the next EC meeting.

v Bibliography of works available in Spanish

Mr KLAUE agreed to remind Mr GONZALEZ-CASANOVA of his proposal for this project and ask whether it was a real project or should be deleted from the list.

vi Handling of nitrate

Mr SCHOU drew attention to IATA regulations which permitted decomposing nitrate film to go by air and mentioned that this project had been on the list before. He was advised that it should now form part of the Preservation Commission's Working Programme.

7.2 New projects proposed in Open Forum

i Guidelines for Visitors

Mr KLAUE and Ms URBANZ will work further on the draft and include a more encouraging introduction. Mr FRANCIS felt it was confusing to include information about visitors attending conferences and symposia with that for organisations which wanted to keep in touch with FIAF, its activities and publications, but constitutionally could not qualify for membership. After some discussion and search for a suitable name, it was agreed that two documents should be drafted, with the second one referring to "Subscribers".
Mrs WIBERG reported that many participants at the Congress, representing organisations in television broadcasting and training, had expressed interest in being kept informed about FIAF, and if these were on our mailing list they would provide an additional sales outlet for our publications. It was agreed that Mrs VAN DER ELST would produce a circular inviting all non-affiliated participants interested in FIAF to leave their addresses, with information on their organisation, so they could be sent information on the FIAF Subscriber services. This would leave time for the details of the Subscriber service to be defined at the next EC meeting.

ii New Edition of Statutes and Rules

In view of the recent changes, Mrs VAN DER ELST was charged with preparing a new Edition for publication, seeking help as needed.

iii Enquiry on implementation of UNESCO Recommendation

Discussed under items 4 and 5 above.

iv Unidentified Films

At the suggestion of Mrs BOWSER, it was agreed that further action should be postponed till they could use the experience of the 1985 Symposium in New York. They could then consider establishing a methodology for identification sessions and consider the usefulness of preparing a list of experts in different archives on different topics.

v 50th FIAF Anniversary

Mr KLAUE volunteered to produce a preliminary proposal for discussion at the next EC meeting. Mr DAUDELIN suggested a Working Group of two or three people should then be set up to maintain continuity until 1988.

vi Glossary of Laboratory terms

Mr SPEHR confirmed that this was an internal Library of Congress project that was going ahead anyway but they would be happy for it to become a FIAF project. He suggested the Preservation Commission should review it but thought it would be difficult to consider a multi-lingual version at this stage - it was difficult enough to cope with variations in English alone.

vii French translation of PIP subject headings

Mr DAUDELIN reported that 3 French speaking archives were cooperating on this but it was not strictly a FIAF project.

viii Sale of films in the public domain

ix Copyright questions

Mr KLAUE thought Item viii was an important and interesting topic which should be pursued further at next year’s Open Forum. Mr KULA thought the discussion would be much more fruitful if some position papers were circulated in advance. Mrs BOWSER volunteered to circulate members asking for information on their access procedures.

Mr FRANCIS and a number of others felt the term “sale” would restrict the
discussion too much and it was eventually agreed to amend it to "commercial access to archival collections".

Mr CINCOTTI was interested in the more general problem of rights in different countries. He suggested it should be the subject of a Symposium and/or perhaps the creation of a new Commission on problems of legislation as it required systematic study over several years. (This proposal had also been put forward at the GM by Catharine GAUTIER). Mr KULA reported that FIAT had already planned a Symposium on copyright and exchange between archives which would now be held in 1984. He suggested FIAF could use the documents produced by FIAT as a starting point.

Mr KLAUE noted that this linked in with point 7.iii of the Open Forum proposals and should be discussed at the next EC meeting and at the Open Forum in Vienna.

Mr FRANCIS felt it was important to discuss with the Austrian Archives what provisions could be made to extend the time available for Open Forum.

8 MISCELLANEOUS AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Next meeting of the Executive Committee

An invitation had been received from Toulouse and after a lengthy discussion about possible dates in November, December and January which clashed with various film and religious festivals, it was agreed to accept for January 1984, arriving Tuesday 16 and leaving Friday 20 January.

8.2 Appreciation of Conference Organisers

Everyone present expressed their appreciation to Mrs WIBON and her staff.

8.3 Any Other Business

There being no further business, Mr KLAUE closed the meeting.