

## Minutes of ASIBA Meeting at Lyon, 27th November 2007

14h-15h

**Present** : Paddy Salmon, John Cadden, Ivan Karaivanov, Glenys Kennedy, Peter Woodburn, Derek Erb.

**Apologies** : David Gage

1. Dates were agreed for two more meetings this academic year: 1<sup>st</sup> February and 15<sup>th</sup> March, both in Sèvres, from 10h-12h.
2. Regarding finances, there was discussion on whether the subscriptions should be increased. Philip had reported that the funds were low. However, there are still some outstanding fees to be paid. We need more information on the following:
  - a) By how much have the costs gone up for the examiner training visits in October and March?
  - b) How many schools/members are defaulting and by how much? Question marks were placed alongside Clermont, Lille, Manosque, Rouen, Dijon, Strasbourg, Aix (who want to pay), Colomier, La Baule and Le Havre.
  - c) How many teachers have informed Philip that they were out of pocket when travelling to training meetings? (And should ASIBA be engaged in trying to redress imbalances here?)
  - d) What would the cost be, potentially, to ASIBA in trying to support new people from public sections being brought into the management structure as proposed by the HoS meeting?

There was also discussion on whether there should be more pressure put on *provisseurs* to help fund teachers who need to travel to training meetings. In this respect a new letter is needed, possibly, outlining more clearly the work of ASIBA which is essential if Cambridge are to continue their validation of the OIB. Also, it might be helpful to have a document signed by the CIEP, acknowledging the importance of ASIBA in the training process.

It was finally decided to use the reserves for any outstanding payments and consider a raise in subs at the AGM in March.

3. There was discussion about a perceived need for greater transparency over the real cost of the OIB, when looking at how teachers are refunded for examining or travelling to training, and how much some of the sections were "investing" in the exam. A survey is needed, though details were not discussed. There are inequalities and, while these may not be resolved, valuable statistical information was felt to be needed, in order to see the scale of the problem. It was agreed that such information would not be made available in detail but in a more general way.
4. There was discussion on the need for greater accountability by teachers for their expenses within the OIB system which might be addressed by their signing off for their duties in a more visibly recorded fashion. If ASIBA were to go down the road of trying to redress imbalances, then some such accounting would need to be done.
5. Derek Erb reported back on the latest stage of the website. He has made it over so that information can be located more easily. The new version will be ready 15<sup>th</sup> December to 15<sup>th</sup> January for vetting. At a later stage, after approval of the text version, images will be added.

- Derek agreed to check with Joel Tarel as to whether the 2009 translation is now complete and also to ask for an estimate for an updated 2010 version.
  - Derek also agreed to consider the various ways the website could be made accessible to teachers for things like information on extra-curricular activities and pedagogical initiatives.
6. Paddy Salmon talked very briefly about the proposals already in place for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the OIB to be held next October in Sèvres. François-Xavier d'Aligny is preparing another International Sections Congress (No. 3) to coincide with the event. The Mayor of Sèvres, François Kosciusko-Morizet, is enthusiastic and the CIEP are to be approached and involved. It is hoped that the event will raise the profile of the OIB and to celebrate its growth and success in a very visible way. There should not be any expenses incurred by ASIBA.

The meeting closed at 15h15 with thanks to John Cadden for hosting the meeting and to all who came.

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Paddy Salmon, President