

The Secretary General's report from January 1st to December 31st, 2018

1. Reminder : contact between FIEC and affiliated associations

There are currently 73 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).

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.

2. Payment of yearly fee

All affiliated associations are reminded that the annual membership fee is € 110.-, to be paid as soon as possible. The resources of FIEC are very scarce; any contribution above the minimal amount of € 110.- will be deeply appreciated.

Following the changes decided at the Leiden General Assembly (2017), we have now opened a **new bank account** in Switzerland (labelled in **euros**). Instructions for payment are to be found on the Treasurer's invoice.

3. FIEC website

The FIEC website is being maintained with the help of Christiane Reitz (FIEC Vice-President) and of 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) or to Paul Schubert (paul.schubert@unige.ch).

4. Recent FIEC activities

In the course of the year 2018, FIEC has been busy supporting Classical Studies, especially in cases where an institution or a government was considering closing a program or an institute. Franco Montanari (FIEC President) thus wrote in the name of FIEC to the University of Missouri (planned dissolution of the MA and PhD degrees in Classics and Archaeology), the University of Helsinki (planned closure of the only chair of classical archaeology in Finland), several Ministries in Norway (planned closure of the Norwegian Institute at Athens), as well as to the Province of Buenos Aires (planned closure of teaching of Greek & Latin). It may seem at first glance that we are always in a defensive position, trying to slow down an inevitable erosion of the teaching of Classics in the world. This should, however, not obscure the fact that many institutions of higher learning in numerous countries still provide a strong support to the study of the Graeco-Roman literature, history and civilization.

Valérie Fromentin (member of the FIEC Board) represented FIEC at the 2nd États Généraux de l'Antiquité, a meeting in support of Classics in France.

Christiane Reitz (FIEC Vice-President) attended the General Assembly of the European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities, a group that supports the position of social sciences and humanities in large funding schemes supported by the European Union.

5. L'Année Philologique (APh)

FIEC maintains a strong presence within *L'Année Philologique* through two representatives on the Board of Trustees, called *Société Internationale de Bibliographie Classique (SIBC)*: Franco Montanari (as representative of the APh Italian branch and FIEC President) and Paul Schubert (as representative of the Swiss branch and FIEC Secretary General). Both attended the SIBC yearly meeting, which took place in Grenada on Oct. 13th, 2018.

6. FIEC Congresses and General Assemblies

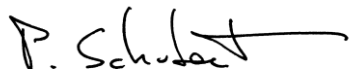
2019 : Congress & General Assembly in London

The 2019 FIEC Congress will take place in London from July 4th till 8th.

Registration is now open on the congress website: www.fiec2019.org.

2022 : Congress & General Assembly in Mexico City

The following FIEC Congress will take place in Mexico City in 2022.



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Neuchâtel, January 24th, 2019