

ASIBA Assemblée Générale

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President's report

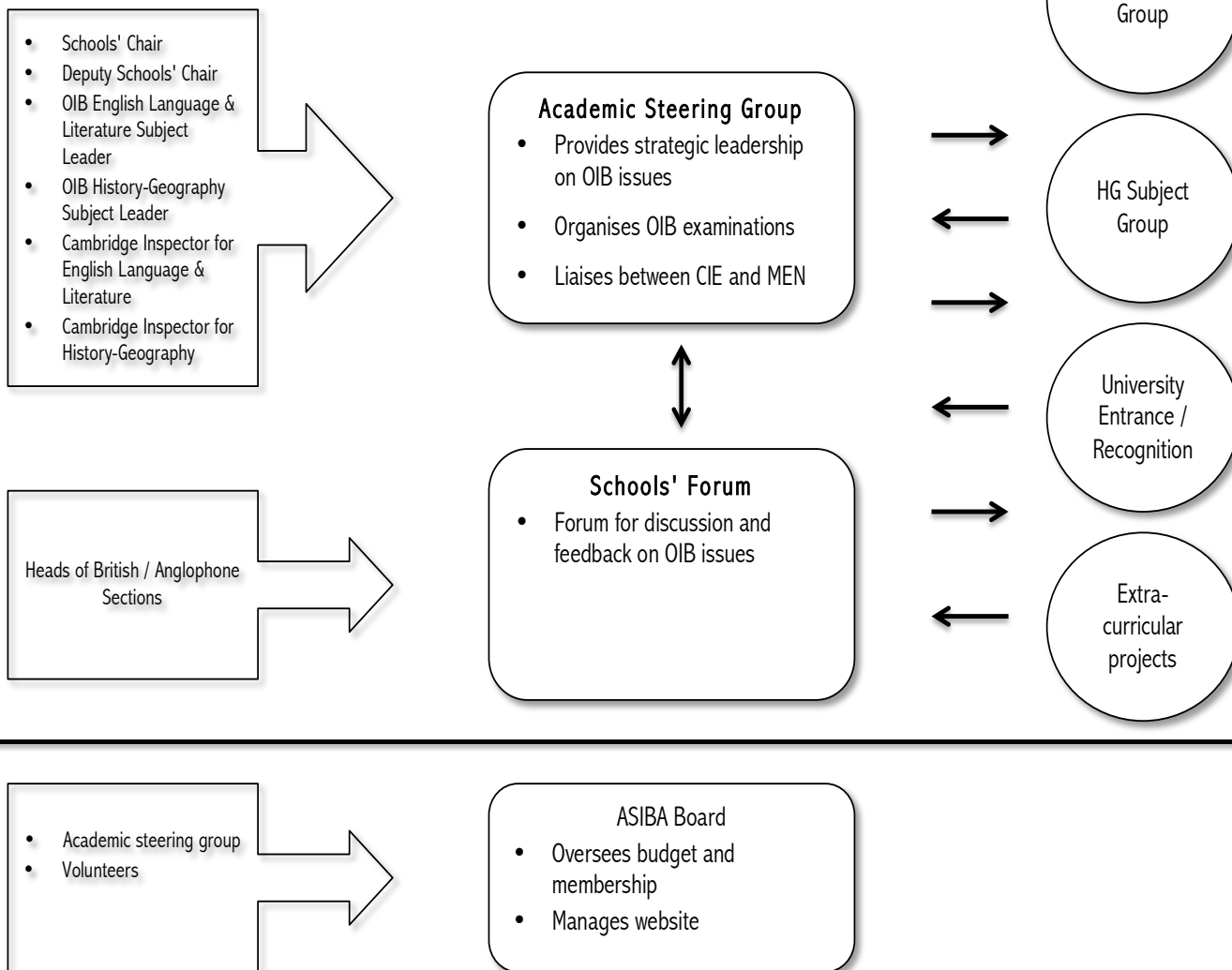


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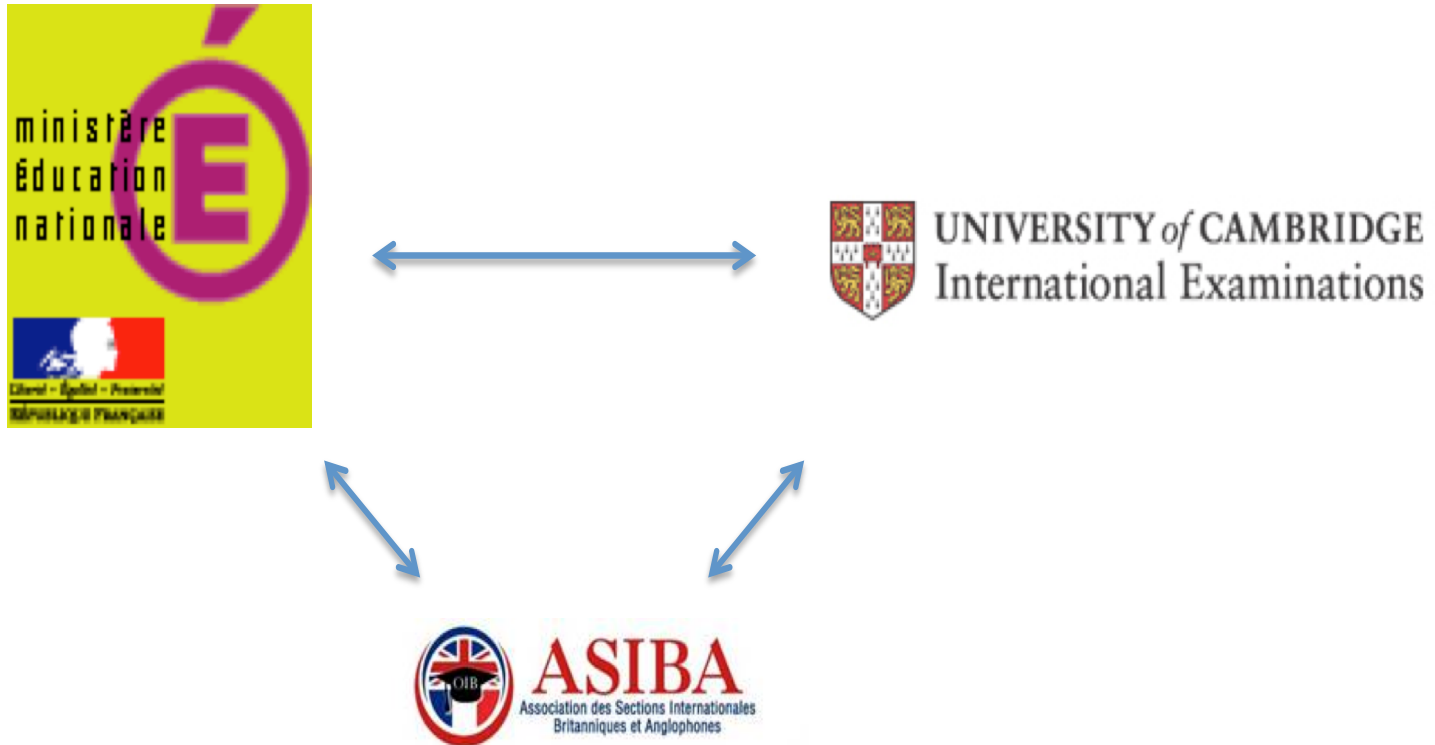


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ASIBA's role



What does this involve?

- National coordination of OIB examinations (deployment of examiners, timetabling of exams, liaison with authorities on behalf of Cambridge, teachers and candidates, etc)
- Organisation of annual training
- Liaison with authorities on the development of the OIB (partnership, curriculum, assessment, growth, logistics, finance etc)

Developments 2014-15

- National programme for English Language and Literature for the lycée cycle
- Overseas OIB examining - *dématérialisation*
 - Written: online marking
 - Orals: hybrid physical / remote examining using videoconferencing
- Review of *note de service* defining OIB exams
 - History-Geography oral
 - *Rattrapage* exams
- Memorandum of Understanding, Cambridge – Education nationale
- Year 1 of IGCSE Associate
 - 5 schools
 - Interactive IGCSE support website
 - +€4,000 income 2014-15 (administrative fees)

Towards a sustainable OIB



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The economic foundations of the British OIB

- Ministry of Education
 - Accommodation of annual subject meetings at the CIEP
 - Examiner payment and partial reimbursement of expenses
 - Administrative services e.g. production of examination
- Cambridge:
 - Inspectors fees for setting exams & delivering marks including travel and accommodation during examination sessions
 - Annual Review meeting
- ASIBA
 - Inspectors' training fees and expenses
 - Assistant Moderators' costs
 - OIB handbook
 - Some additional administrative support during examination sessions
- Schools / Parents' associations
 - Administrative assistance
 - Difference between oral examiners' costs and reimbursements
 - Subsidising travel, expenses and time of members of the academic steering group
 - Examination centre costs
- Parents
 - ASIBA membership fees
 - Travel to oral examination centres
- Teacher-examiners
 - Difference between examining costs and reimbursements (meeting, orals...)



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Examiner expenses

- Problem: oral examiners have to lay out expenses in June / July and are only partially reimbursed during the period September – April after the exams
- Consequences
 - Examiners reluctant to travel / examine
 - Increasingly complex deployment of examiners
 - Immense strain on the system
- *Teacher-examiners are currently propping up the whole system*
- Private sections are bearing the brunt where possible
 - Is this fair?
 - Is this sustainable?
 - Subject coordinators need to be able to rely on as many examiners as possible
- *We need to spread the real costs of examining more evenly among beneficiaries*
- The state cannot and will not increase reimbursements
- ASIBA does not currently have the funds to subsidise examiners & voluntary contributions have failed to increase revenues
- We need to protect the Cambridge model of examining

ASIBA: supporting the OIB since 2001

- Since 2001
 - Cambridge Inspectors - annual training fees and expenses
 - Translation services – OIB handbook
- Since 2013
 - Assistant Moderators' costs
- From 2014
 - Additional administrative support during examination sessions
- From 2015
 - Website development (previously *pro bona*)
 - Shortfall in reimbursement of examiner expenses
- From 2016
 - Examiners' lunches
 - Some examination centre costs
 - Contribution to permanent national OIB administrative support



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Proposal 1: examiner costs

- Set aside a sum of money to reimburse the difference, or a part thereof, between examiners' reasonable expenses and state reimbursements i.e. the 'real' cost of examining
- 2014-15:
 - Open to EdNat teachers only
 - Reimburse proportionally to examiners' declared overspend and the funds available
 - Maximum spending limits (excluding state reimbursements)
 - Accommodation: 80 euros per night
 - Meals: 30 euros per day
- 2015-16:
 - Review cost and, if feasible, extend fund to non-EdNat teachers
 - Exam centres to invoice ASIBA for examiner lunches

Proposal 2: examination centre costs

- a. Examination centres to remove any fees made to visiting candidates from 2015-16
- b. ASIBA will consider subsidising examination centres where non-recoverable costs that go beyond welcoming examiners cannot be covered by the parent association and/or school e.g. servicing boarding facilities, administrative assistance supporting the national organisation of the exam

Proposal 3: ASIIBA membership fees

- From 2014-15, membership fees to be calculated as 10 euros per Terminale student with a minimum membership fee of 250 euros per section