

Fédération internationale
des associations d'études classiques

FIEC

International federation
of associations of classical studies

The Secretary General's report from January 1st till December 31st, 2013

1. Reminder : contact between FIEC and affiliated associations

There are currently 82 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).

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.

We would also like to remind all affiliated associations that the annual membership fee is € 110.-, to be paid on the following account :

Bank : Cassa di Risparmio di Lucca Pisa Livorno, Sede di Pisa, Piazza Dante, 56126 Pisa, Italia.

CC : 435738 (please mention Franco Montanari – FIEC).

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2. FIEC activities

Apart from the renovation of the FIEC website (see below), the FIEC Board has been mainly monitoring the preparation of the FIEC 2014 Congress, which is in the hands of our colleagues in Bordeaux (Valérie Fromentin & Sophie Gotteland). Following a selection of keynote speakers by an International Organization Committee, the French National Organization Committee had to perform the delicate task of selecting the papers that would be accepted and presented at the Congress. Due to high number of proposals sent, about a third had to be turned down, with the unavoidable disappointment that follows such choices. On the other hand, we are confident that the level of the papers that were selected for the Congress will be quite high and we thank the Organizing Committee for the care they took in the process.

3. New FIEC website

You may have noticed that the FIEC website has undergone a complete renovation, with the help of Mr. Markus Vinzent. The site is now more attractive, both visually and in terms of contents. Please note in particular the new blog: <http://fiecnnet.blogspot.co.uk>, which is being overseen by Gunhild Vidén (member of the FIEC Board). Please contribute to this blog by sending us any information that may be of interest to other associations; you may send this to me and I shall forward it to Gunhild.

4. Thesaurus Linguae Latinae, Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum (SEG) and Année Philologique (APh)

These three project enjoy the official support of FIEC. Both Franco Montanari (FIEC Treasurer) and Paul Schubert (Secretary General) attended in November 2013 the meeting of the Société Internationale de Bibliographie Classique (SIBC), which is the board of trustees of *L'Année Philologique*. This was a difficult meeting, due to some serious tension between the French CNRS and the SIBC over copyright. For the time being, the CNRS is withholding the files produced not only by the French branch of *L'Année Philologique*, but also by all foreign branches (Germany, UK, USA, Spain, Italy, Switzerland). The bad news is that we can expect a complicated process of negotiation before this matter can be cleared. The good news, however, is that all non-French branches of *L'Année Philologique* stand united in support of the SIBC.

François Paschoud (former FIEC Secretary General) has been the FIEC Delegate on the Board of the *Thesaurus Linguae Latinae* for many years but wishes to resign from this position. In his message, he underlines the importance of the links between FIEC and ThIL, the former being a founding member of the

latter's International Commission. The ThIL is also going through a difficult period, due to the uncertainty of the funding from German Academies. The calendar of publication had to be revised, so that no fascicle was published in 2013 ; it is hoped that two will come out in 2014. Once the new FIEC Board has been elected in 2014, we shall have to see how to deal with the replacement of François Paschoud. In the meantime, it seems appropriate to express our thanks to him for the time and effort spent in providing a link between FIEC and ThIL.

4. FIEC Congresses and General Assemblies

2014: Congress in Bordeaux


The organization of the FIEC 2014 Congress is now in full swing (see <http://fiec2014.sciencesconf.org> as well as above, section 2). Several hundred participants are expected to attend.

2017: General Assembly in the Netherlands

As reported previously, the Dutch association of classical studies, OIKOS, has offered to set up the General Assembly of Delegates in the Netherlands in 2017.

2019: Congress in London

The Organizing Committee for the FIEC 2019 Congress is now starting to work on the broad lines of the scheme. To that effect, the FIEC Secretary General will meet the Committee in London in February 2014. A formal offer will be submitted to the General Assembly of Delegates in 2014 in Bordeaux.



The Secretary General : Paul Schubert
Neuchâtel, January 6th, 2014