

### *Minutes of the meeting, presided by Professor Franco Montanari*

#### **Present**

*Board:* Franco Montanari (President), Christiane Reitz (Vice-president), Georgia Xanthaki Karamanou (Vice-President), Gunhild Vidén (Treasurer), Benjamin Acosta-Hughes (Ordinary member), Jesús de la Villa (Ordinary member), Valérie Fromentin (Ordinary member), Martha Irigoyen (Ordinary member), Paul Schubert (Secretary general).

Excused : Chris Carey (Ordinary member).

#### *Associations represented:*

<b>Association</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Associate representative</b>
Mommsen-Gesellschaft	Jürgen Hammerstaedt	
Asociación Argentina de Estudios Clásicos	Claudia Fernández	
Australasian Society for Classical Studies	Amelia Brown	Han Baltussen
Sodalitas	Herbert Graßl	
Korean Society of Greco-Roman Studies	Heon Kim	
Sociedad Española de Estudios Clásicos	Jesús de la Villa	Emma Falque
Societat Catalana d'Estudis Classics	Montserrat Jufresa	
Classical Association of the Middle West and South	Alden Smith	
Society for Classical Studies	Michael Gagarin	
Association des Études Grecques	Valérie Fromentin	
Association Guillaume Budé	Jean-Louis Ferrary	
Société des Philologues Grecs	Georgia Xanthaki Karamanou	
Société Littéraire Parnassos	Georgia Xanthaki Karamanou	
Société Scientifique d'Athènes	Paul Schubert	
Hungarian Society of Classical Studies	Béla Adamik	
Royal Irish Academy Historical Studies Committee	Martine Cuypers	
Associazione Italiana di Cultura Classica	Mario Capasso	
International Plutarch Society (section italienne)	Franco Montanari	
The Classical Society of Japan	Martin Ciesko	
Asociación Mexicana de Estudios Clásicos	Omar Álvarez Salas	
OIKOS. Research School of Classics in the Netherlands	Albert Rijksbaron	
Polish Association of Ancient Studies (Stowarzyszenie Historyków Starożytności)	Ryszard Kulesza	
Classical Association	Fiona Haarer	

Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies	Fiona Haarer	
Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies	Fiona Haarer	
Association des études classiques de Russie	Askold Ivantchik	
Société Serbe d'Études Anciennes	Nemanja Vujcic	
Svenska Klassikerförbundet	Gunhild Vidén	
Association Suisse pour l'Étude de l'Antiquité	Sabine Huebner	
Groupe Romand des Études Grecques et Latines	Paul Schubert	
Jednota Klasických Filologů	Ivan Prchlik	
Classical Association of Zimbabwe	Obert Bernard Mlambo	
Association Internationale d'Études Patristiques	Paul J.J. van Geest	
Association Internationale des Études Byzantines	Jesús de la Villa	
Association pour l'Étude de l'Antiquité Tardive	Marc Heijmans	
Associazione Internazionale di Archeologia Classica	Kristian Göransson	
Centro Internazionale per lo Studio dei Papiri Ercolanesi 'Marcello Gigante'	Paul Schubert	
Fondation Hardt pour l'Étude de l'Antiquité Classique	Paul Schubert	
Société Internationale de Bibliographie Classique	Franco Montanari	Paul Schubert
Thesaurus Linguae Latinae	Christiane Reitz	

*Associations not represented:*

The Classical Association of South Africa
Deutscher Altphilologenverband
Société d'Études Latines de Bruxelles
Sociedade Brasileira de Estudos Clássicos SBEC
Society of Classical Studies in Bulgaria
Classical Association of Canada
Sociedad Chilena de Estudios Clásicos
Chinese Society of Ancient and Medieval World History
Korean Association for the Western Ancient History and Culture
Asociación Costarricense de Estudios Clásicos
Association ivoirienne pour la promotion des sciences de l'Antiquité
Philologorum Classicorum Societas Croatica
Egyptian Society of Greek and Roman Studies
Sociedad de Estudios Latinos
Karl Morgenstern Classical Society
Classical Association of Finland (Klassillis-filologinen yhdistys)
Société des Études Latines
Philologos
Société Archéologique d'Athènes
Israel Society for the Promotion of Classical Studies
Association of Classical Teachers of Malawi
Classical Association of Nigeria
Norsk Klassisk Forbund
Sociedad Peruana de Estudios Clásicos
Associação Portuguesa de Estudos Clássicos

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Societatea de Studii Clasice din Romania

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DECRYPTA: Réseau d'Études sur les Humanités et la Postérité

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Association d'Études Classiques de Serbie

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Societas Sloveniae studiis antiquitatis et humanitatis investigandis

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Antika Skopje

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Turkish Institute of Archaeology

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Asociación Uruguaya de Estudios Clásicos

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Association Internationale d'Épigraphie Grecque et Latine

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Association Internationale de Papyrologues

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Association Internationale des Etudes Néo-Latines

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Comité International Permanent des Études Mycéniennes

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International Association "Geography And Historiography In Antiquity" (GAHIA)

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International Plato Society (IPS)

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i.e. 40 Associations represented, out of 78 member Associations.

Some Delegates represent more than two associations, which – according to the Rules of the General Assembly – results in a total of a maximum of 37 rights of vote.

### **1. Reading of the rules to the Assembly**

Done.

### **2. Checklist of Delegates**

The voting powers of Delegates are checked and documents are distributed accordingly.

### **3. Approval of the minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> General assembly (Bordeaux 2014).**

Approved with 37 votes.

### **4. Resignation of associations**

The following associations have resigned from FIEC :

- Société Internationale pour l'Histoire des Droits de l'Antiquité
- Associazione italiana di epigrafia
- Studi Ciceroniani
- Società Italiana per lo Studio dell' Antichità Classica
- Royal Irish Academy

N.B.: some other associations were excluded because they failed to pay their annual fee and did not reply to any attempt to get in touch with them over at least three years. Such exclusions are not submitted to the approval of the General Assembly because they are directly ruled by the FIEC Constitution.

### **5. Admission of new associations**

The following associations were admitted to membership of FIEC :

- Classical Association of Ireland [replacing the Royal Irish Academy]
- Polish Association of Ancient Studies [Stowarzyszenie Historyków Starożytności]
- Fondation Hardt pour l'Étude de l'Antiquité Classique
- International Association 'Geography and Historiography In Antiquity' [GAHIA].

Approved with 37 votes.

### **6. Observer status for the Chinese Society of Ancient and Medieval World History**

The Chinese Society of Ancient and Medieval World History (中国世界古代中世纪史研究会古代史专业委员会) would like to join FIEC, but for administrative reasons (red tape in China), this society is not able to fulfil all the requirements for membership. Due to the importance of developing contacts with our Chinese colleagues, the General Assembly decides to give to this society an exceptional observer status, with the hope that it can soon join as a full member.

Approved with 37 votes.

### 7. Preliminary remarks by FIEC's President

The President stresses the importance of the points to be discussed later in this General Assembly.

### 8. FIEC Secretary General's report

The Secretary General gives a summary of the Board's activities over the last period, from 2014 till 2017:

- Meetings of the FIEC Board (Geneva, 12.09.2015 & 03.09.2016)
- FIEC website
- FIEC membership
- Support for Classical Studies in universities and schools
  - Copenhagen University
  - Johns Hopkins University
  - Ministry of Education in Greece (twice)
  - Ministry of Education in France
  - *The Economist*
  - Manchester University
- FIEC contribution to the Humanities
  - European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities
  - World Humanities Forum (Seoul, 26-29.10.2016)
  - International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH)
  - CIPSH World Humanities Conference (Liège, 06-12.08.2017)
- FIEC Congresses

A full report for the period 01.01. – 25.08.2017 is copied below, as Appendix 1 to the minutes.

### 9. FIEC Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presents the accounts for the period 2014-2017, which have been checked by two auditors. They are approved by the General Assembly by 37 votes.

### 10. Report by the FIEC Delegate to CIPSH

The International Council for Philosophy and the Human Sciences (French acronym: CIPSH) is a branch of UNESCO; FIEC is affiliated to CIPSH, like several other important federations of international associations. Franco Montanari (who is both President of FIEC and Treasurer of CIPSH) reports on the past and current situation. Three years ago, a CIPSH meeting took place in Paris. At the time, CIPSH was in a very difficult situation and on the verge of disappearance. Thanks to the hard work of Luiz Oosterbeek (CIPSH General Secretary), the situation has improved markedly. A project was set up to organize a World Humanities Conference in Liège (Belgium <http://www.humanities2017.org>). In spite of a difficult organization process, Franco Montanari and Chris Carey conclude that this event was a success, with an attendance of ca. 900 participants.

CIPSH now has an Executive Committee, where FIEC is represented by Jesús de la Villa (member of the FIEC Board), and also by Franco Montanari (*ex officio*, as CIPSH Treasurer).

Franco Montanari insists on the importance of FIEC being an active member of CIPSH: otherwise, Classical Studies will become marginalized in the perspective of UNESCO.

In the ensuing discussion, several Delegates express a wish that a broader discussion on the future of Classical Studies be opened on the occasion of the FIEC Congress in London (2019). A panel on the topic is requested; Fiona Haarer, who is representing the UK associations, will forward the request to the organizing committee. Also, the Delegates from the two American associations express their concern about FIEC's lack of visibility in the USA.

### 11. Report on L'Année Philologique

See the Secretary General's report (below, Appendix 1, item # 8 in the report).

### 12. Report by the FIEC Delegate to the International Committee of the Thesaurus linguae Latinae

FIEC was represented by Gunhild Vidén (FIEC Treasurer) at the last ThLL meeting, replacing Christiane Reitz who could not attend. The international committee met in Munich on Friday 7th July, and continued on Saturday morning. 21 delegates, representing their respective organisations from different countries and/or international organisations, took part. The meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of Prof. Alfons Bürge, Bayerische Akademie der Wissenschaften.

The new organisation of the ThLL was introduced: the working committee of the ThLL, consisting of two members of staff from the ThLL and two members of the Academy functions as counselling body for the project. These four (Michael Hillen, Manfred Flieger, Therese Fuhrer and Maria Selig) were reelected unanimously. The meeting also acknowledged a change of statutes, bringing the rules for employment into harmony with German law. The statutes can be found on the homepage, [www.thesaurus.badw.de](http://www.thesaurus.badw.de).

The publication frequency has been brought up to date, after a lapse in 2013. Since 2014 the following fascicles have been issued: N IX.1.2 (*navalis-nebel*), R XI.2.2 (*rarus-recido*), R XI.2.3 (*recido-reddo*) and XI.2.4 (*reddo-refocilo*). Dr Hillen pointed out that even if it is satisfactory to have made up for the missing issue of 2013, the efforts of publishing 2 fascicles in one year take a heavy toll on the staff and the project's resources. According to the plans, the N fascicle IX.1.3 (*nebel-nequale*) will come forth this year.

Some changes in staff are due to ordinary retirement, even if some scholars continue their work even after the age of 70. ThLL is very pleased that bursars from Harvard continue to be appointed, and have also had two short-term bursars financed by the Danish Academy. It is highly desirable that this continues. The situation in the USA is unclear because of the present state of political affairs.

The ThLL is the object of evaluations (in 2018 and 2023), with focus on digitalizing, digital workflow and open access.

Like everybody else, the ThLL has financial difficulties. The largest contribution by far comes from the German Akademieprogram. The contributions from the supporting organisations tend to come down, because of the financial situation they are in themselves. It is regretful that some bursaries have disappeared (Italy, Netherlands, Denmark). Difficulties in keeping up the library are foreseen. The delegates discussed different possibilities for contributions, and were admonished to do their best to find means of support.

Plans for the future: First and foremost of course to keep up high quality work. The importance of bursaries was underlined, not least because it means sending back competence to the countries that offer the bursaries. Not least important is that with fewer scholarships, the number of people who are suited for future work at the ThLL diminishes. A mixed scholarship would be a good idea – working for the ThLL as well as on a project of one's own. The delegates were also admonished to check the availability of the ThLL in their countries, and to promote knowledge of it in different ways. The ThLL is planning instruction videos on Youtube and other “modern” ways of reaching out.

The delegates were positive to a suggestion of a 125th anniversary in 2019, as a means of drawing attention to the work and its outcome.

In the ensuing discussion, questions are raised about the actual use made of the ThLL: younger scholars seem not to be aware of its existence, let alone of its usefulness. The ThLL is presently trying to reach out to the scientific community through social media.

### **13. Information towards election of the FIEC Board in 2019**

An election of the FIEC Board will take place in 2019 (FIEC Congress in London). Franco Montanari (President), Paul Schubert (Secretary General), Christiane Reitz (Vice-president) and Georgia Xanthaki-Karamanou (Vice-president) will step down; Chris Carey (Ordinary member) also wishes to hand back his mandate.

The only member of the FIEC Board with some long-term knowledge of its working is Gunhild Vidén (currently Treasurer). For the sake of transparency, the General Assembly is informed that the Board therefore considers proposing to the General Assembly that Gunhild Vidén be elected to the position of FIEC President in 2019. No decision is required at this stage of the process.

Likewise, the Board has already started planning the replacement of Paul Schubert (currently Secretary General). Because of the planned changes in the FIEC Constitution (see below, 14 e), it will become necessary to ensure that at least one of the major FIEC officers is based in Switzerland. The Board considers proposing to the General Assembly that Prof. Sabine Huebner (University of Basel) be elected to the position of FIEC Secretary General in 2019. No decision is required at this stage of the process.

In order to replace the other outgoing members of the Board, we shall follow a double procedure. On the one hand, the Board will ensure that, for each seat to be filled, a suitable candidate is identified and proposed to the General Assembly's approval, so as not to leave a seat vacant for lack of preparation. On the other hand, all associations affiliated to FIEC will be informed in advance of the upcoming election and will be encouraged to propose candidates of their own. If there are more candidates than available seats, this will be an open election. A deadline for nominations will be set in due course.

### **14. Changes to be made in the FIEC Constitution**

The Board submits several important changes to the FIEC Constitution to the approval of the General Assembly. The various issues are grouped in packages where all articles pertaining to a single issue are discussed together; each package is submitted to a global vote. In the course of the discussion, it is also agreed that the General Assembly decides on the general principles to be adopted in the Constitution, but that it leaves it to the Board to finalize the precise wording of each article, provided that the general intention remains unaltered.

The French wording of the FIEC Constitution constitutes the version of reference, which prevails over the English version in case of a disagreement. An updated full version of the Constitution is provided (Appendix 2).

a) *Calendar of congresses and general assemblies (art. 2 and 7).*

The current calendar operates on a five-year cycle, with a Congress and General Assembly every five years, and an intermediate General Assembly (without Congress) during this period. The Board propose to **switch to a three-year cycle that would include a Congress together with a General Assembly (and no intermediate General Assembly)**. The Congress could be of a more modest size than has been the tradition in the past decades; this last detail, however, does not need to appear in the Constitution.

It is proposed to modify art. 2:

“La Fédération a pour but de favoriser les études de toutes catégories concernant les anciennes civilisations de la Grèce et de Rome entendues dans le sens le plus large du mot: a) en groupant les principales Associations qui, dans chaque pays, se proposent l'avancement des études grecques ou des études latines, en représentant ces Associations et en défendant leurs intérêts sur le plan international; b) **en organisant des Congrès internationaux**; c) en assurant la collaboration avec d'autres organisations internationales dont le but est l'avancement des études classiques, de branches spécialisées de ces études, ou enfin d'une catégorie quelconque des sciences humaines.”

The wording

“en organisant des Congrès internationaux”

is to be replaced with

“en organisant des Congrès internationaux **tous les trois ans**” [i.e. “by organizing international Congresses **every three years**”].

It is proposed to modify art. 7:

“L'Assemblée générale se réunit dans la mesure du possible **deux fois en cinq ans**. Si une Assemblée générale statutaire ne peut être réunie, le Bureau avertit les Associations membres et organise le cas échéant un vote par correspondance.”

The wording

“L'Assemblée générale se réunit dans la mesure du possible deux fois en cinq ans. Si une Assemblée générale (...)”

is to be replaced with

“ L'Assemblée générale se réunit **tous les trois ans, à l'occasion du Congrès international**. Si une Assemblée générale (...)” [i.e. The General Assembly convenes every three years, on the occasion of the international Congress. If a General Assembly (...)].

*After discussion, the changes to articles 2 and 7 are approved by the General Assembly (36 votes in favour, 1 vote against).*

b) *Widening of criteria for admission to FIEC membership (art. 2, 4 and 6)*

Until now, only associations that support Classical Studies can hold membership of FIEC. In fact, the definition of the status of an association was already opened more widely, with the admission of bodies such as the Thesaurus linguae Latinae. The Board propose to open membership to other institutions that support Classical Studies. For example, a university's Department of Classics could apply for membership.

It is proposed to modify the first part of art. 2:

“La Fédération a pour but de favoriser les études de toutes catégories concernant les anciennes civilisations de la Grèce et de Rome entendues dans le sens le plus large du mot: a) en groupant **les principales Associations qui**, dans chaque pays, se proposent l'avancement des études grecques ou des études latines, en représentant **ces Associations** et en défendant leurs intérêts sur le plan international; b) en organisant des Congrès internationaux; c) en assurant la collaboration avec d'autres organisations internationales dont le but est l'avancement des études classiques, de branches spécialisées de ces études, ou enfin d'une catégorie quelconque des sciences humaines.”

The wording

“les principales Associations qui”

is to be replaced with

“les principales Associations **et Institutions** qui” [i.e. “the main Associations **and Institutions** which”].

The wording “en représentant **ces Associations**”

is to be replaced with

“en représentant ces Associations **et Institutions**” [i.e. “ those Associations **and Institutions**”].

It is proposed to modify art. 4:

“Pourront être membres de la Fédération, après proposition du Bureau et acceptation par l'Assemblée générale: a) les Associations nationales dont le but est l'avancement des études grecques ou des études latines ou de ces deux ordres d'études et qui, en raison du nombre ou de la qualité de leurs adhérents, peuvent être considérées comme réellement représentatives, dans chaque pays, de leur spécialité; b) les Associations internationales dont le but est l'avancement des études grecques ou des études latines, soit d'une façon générale, soit dans une de leurs branches spécialisées, et qui, par le nombre ou la qualité de leurs adhérents, contribuent efficacement au progrès des études classiques.”

Add

“c) **les Départements ou Unités des institutions de l'éducation supérieure et de la recherche** engagées dans les études grecques ou les études latines qui, par leurs activités, contribuent au progrès des études classiques.” [i.e. “c) **Departments or Units of institutions of higher education and research** involved in Greek or Roman studies which, through their activities, contribute to the progress of Classical studies”].

The General Assembly asks the Board to prepare an additional clause against double representation.

In the original proposal made by the Board to the General Assembly, the wording “contribuent efficacement” in c) mirrored a similar wording in b). In the discussion, it is proposed by the General Assembly to remove “efficacement” from c), which implies removing it also from b).

*After discussion, the changes to articles 2 and 4 are approved by the General Assembly (34 votes in favour, 1 vote against, 2 abstentions).*

#### **Important note**

It was agreed that the General Assembly decides on the general principles to be adopted in the Constitution, but that it leaves it to the Board to finalize the precise wording of each article, provided that the general intention remains unaltered. Such a case applies to art. 6, which requires a similar change; this was inadvertently omitted in the discussion.

Art. 6:

“L'Assemblée générale de la Fédération comprend: a) les Délégués des Associations nationales, à raison d'un Délégué par Association; b) les Délégués des Associations internationales, à raison d'un Délégué par Association. Les Délégués des Associations nationales et internationales peuvent être accompagnés d'un Délégué adjoint, mais celui-ci n'a que voix consultative et ne prend pas part aux votes.”

Add

“c) les Délégués des Départements ou Unités des institutions de l'éducation supérieure, à raison d'un Délégué par Département ou Unité.” [i.e. “c) Delegates from Departments or Units of institutions of higher education, with one Delegate per Department or Unit.”]

The wording

“Les Délégués des Associations nationales et internationales peuvent être accompagnés”

is to be replaced with

“Les Délégués peuvent être accompagnés” [i.e. “Delegates can be accompanied”]

In this specific case, given the delay that this omission would cause if the matter had to be discussed again in London in 2019, art. 7 should be enforced: “Si une Assemblée générale statutaire ne peut être réunie, le Bureau avertit les Associations membres et organise le cas échéant un vote par correspondance.” Delegates and Associations will be explicitly notified of this point when they receive the minutes and other documents from the Leiden General Assembly; they will be given a clear deadline in case they wish to oppose this change.

#### *c) Duration of FIEC Board members' mandates (art. 9)*

The change in the cycle of Congresses and General Assemblies requires an adjustment for the duration of the Board members' mandate, so that the Board can be renewed every three years.

N.B.: for the transition from the old to the new cycle, in case of a conflict between ancient and new rules as regards the duration of mandate of the Board members, the rule more favourable to the Board members will prevail.

It is proposed to modify art. 9:

“L'Assemblée générale élit un Président, deux Vice-Présidents, un Secrétaire, un Trésorier et cinq membres adjoints, qui forment le Bureau ; le Président tranche en l'absence d'une majorité. Le Bureau restera en exercice d'un Congrès international à l'autre, **cette période ne pouvant excéder cinq ans. Le Président n'est pas immédiatement rééligible. Les autres membres du Bureau, excepté le Secrétaire et le Trésorier, ne sont immédiatement rééligibles qu'une seule fois.** Deux ressortissants d'un même pays ne peuvent faire simultanément partie du Bureau. L'âge d'un membre du Bureau ne doit pas dépasser soixante-dix ans révolus au moment de l'élection.”

The wording

“Le Bureau restera en exercice d'un Congrès international à l'autre, **cette période ne pouvant excéder cinq ans.**”

is to be replaced with

“Le Bureau restera en exercice d'un Congrès international à l'autre, **cette période ne pouvant excéder trois ans.**” [i.e. “The Board shall remain in office from one international Congress to the next; **this period cannot exceed three years.**”]

Remove

“Le Président n'est pas immédiatement rééligible.” [i.e. The President cannot be immediately reelected.]

The wording

“Les autres membres du Bureau, excepté le Secrétaire et le Trésorier, ne sont immédiatement rééligibles qu'une seule fois.”

is to be replaced with

“Les membres du Bureau, excepté le Secrétaire et le Trésorier, **sont immédiatement rééligibles deux fois au maximum. Le Président est rééligible une fois, mais il ne peut pas siéger dans le Bureau pour une période excédant 12 ans.**” [i.e. “The members of the Board, with the exception of the Secretary and the Treasurer, **can be successively reelected twice at most. The President can be reelected once, but he cannot serve on the Bureau for more than a total of 12 years.**”]

The Board is asked to make more explicit the wording about the duration of the mandate of the Secretary General and Treasurer (who, in the old as in the new version of the Constitution, can be re-elected indefinitely).

*After discussion, the changes to article 9 are approved by the General Assembly (34 votes in favour, 1 vote against, 2 abstentions).*

*d) Auditors (art. 8)*

FIEC accounts have been checked by auditors since 2004. The FIEC Constitution, however, does not specify this obligation explicitly. The Board proposes to add this point to the Constitution.

It is proposed to modify art. 8:

“L'Assemblée générale fixe le montant de la cotisation, vote le budget et prend toutes décisions utiles pour la bonne marche de la Fédération.”

The wording

“L'Assemblée générale fixe le montant de la cotisation, vote le budget et prend toutes décisions utiles pour la bonne marche de la Fédération.”

is to be replaced with

“L'Assemblée générale fixe le montant de la cotisation, vote le budget, **désigne deux vérificateurs des comptes pour la période allant jusqu'à la prochaine Assemblée générale**, et prend toutes décisions utiles pour la bonne marche de la Fédération.” [i.e. “The General Assembly votes the budget, sets the yearly fee, **names two auditors for the period ending with the next General Assembly**, and takes all decisions towards the proper management of the Federation.”]

The setting of the yearly fee is explicitly maintained in this article.

*After discussion, the changes to article 8 are approved by the General Assembly (37 votes in favour).*



The current auditors proposed to the General Assembly's approval are:

- Mr. Kjell Weinius (Treasurer of the Swedish Classical Association)
- Dr. Claes Gejrot (main editor of the *Diplomatarium Suecanum*)

*Those two auditors are confirmed by the General Assembly (36 votes in favour, 1 abstention ex officio [FIEC Treasurer]).*

e) *Establishing a legal seat for FIEC (art. 1 and 10)*

For most practical purposes, FIEC has worked like any other association. The Constitution states that its seat is located in the city where the Secretary General resides; in the past half century, the Secretary General has always resided in Switzerland. In a time of stricter regulation – especially as regards banking operations – it has become necessary to give FIEC a true legal seat and to anchor it to the laws of a given country. The almost obvious solution consists in specifying that FIEC follows the Swiss Civil Code, art. 60.<sup>1</sup>

It is proposed to modify art. 1:

“Il est créé par les présents statuts une Association dénommée: Fédération internationale des Associations d'études classiques - International Federation of the Societies of Classical Studies. Le siège de la Fédération est établi dans la ville où réside le Secrétaire.”

The wording

“Le siège de la Fédération est établi dans la ville où réside le Secrétaire.”

is to be replaced with

“Elle est constituée en ‘association simple’ au sens de l’art. 60 du Code Civil suisse. Le Secrétaire Général ou le Président ou le Trésorier exerce une activité dans une institution académique suisse, à laquelle correspond l’adresse de l’association.” [i.e. “It is constituted as a ‘simple association’ according to the Swiss Civil Code, art. 60. The Secretary General or the President or the Treasurer is active in a Swiss academic institution, the address of which corresponds that of the association.”]

It is proposed to modify art. 10:

“Le Président représente la Fédération, **ordonnance les paiements**, convoque le Bureau; pour l'ordonnancement des paiements, il peut déléguer sa signature au Secrétaire. En cas d'empêchement temporaire, le plus âgé des Vice-Présidents et le Trésorier remplacent respectivement le Président et le Secrétaire tant que ceux-ci se trouvent empêchés. En cas d'empêchement définitif, ils les remplacent jusqu'à la prochaine Assemblée générale.”

Remove

“ordonnance les paiements” [i.e. “orders payments”].

N.B.: removing this clause implies that we also remove “pour l'ordonnancement des paiements, il peut déléguer sa signature au Secrétaire.”

Add at the end of art. 10

“Le Trésorier ordonnance les paiements. La signature du compte bancaire est confiée en premier lieu au membre du Bureau (Secrétaire Général ou Trésorier ou Président) qui exerce une activité dans une institution académique suisse ; en second lieu, au Président de l'Association Suisse pour l'Étude de l'Antiquité (ASEA / SVAW). En cas d'empêchement, la signature peut être déléguée à un ou deux professeurs exerçant une activité dans une institution académique suisse et résidant en Suisse. Cette délégation se fait par procuration conjointe du Président, ou à défaut du Trésorier.” [i.e. “The Treasurer orders payments. The signature of the banking account is entrusted, first, to the member of the Board (Secretary General, Treasurer or President) who is active in a Swiss academic institution ; second, to the President of the Swiss Association of Classical Studies (ASEA / SVAW). In case of hindrance, the signature can be delegated to one or two professors active in a Swiss academic institution and residing in Switzerland. This delegation is made by a power of attorney from the President, or by default from the Treasurer.”]

*After discussion, the changes to articles 1 and 10 are approved by the General Assembly (37 votes in favour).*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.admin.ch/opc/fr/classified-compilation/19070042/index.html#a60>

**15. FIEC Congress and General Assembly (London 2019)**

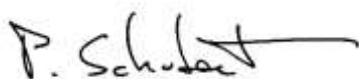
Fiona Haarer (Delegate for all three UK associations) reports on behalf of the organizing committee in London. The Congress will take place from Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> till Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at the Institute of Education (University College London). Space has been booked. The organizing 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 will be following the process.

**16. FIEC congress and General Assembly (Mexico City 2022)**

Martha Irigoyen (member of the FIEC Board) presents a proposal by the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) to hold the 2022 Congress on its campus. This proposal is unanimously accepted by the General Assembly (37 votes in favour).

**17. Any other business**

None.



Neuchâtel, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Paul Schubert (FIEC Secretary General)



## Appendix 1



The Secretary General's report from January 1<sup>st</sup> till August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (with a broader view on the period 2014-2017)

### 1. Reminder : contact between FIEC and affiliated associations

There are currently 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](mailto:paul.schubert@unige.ch)).

Please remember to check our FIEC website : [www.fiecnet.org](http://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

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

SEB, Kungssportsavenyen 20, SE-411 36 Gothenburg (address of both accounts)

Euro account (this is the account that most of you will use) :

IBAN : SE07 5000 0000 0542 3825 9017

BIC/SWIFT : ESSESESS

If you pay from a non-euro country you have the possibility to use an account in Swedish kronor:

IBAN : SE11 5000 0000 0501 1107 8210

BIC/SWIFT : ESSESESS

Please mention the name of your association, adding "FIEC fee".

Please DO NOT send a cheque ! It costs a fortune to cash it !

If you need to send something by ordinary mail, our Treasurer's address is : Gunhild Vidén, Prästgårdsgatan 6, SE-412 71 Gothenburg, Sweden. You may also contact Gunhild Vidén at the following e-mail address : [gunhild.viden@gmail.com](mailto:gunhild.viden@gmail.com) .

### 3. Meetings of the FIEC Board

Since the General Assembly of 2014 (Bordeaux), the FIEC Board has met twice in order to coordinate better its activities. Meetings took place in Geneva on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.

Several important points were discussed: FIEC website & blog; changes to be made to the FIEC Constitution; UNESCO Chair of Classics; World Humanities Conference (Liège, Aug. 6-12, 2017); European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities (EASSH); forthcoming FIEC General Assemblies and Congresses; preparation towards the election of a new President, Secretary General and Treasurer in 2019; threats to the teaching of Classics in secondary education in France and in Greece.

#### 4. 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://fiecnet.blogspot.ch>), to which all can contribute. You may send contents either to Christiane Reitz ([christiane.reitz@uni-rostock.de](mailto:christiane.reitz@uni-rostock.de)) or to Paul Schubert ([paul.schubert@unige.ch](mailto:paul.schubert@unige.ch)).

#### 5. FIEC membership

FIEC aims at including all major associations of Classical studies in the world. In some instances, associations join, only to find out that their position is too marginal to justify being affiliated to an umbrella federation such as FIEC. In such cases, those associations cancel their membership.

On the other hand, we have also managed to attract membership from countries that were insufficiently represented. In 2014, a Russian association was admitted. We are now trying to get a Chinese association to join. In the latter case, bureaucratic difficulties in China have forced us to propose a compromise solution where the Chinese association would enjoy an observer status; we hope to reach a most satisfactory solution in the future.

The FIEC Board would also like to propose admission of University institutes for membership, which would widen our reach and make FIEC better known among scholars around the world.

#### 6. Support for Classical Studies in universities and schools

FIEC is the umbrella organization representing Classical Studies worldwide. In that capacity, it has contacted governmental authorities in several countries where a closing or downsizing of Classical Studies was being considered.

Statements were issued by the President on behalf of FIEC to the University of Copenhagen, the Humanities Center at Johns Hopkins University, the Ministry of Education in Greece, the Ministry of Education in France, the magazine *The Economist* and the University of Manchester. In some cases, such as the University of Copenhagen, there were concrete results: our action contributed to the rescue of the Chair of Ancient Greek. In other cases, we receive either a polite reply or no reply at all, which does not mean that our action is useless; pressure from FIEC often makes governing bodies think twice before taking drastic action against Classical studies.

#### 7. FIEC contribution to the Humanities

A European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities (EASSH [www.eassh.eu](http://www.eassh.eu)) was founded in Paris on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The FIEC Board agreed that it would be important for FIEC to join this alliance ; Paul Schubert represented our Federation in Paris on the occasion of the founding session. EASSH works as a lobby group in Brussels, supporting – among other matters – a fair share of research funding for the Social Sciences & Humanities in large schemes such as Horizon 2020. Christiane Reitz (member of the FIEC Board) is currently our contact person for EASSH.

The CIPSH / ICPHS (International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences) General Assembly, together with a conference, took place in Beijing on Dec. 7-11<sup>th</sup>, 2015. FIEC was represented by Chris Carey.

A World Humanities Forum was organized by the Korean government, with the support of UNESCO (Seoul, October 26-29<sup>th</sup>, 2016). Some keynote speakers were invited and Classical Studies were represented on that occasion by Paul Schubert (FIEC Secretary General).

The World Humanities Conference was held in Liège (Belgium) from August 6<sup>th</sup> till 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The FIEC Board contributed to the program by proposing some themes that could accommodate speakers from Classical Studies. <http://www.humanities2017.org/en> FIEC was represented by our President, Franco Montanari, who on that occasion was re-elected as Treasurer of CIPSH, and by Chris Carey, member of the FIEC Board. Both made an important contribution to setting up a panel in the World Humanities conference.

#### 8. L'Année Philologique (Aph)

*L'Année Philologique* has gone through a deep transformation process. A new contract was signed with the Brepols (Belgium) publishing house, which will manage the contents provided by the various branches of *Aph* (Grenada [Spain], Lille [France], Genova [Italy], Duke University, Durham NC [United States], Munich [Germany], Bern [Switzerland]). Although printed volumes will still be available, *Aph* has now become a full-fledged electronic database. FIEC is represented in the Société Internationale de Bibliographie Classique (SIBC = *Aph* Board of Trustees) by Franco Montanari (FIEC President) and Paul Schubert (FIEC Secretary

General), who both attended SIBC meetings in Lille and Munich in 2016. They will also attend the next meeting, in Genova on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

#### **9. FIEC Congresses and General Assemblies**

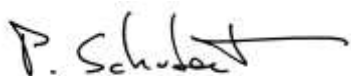
##### *2019 : Congress & General Assembly in London*

Preparation is well under way, under the leadership of Prof. Greg Woolf (University College London). An update is scheduled in Leiden (FIEC General Assembly, Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017).

##### *2022 (sic) : next FIEC Congress & General Assembly*

A proposal holding FIEC Congresses together with General Assemblies on a three-year cycle (instead of the current system with a period of five years including General Assembly / Congress + General Assembly) will be put forward at the General Assembly in Leiden (2017). If this is accepted by the Delegates, the next Congress + General Assembly will take place in 2022.

On the occasion of the FIEC General Assembly in Leiden, we intend to put forward a proposal to hold the 2022 Congress + General Assembly in Mexico City.



The Secretary General : Paul Schubert  
Neuchâtel, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## Appendix 2

Update of the FIEC Constitution



### Statuts / Constitution

(version incorporant les modifications votées à l'Assemblée générale de Québec le 23 août 1994, à celle de Varsovie le 22 août 1997, à celle de Bari le 7 septembre 2012 et à celle de Leiden le 25 août 2017)

#### Création et siège de la Fédération

Article 1 - Il est créé par les présents statuts une Association dénommée: Fédération internationale des Associations d'études classiques - International Federation of the Societies of Classical Studies. Elle est constituée en 'association simple' au sens de l'art. 60 du Code Civil suisse. Le Secrétaire Général ou le Président ou le Trésorier exerce une activité dans une institution académique suisse, à laquelle correspond l'adresse de l'association.

#### But de la Fédération

Article 2 - La Fédération a pour but de favoriser les études de toutes catégories concernant les anciennes civilisations de la Grèce et de Rome entendues dans le sens le plus large du mot: a) en regroupant les principales Associations et Institutions qui, dans chaque pays, contribuent à l'avancement des études grecques ou des études latines, en représentant ces Associations et Institutions et en défendant leurs intérêts sur le plan international; b) en organisant des Congrès internationaux tous les trois ans; c) en assurant la collaboration avec d'autres organisations internationales dont le but est l'avancement des études classiques en général ou de branches spécialisées de ces études, ou encore d'une discipline quelconque des sciences humaines.

#### Membres de la Fédération

Article 3 - Sont membres de la Fédération les Associations nationales et les Associations internationales fondatrices de la Fédération.

Article 4 - Pourront être membres de la Fédération, sur proposition du Bureau et après acceptation par l'Assemblée générale: a) les Associations nationales dont le but est l'avancement des études grecques ou des études latines ou de ces deux domaines d'études et qui, en raison du nombre ou de la qualité de leurs adhérents, peuvent être considérées comme réellement représentatives, dans chaque pays, de leur spécialité; b) les Associations internationales dont le but est l'avancement des études grecques ou des études latines, soit d'une façon générale, soit dans l'une de leurs branches spécialisées, et qui, par le nombre ou la qualité de leurs adhérents, contribuent au progrès des études classiques; c) les Départements ou Unités des établissements d'Enseignement supérieur et de Recherche engagés dans les études grecques ou les études latines et qui, par leurs activités, contribuent au progrès des études classiques.

Article 5 - Les membres de la Fédération paient une cotisation fixée par l'Assemblée générale suivant les besoins prévus. Tout membre de la Fédération qui n'a pas réglé sa cotisation dans le courant de l'année est réputé démissionnaire.

### Assemblée générale de la Fédération

Article 6 - L'Assemblée générale de la Fédération comprend: a) les Délégués des Associations nationales, à raison d'un Délégué par Association; b) les Délégués des Associations internationales, à raison d'un Délégué par Association ; c) les Délégués des Départements ou Unités des établissements d'Enseignement et de Recherche, à raison d'un Délégué par Département ou Unité. Les Délégués peuvent être accompagnés d'un Délégué adjoint, mais celui-ci n'a que voix consultative et ne prend pas part aux votes.

Article 7 - L'Assemblée générale se réunit tous les trois ans, à l'occasion du Congrès international. Si une Assemblée générale statutaire ne peut être réunie, le Bureau avertit les Associations membres et organise le cas échéant un vote par correspondance.

Article 8 - L'Assemblée générale fixe le montant de la cotisation, vote le budget, désigne deux vérificateurs des comptes pour la période allant jusqu'à la prochaine Assemblée générale, et prend toute décision utile à la bonne marche de la Fédération.

### Bureau de la Fédération

Article 9 - L'Assemblée générale élit un Président, deux Vice-Présidents, un Secrétaire, un Trésorier et cinq membres adjoints, qui forment le Bureau. Le Président tranche en l'absence d'une majorité. Le Bureau restera en exercice d'un Congrès international à l'autre, cette période ne pouvant excéder trois ans. Les membres du Bureau, excepté le Secrétaire et le Trésorier, sont immédiatement rééligibles deux fois au maximum. Le Président est rééligible une fois, mais il ne peut pas siéger dans le Bureau pour une période excédant 12 ans. Le Secrétaire et le Trésorier sont rééligibles indéfiniment. Deux ressortissants d'un même pays ne peuvent faire simultanément partie du Bureau. L'âge d'un membre du Bureau ne doit pas dépasser soixante-dix ans révolus au moment de l'élection.

Article 10 - Le Président représente la Fédération, convoque le Bureau. En cas d'empêchement temporaire, le plus âgé des Vice-Présidents et le Trésorier remplacent respectivement le Président et le Secrétaire tant que ceux-ci se trouvent empêchés. En cas d'empêchement définitif, ils les remplacent jusqu'à la prochaine Assemblée générale. Le Trésorier ordonnance les paiements. La signature du compte bancaire est confiée en premier lieu au membre du Bureau (Secrétaire ou Trésorier ou Président) qui exerce une activité dans une institution académique suisse ; en second lieu, au Président de l'Association Suisse pour l'Étude de l'Antiquité (ASEA / SVAW). En cas d'empêchement, la signature peut être déléguée à un ou deux professeurs exerçant une activité dans une institution académique suisse et résidant en Suisse. Cette délégation se fait par procuration conjointe du Président, ou à défaut du Trésorier.

Article 11 - Le Bureau a pour fonctions: a) de diriger la Fédération en accord avec les décisions de l'Assemblée générale; b) de convoquer l'Assemblée générale, d'en préparer et diriger les travaux; c) de gérer les finances de la Fédération.

### Modification des Statuts

Article 12 - Les présents statuts ne pourront être modifiés que par l'Assemblée générale, à la majorité des deux tiers des votants.

### Dissolution

Article 13 - La dissolution de la Fédération ne pourra être décidée que par l'Assemblée générale, à la majorité des deux tiers des votants. En cas de dissolution, l'actif de la Fédération sera transféré à l'UNESCO, qui aura l'obligation de l'affecter à l'avancement des études grecques et des études latines.