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**To all societies affiliated to the
International Federation of the Societies
of Classical Studies (FIEC)
and
To the members of the FIEC Board**

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The Secretary General's report for the period from Aug. 25th till Dec. 31st, 2008

1. FIEC General Assembly in Barcelona

The FIEC 28th General Assembly took place in Barcelona on Aug. 24th, 2007. Some 38 Delegates from around the world enjoyed the hospitality from our colleagues of the Societat Catalana d'Estudis Classics. The minutes of the proceedings are enclosed.

2. CIPSH

Until a few years ago, the International Council for Philosophy and the Humanities (CIPSH) paid regular subsidies for three projects supported by FIEC: *Année Philologique*, *Thesaurus Linguae Latinae* and *Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum*. Such subsidies have now dried out, but are being replaced with the possibility to apply for funding in relation with a specific project. Priority is being given to projects that will benefit countries outside Western Europe and North America. Thanks to a subsidy from the International Council for Philosophy and the Humanities (CIPSH), we were able to fund a two-year subscription in favour of the University of Belo Horizonte (Brazil). We also secured in the same way a grant which allowed us to pay for an electronic version of the *Thesaurus linguae Latinae*, which was sent to the University of Moscow Lomonosov. One could argue that Russia stands among the richest countries in the world, but this does not yet apply to the state of Classics in this country. Finally, another request for subsidy is pending: it should allow us to invite to the FIEC Berlin Congress (2009) a few Classical scholars from countries outside Western Europe and North America.

3. *Année Philologique*

The *Année Philologique* is arguably the single most important tool in the field of Classical studies, recording nearly every publication which has appeared in the field within a year. The editorial team has now caught up with the backlog of a few years ago. The yearly volumes have gradually grown fatter and are reaching the critical size of ca. 2000 pages where the binding of the books will become difficult. It should be noted, however, that the *APh* is also accessible online. This electronic version will soon include the contents of all older volumes.

The *APh* is based in Paris, with branches in Grenada, Genes, Heidelberg, Chapel Hill (North Carolina) and Lausanne. Each year, members of the *APh* Board gather in Paris for a meeting where strategic decisions are made. At the last meeting (Nov. 10th, 2007), FIEC was represented by Franco Montanari and Paul Schubert. We made the suggestion that a few free subscriptions to the online version of the *APh* be offered – free of charge – to some institutions where Classical studies are being taught in less favoured countries. It was agreed that we would start with a trial including three such institutions.

4. *Thesaurus Linguae Latinae*

Prof. François Paschoud (former FIEC Secretary General) is the FIEC representative on the *ThLL* Board. He reports that fascicle X 1 xvi (*plenesco – pomifer*) is now available, whereas fasc. X 2 xvi will be delivered to the printer in the spring of 2008. Articles for the last two fascicles of letter P (X 1 xxvii & X 2 xvii) are completed and the team is engaged in the editorial process. The staff is now focusing on letters N and R. The position of Editor in Chief should be advertised soon (deadline for applications : Feb. 29th, 2008).

5. FIEC International Congress in Berlin (Aug. 24th – 29th, 2009)

The organisation of the congress is now in full swing. Invitations have been sent to a number of scholars of high standing, and the Berlin organising committee has issued a call for papers. Information is to be found on the following website :

www.fiec2009.org

6. FIEC General Assembly in Bari (2012)

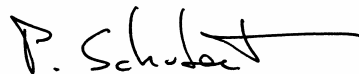
On behalf of her colleagues from the University of Bari (Italy), Prof. Olimpia Imperio has extended in Barcelona an invitation to FIEC to hold its 2012 General Assembly in Bari.

7. FIEC International Congress (2014 !)

Yes, we are already thinking about the 2014 FIEC Congress ! We are working on a proposal which should be submitted to the approval of the General Assembly in Berlin. You will be informed in due course.

8. Elections to the FIEC Board

At the FIEC General Assembly in Berlin (2009), we will have to fill two seats in the FIEC Board (« Bureau »). We will post on the website the relevant information as soon as we have it, and we will describe the procedure. A proposal will be made by the FIEC Board, but other proposals from societies affiliated to FIEC will be welcome.



Neuchâtel, January 3rd, 2008

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