The Secretary General’s report from January 1st till August 27th, 2014

1. Preamble : contact between FIEC and affiliated societies

There are currently 81 associations of Classical studies affiliated to FIEC. Staying in touch with all of them remains a difficult task, even in the age of the World Wide Web. It is therefore of the utmost importance that representatives of all societies send us a regular update of their contact address (postal and e-mail).

On the new FIEC website (www.fiecnet.org), we can insert a link to the website of every affiliated association. Please remember to send the appropriate address (URL).

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

- Bank: Cassa di Risparmio di Lucca Pisa Livorno, Sede di Pisa, Plazza Dante, 56126 Pisa, Italia.
- CC: 435738 (please mention Franco Montanari – FIEC).
- IBAN: IT 3 5 C 0 5 0 3 4 1 4 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 4 3 5 7 3 8
- BIC SWIFT: B A P P I T 2 1 T 5 1

N.B.: the newly elected Treasurer (Gunhild Vidén) being Swedish, she will open a new FIEC bank account in due course. Associations will be informed in due course.

2. FIEC activities in general

FIEC strives to act as a link between all affiliated associations of classical studies around the world. We do this presently by organizing General Assemblies and Congresses, and by disseminating information among societies.

In the past year, much effort has been devoted to fully renovating the FIEC website, with the help of a professional designer. This has given us more visibility, notably through the opening of a blog where information relevant to classical studies can be displayed. Notices sent by associations are welcome; we shall post them as rapidly as possible.

3. Thesaurus Linguae Latinae (ThL), Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum (SEG) and Année Philologique (APh) reports

These three scholarly projects receive the support of FIEC, both nominal and financial. SEG seems to have become less interested in this support, as opposed to the ThL and APh, which need it even more than in the past.

The ThL has received from FIEC a symbolic subsidy of € 1'000.- (which is in part compensated by the ThL paying its fee as a member of FIEC) and still has a FIEC representative on its Executive Board. This kind of support is considered most important at a time when the ThL has met with difficulty regarding the regular subsidies paid by the Bayerische Akademie der Wissenschaften. [N.B.: the payment of subsidies from FIEC will stop after 2014.]

For many years, the FIEC representative at the ThL was Prof. François Paschoud (former FIEC Secretary General). He has now given up this mandate; we shall have to appoint a new FIEC representative, preferably after the election of the new members of the FIEC Board.

L’Année Philologique has encountered some severe difficulties in the past year. The head office was located in Paris (Villejuif) and was supported by the French CNRS, while other branches are located in Spain, Italy, Germany, the USA and Switzerland. The editorial project is co-ordinated by the Société Internationale de Bibliographie Classique [SIBC], which is affiliated with FIEC and functions as the Board of Trustees of L’Année Philologique. In the past years, APh met with some problems caused by the replacement of the former director, Pierre-Paul Corsetti; the new team did not deliver the expected results;
and the shift from a printed version of APh to an electronic medium has also caused some considerable
difficulties.

The CNRS decided that it should take over the operational direction of the APh as well as ownership of its
database, and prevented the international offices from updating the online database. This led to a conflict
with the unfortunate consequence that the French branch withdrew from the Année Philologique. The other
international offices have remained united, however, and the SIBC is now engaged in the process of
rebuilding a new French branch in Lille, without support from the CNRS. It is still unclear how this office will
be funded.

FIEC is involved in this process for several reasons: two seats in the SIBC are held by members of the FIEC
Board, namely Franco Montanari (FIEC Treasurer) and Paul Schubert (FIEC Secretary General). The FIEC
President also has a right to a seat *per officium*. Moreover, if ever the SIBC should be dissolved (a most
unwanted outcome), its assets would be transferred to FIEC with the task of establishing a new structure
that would serve the same purpose as that of APh. Fortunately the SIBC is not in any danger, but it does
need help in funding the new French Office and welcomes contributions and ideas to achieve that goal.

4. FIEC Congresses and General Assemblies

In 2012 (FIEC General Assembly in Bari), we approved the proposal of the Dutch association OIKOS to host
the FIEC General Assembly of 2017 in the Netherlands. This will be prepared in due course.

Negociations have been under way for several years with a consortium of the three British associations in
order to organize the 2019 congress in London. This should be discussed in Bordeaux on the occasion of
the General Assembly (2014).

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The Secretary General: Paul Schubert
Neuchâtel, August 27th, 2014