

GEECT Executive Meeting - Cape Town 2012

Present: Marc Nicolas

Bert Beyens

Nik Powell

Zuzana Tatarova

Donald Taylor Black

Attending: Christine Ghazarian

Date: 29th April 2012

Before starting the meeting, Marc recaps the agenda of the Congress:

- Opening in the morning of the 1st, with a visit of AFDA in the afternoon, followed by the opening cocktail
- Regional meetings followed by pannels on the 2nd and the 3rd,
- Visit of Cape Point in the morning of the 4th, with closing of the Congress in the afternoon, and closing dinner.

1) CILECT matters

Marc reports that 10 new members will be eligible for full membership. Among them, an Israeli school, the Maale Film School, which was once a member, has re-applied for full membership. Since this is a school with religious principles, Marc suggests that their candidacy is discussed with the members to make sure that CILECT is not involved in religious matters. It is a touchy subject and it should be dealt with.

The CILECT budget and plan of activities, which were discussed in Moscow, will be presented to the members at the Congress. They are based on the proposals made in Barcelona :

- basic activities (including description of film schools)
- collaboration and networking with sub-chapters for support to regional conferences, support to staff exchange, support to training the trainers (with the idea of focusing on inter-regional activities), support to student collaboration
- scientific, educational, methodology materials, for curricula development for inter-regional post-graduate programmes
- dissemination of results for conferences, translation of teaching material.

As discussed, description of film schools will prepare the way to ranking, both nationally and internationally. Basic activities will be run by the director, other activities run by the members. Budget will closely relate to the activities. Stan is meant to find money from sponsors. If no sponsors, then budget will be adapted to the funds available through membership. One idea could be to create a club of school sponsors, so they do not act on their own and can participate in school events.

Regarding the function of the executive director, he works on his own, with no assistant. However there is someone to maintain the website and feed it with information on a regular basis.

Obviously the new organisation took a while to get started, because of Don's health, and then Henry's leave. Now finally everything is in place and the next biennium should be efficient.

Chapman University in California has proposed to host the next Congress in 2014. Munich has shown interest in hosting the next conference in 2013, but also schools in South America (maybe too expensive after Cape Town).

2) GEECT matters

There are two regional meetings. The first one should concentrate on past activities and the second on the future ones.

The first day should start with the voting list, the technicalities of the voting system, the presentation of the candidates, followed by the past activities since Barcelona/Prague, including student meetings and research papers.

The second day should start with the elections of the executive members (one separate vote for each new member), and Nik should take over for the election of the president. For the president, the bulletin should have 3 options, yes, no, abstain. For the executive members, the bulletin should include the names of all 4 candidates plus abstain.

The second day should end with the future activities of the associations. In that respect, Nik re-confirms the interest of Leeds and Nahemi to be involved in the conference on Teaching Cinematography, which will take place at La Fémis end of February 2013.

Approval of the budgets, other matters and questions from the members will close the second day of the meeting.

And as agreed, the next research paper will be dedicated to the employment and status of teachers and tutors in film schools.