

The Secretary General's report from August 26th till December 31st, 2017

1. Reminder : contact between FIEC and affiliated associations

There are currently almost 80 associations of Classical studies affiliated to FIEC. Staying in touch with all of them remains a difficult task. It is therefore of the utmost importance that associations send us a regular update of their contact address (postal, e-mail and URL of website if available, to be sent to : paul.schubert@unige.ch).

Please remember to check our FIEC website : www.fiecnet.org

If the information displayed needs an update, please let us know. Many thanks in advance for your help.

2. Payment of yearly fee

All affiliated associations are reminded that the annual membership fee is € 110.-, to be paid as soon as possible. The resources of FIEC are very scarce; any contribution above the minimal amount of € 110.- will be deeply appreciated.

Following the changes decided at the Leiden General Assembly (2017), we have now opened a **new bank account** in Switzerland (labelled in **euros**). Instructions for payment are to be found on the Treasurer's invoice.

3. FIEC website

The FIEC website is being maintained with the help of Christiane Reitz (FIEC Vice-President) and of an assistant at the University of Rostock, Mr. Konrad Loebcke, who both deserve our warmest thanks for the work. The website includes a blog (<http://fiecnets.blogspot.ch>), to which all can contribute. You may send contents either to Christiane Reitz (christiane.reitz@uni-rostock.de) or to Paul Schubert (paul.schubert@unige.ch).

4. Recent FIEC activities

After the General Assembly of Delegates in Leiden (Aug. 25th, 2017), the FIEC Board has been busy with the follow-up. This has consisted mainly in producing the final version of the new FIEC Constitution and preparing the ground towards the organization of the 2022 Congress in Mexico City (see below, § 6). Some effort was also invested in renewing contact with some affiliated associations from which we had had no recent news; in several cases, this has resulted in the strengthening of ties.

5. L'Année Philologique (Aph)

L'Année Philologique has now moved to a new publishing house, Brepols (Belgium).

<http://www.annee-philologique.com/index.php/index.php?do=&lang=en>

Starting October 1, 2017 Brepols is the sole vendor of *L'Année Philologique*. This brings no change to current subscriptions: the site www.annee-philologique.com will be available until September 30, 2018. To renew your subscription, contact Brepols: brepolis@brepols.net.

FIEC maintains a strong presence within *L'Année Philologique* through two representatives on the Board of Trustees, called *Société Internationale de Bibliographie Classique (SIBC)*: Franco Montanari (as representative of the Aph Italian branch and FIEC President) and Paul Schubert (as representative of the Swiss branch and FIEC Secretary General). Both attended the SIBC yearly meeting, which took place in Genoa on Sept. 30th, 2017.

6. FIEC Congresses and General Assemblies

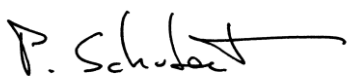
After the very successful General Assembly in Leiden (2017) – for which all members of the Dutch association OIKOS should once more be warmly thanked – further steps were taken towards the preparation of the next FIEC Congresses, following a **3-year cycle** (each time with a Congress and a General Assembly) as of 2019.

2019 : Congress & General Assembly in London

A lively update was given by Fiona Haarer (Delegate for all three UK associations) to FIEC representatives in Leiden. She reported on behalf of the organizing committee in London. The Congress will take place **from Friday July 5th till Monday 8th, 2019**, at the Institute of Education (University College London). Space has been booked. The organizing committee has drafted a preliminary program. The organizing committee is made aware of the need to strike a proper balance between, on the one hand, maximum inclusiveness (age, geographic provenance, gender) of guest speakers and participants, and, on the other hand, the overall quality of contributions. The FIEC Board is following the process.

2022 : Congress & General Assembly in Mexico City

Martha Irigoyen (member of the FIEC Board) presented in Leiden a proposal to hold the 2022 Congress on the campus of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). This proposal was accepted by the General Assembly. It will be a joint venture between the Instituto de Investigaciones Filológicas at UNAM, its Center of Classical Studies and the Asociación Mexicana de Estudios Clásicos (AMEC). We have received written confirmation from all parties concerned. Our Mexican colleagues should be thanked for their willingness to host this congress, to which we all look forward.



The Secretary General : Paul Schubert
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