

**FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE  
DES MOUVEMENTS D'ECOLE MODERNE**  
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FIMEM  
International Federation of Modern School Movements

MEETING OF THE FIMEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS (CA)

Place: Loris Malaguzzi International Center

Participants:

Pilar Fontevedra (MCEP-Spain) President

Renate Niklausen (FK-Germany) Secretary

Sadikh Diaw (ASEM-Senegal) Vice-President

François Perdrial (ICEM-France) Treasurer

Giancarlo Cavinato (MCE Italy)

Mia Vävare (KAP- Suède)

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Holiday Inn

Youth hostel

Translation: Pilar in Spanish.

François et Sadikh, in French.

Renate, in German

Giancarlo in Italian.

Mia in English.

#### SUMMARY:

1. Letter from the President
2. Opening of the XXX RIDEF
3. 2014 General Assembly.
  1. 1st AG.
  2. 2nd AG.
  3. 3rd AG.
4. Plenary Presentation of the book
5. Financial report.
6. Debate on secularism
7. Interviews with the movements.
8. Meeting with the Beninese group
9. New AC of the FIMEM.

1) Letter from the President After four years in the CA, in this last letter I want to analyze and express my opinion on some of the issues that have concerned me, especially the last two years, in which I have been the president of the CA of FIMEM. I begin by estimating the great work and enthusiasm of the organizing movements of the last RIDEFs. Efforts have been made to maintain coherence with Freinet pedagogy and with the proposed themes. Topics that respond to the challenges of humanity and the questions that we ask ourselves as teachers of this time that we have to live. Teachers who do not ignore the reality of our world, characterized by deep imbalances, by injustices, by a neoliberal model of development, based on the laws of the market and in which

Human Rights continue to be respected and inequalities are growing. But the work done, the reflections, debates and conclusions, cannot remain at the meeting place, they must be the starting point of the work in the federated movements and in each school where Freinet pedagogy is practiced.

If we are able to collect the conceptual and practical advances, the theoretical approaches and the educational practices that have been generated in the last RIDEFs, our time at each meeting will have been fertile. We need to ask ourselves how we have changed our schools to raise awareness and promote responsible actions on the natural environment that surrounds us, what our participations have been to promote equity and justice for girls and women in our home, in our school, in our community. , in our regional and national movements, how we are going to promote the democratic participation of girls and boys in the decisions that concern them, at school, in the city and in the family. It is therefore necessary to do a deep exercise of reflection to discover the coherence of our actions and the way in which we assume the commitments in the struggle for fairer, free, democratic, inclusive and equitable families, schools, societies and movements. At RIDEF 2012, recognition was given to the women of the FIMEM and the work done by them, as reflected in the dossier of the meeting delivered in Reggio Emilia. If this recognition is also carried out in each movement, it will allow us that in future meetings we will continue to discover the important contribution to the Modern School of women of our movement; serve as an example the work well done, the tenacity and the continuous fight of our African companions.

In Italy we again raised a debate on secularism. Some people say that it is an old debate, that it is tiresome and boring to talk about secularism again, but perhaps we should ask ourselves why it is being raised again and if the real debate is not about to take place.

In my opinion, we have once again lost the opportunity to discuss in depth the concept of secularism, which is not the same as the use of an article of clothing, discussions about the veil of

some groups did not respond to the debate raised by the CA. If we want to reach conclusions and meeting points that help us move forward, we will have to read and reflect, individually and collectively, on each of our movements and come up with clear concepts and concrete proposals.

When we talk about secularism, we only remember where we come from. In 1927 the statutes of the Cooperativa de la Enseñanza Laica (C.E.L) were voted and the Freinet movement was born.

Secularism, following the meaning given to it in the Modern School Charter, is to work for the values of social justice, for freedom of expression, democracy, human dignity, respect and the promotion of human rights. And it is contrary to fanaticism, dogmatism, superstition, single thought and absolute values.

In order to advance in the development of secular education, we will have to ask ourselves what we are doing specifically to oppose heteronomous thought, beliefs of absolute truths, superstition, fanaticism, vassalism, and the magical-religious dogmatism that places the women and girls in a situation of inferiority in relation to men. Whether you want to or not, we have a problem at the FIMEM, of which we are only aware during the RIDEFs; This problem has to do with an idea of religion as the only philosophy of life and with certain practices, promoted by those religions, which has permeated some participants in the meetings who do not realize that the public space, of all, is not it is to pray, nor to make public manifestations of their own beliefs, personal and therefore private. If we are members of the FIMEM, we have a commitment to the philosophy of the Modern School and therefore we collaborate with the Institutions of the environment where we live, with social representatives, with social volunteers, with representatives of the world of education ... to promote free, public, secular education that integrates all the students; Girls and boys with their different characteristics, whether or not they have physical or mental deficiencies.

I have to express my deep disappointment at the operation of the CA. His work did not respond to what must be a council of a federation, whose main identity is cooperation. Some of us had to assume a heavy workload and a constant concern to carry out the tasks. As the main cause, I point

to the lack of permanence in office of the chosen people; Article 12 of the regulation says that the CA is renewed by thirds every two years, and it so happens that of the CA elected in 2010 there was only one person left when RIDEF 2012 ended. To this we must add that at the first meeting of the CA As a result of the election of the General Assembly of León, two of its members were not present and one of them resigned six months later. At the 2013 meeting in Mestre, we had to redefine and plan our work and specify the tasks of each member of the council until 2014. Despite having agreed on how to organize ourselves and the tasks to be carried out, as they appear in the Infor 63, CA performance did not improve. The next Assemblies will have to find solutions to these situations.

**I do not want to end without making votes for the future of FIMEM. Freinet died in 1966 but the international movement that he started is still alive. Each teacher who researches in the classroom and shares it with his cooperative group, is advancing the pedagogy of the Modern School. The educational work today supposes a creative deepening of our pedagogy, focusing on equity, the increasing participation of students, respect for nature, daily history and social problems. The FIMEM was born more than fifty years ago, but its ideals, today as yesterday, are modern, popular, secular school, freedom and individual and collective responsibility.**

In this sense, many of our movements are investigating and making relevant contributions in: coeducation, education for peace, respect for Human Rights, citizenship, the inclusion of all differences and participation in community development; as has been evident in our meetings. A group of young teachers have come to Reggio Emilia to participate in their first RIDEF, to whom we welcome and hope to meet you in the next.

**Long live FIMEM!**

2014 August

Pilar Fontevedra Carreira

## OPENING OF THE XXX RIDEF

On Monday, July 21, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., the opening plenary session began with the welcome of the President of the FIMEM, Pilar Fontevedra Carreira, and the greeting of Giorgio Zanetti, rector of the MORA University (of Modena and Reggio).

Claudia Rinaldi, President of the Reggio Children Foundation, presented the pedagogical work of the Loris Malaguzzi International Center.

Domenico Canciani (MCE) coordinated the round table in which the different nuances about the educational city were exposed; highlighting the potentials it offers, but also the critical aspects and risks.

Interveners:

- Giancarlo Cavinato secretary of the M.C.E. "Looks that change the world".
- Pilar Fontevedra Carreira, President of the FIMEM speaks of "The city of women and girls".
- Vittorio Cogliati Dezza, President of Legambiente, "City, environment and future".
- Raffaella Curioni, Councilor of the city council for education, "City, beauty, solidarity and happiness".
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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

PENDANT LA RIDEF / DURING THE RIDEF / DURANTE LA RIDEF 07/21 - 07/30/2014

Reggio nell'Emilia (Italy)

## ORDRE DU JOUR DE L'ASSEMBLEE GENERALE ORDINAIRE

## AGENDA OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY/ORDINE DEL GIORNO DELL'ASSEMBLEA GENERALE ORDINARIA

<b>0.</b>	<b>Installation du président et secrétaire de l'AG.</b>	<b>du</b>	<b>Installation of a president and secretary of the GA.</b>	<b>of a</b>	<b>Insediamiento del presidente e del segretario dell'A.G.</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Bienvenue</b>	<b>et</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>Saluti e presentazione delle</b>

	présentations des différentes délégations.	presentation of the different delegations.	diverse delegazioni
2	Présentation des délégués et décompte des voix.	Presentation of the delegates and calculation of the votes.	Presentazione dei delegati e calcolo dei voti
3	Présentation des candidats au CA.	Introducing candidates for the BD.	Presentazione delle candidature al CA.
4	Présentation des mouvements candidats comme membres de la FIMEM.	Introducing of new movements as members of FIMEM.	Presentazione dei movimenti candidati come membri FIMEM.
5	Rapport moral 2012-2014.	Moral report 2012-2014.	Rapporto Morale Informazione sulle attività della FIMEM 2012-2014.
6	Rapport financier 2012-2014.	Financial report 2012-2014.	Rapporto economico 2012-2014
7	Décharge du CA.	Approval of the BD.	Votazione sulla gestione del CA 2012-2014
8	Orientations.	Orientations.	Orientamenti
9	Budgets prévisionnels 2014-2016.	Preliminary budgets 2014-2016.	Bilancio preventivo 2014-2016.
10.	RIDEF 2016 au Bénin.	RIDEF 2016 in Benin.	RIDEF 2016 in Benin.
11.	Propositions pour la RIDEF 2018 et suivantes.	Proposal for the RIDEF 2018 and next dates.	Proposte per la RIDEF 2018 e successive.
12.	Débat : Laïcité, religion et Charte de l'Ecole Moderne	Debate : Secularism, religion and Modern School Cart	Dibattito: Laicità, religione, carta della Scuola Moderna
13.	Questions financières pour les frais du CA.	Financial questions about BD expenses	Problemi finanziari dovuti ai costi del C.A.
14.	Siège social de la FIMEM	Social place of FIMEM	Sede sociale della FIMEM
15.	Elections :	Elections	Elezione:

	-des candidats au CA. -des nouveaux membres de la FIMEM. -des commissaires aux comptes.	- of the candidates for the BD. - of the new members of FIMEM. - of the auditors.	-dei candidati al CA. -dei nuovi movimenti membri FIMEM - dei revisori dei conti
16.	Questions diverses.	Different questions.	Diverse.

**1st Assembly, July 21, 2014 - 5.30 p.m.**

### **Agenda**

Proposed vote on a motion on Palestine

- 1 Installation of the presidency and the secretariat of the GA.
- 2 Presentation of candidacies to the CA
- 3 Presentation of candidate movements for new members of the FIMEM
- 4 Activity report
- 5 Financial report
- 6 Orientations
- 7 Provisional budget
- 8 RIDEF 2016 Benin
- 9 RIDEF 2018 Propositions
- 10 Change to article 7 of the internal regulations
- 11 Headquarters
- 12 Various issues

The President of this assembly is Andi Honegger and the secretary Teresita Garduño.

A minute of silence was observed in remembrance of the members of the FIMEM movements, present in the past Ridefs, and who died in the last two years: Mario Lodi (Italy), Kpandang Komla (Togo), Sofía Napiorkowska (Poland), Eradio Mardones (Chile), Mimi Thomás (Friends of Freinet-

France) and at the last moment María Luisa Do Vale (Brazil). A notebook for each one will be deposited so that the congressmen can write a word, if they wish. We had written to the five movements to inform them.

In addition to these six people, we have remembered Maryvonne Connan (France), who passed away shortly before RIDEF.

The motion on Palestine proposed by the CA of the FIMEM not having received the assent of all of them, it was decided to transfer the vote of this motion to the 3rd AG. The text will be reviewed in the 2nd GA by language groups.

**1 and 2.- Welcome and presentations from the different delegations. Presentation of the delegates and people who count the votes.**

<b>Name of the movement</b>	<b>Abbrev.</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Name of the delegate</b>
1) Arbeitskreis Schuldruckerei	AKS	Allemagne	<b>Renate Niklausen</b>
2) Freinet-Kooperative E.V.	FKEV	Allemagne	<b>Gitta Kovermann Monika Bonheio</b>
3) Freinet-Plattform Österreich/Freinet Gruppe Wien	<del>FPÖ</del> FPÖ	<del>Austria</del> Austria	<b>Wangli Gubinwald</b>
4) Education Populaire	EPB	Belgique	<b>Yvette Brike</b>
5) Movimiento Cooperativo Escuela Popular	MCEP	Espagne	<b>Juan Fernández Platero</b>
6) Nova Escola Galega	NEG	Espagne	<b>absent</b>

7)	Institut Coopératif de l'Ecole Moderne	ICEM	France	<b>Mulat Michel Claude Beaunis</b>
8)	Movimento Cooperazione Educativa	MCE	Italie	<b>Leonardo Leonetti Paolo Lampronti</b>
9)	Gendai Gakko Undo Japan - Modern School Movement of Japan	GGUJ	Japon	<b>Yuko Okaniwa</b>
10)	De Nederlandstalige Freinet Beweging (Ned + Vlaanderen)	FBN	Pays-Bas /Belgique	<b>Katrien Nijs</b>
11)	De Nederlandstalige Freinet Beweging	KAP	Suède	<b>David Amlof</b>
12)	Freinet Gruppe Schweiz - Groupe Suisse de l'Ecole Moderne	FGS-GSEM	Suisse	<b>Andi Honnegger</b>
13)	Associação Brasileira para Divulgação Estudos e Pesquisas - Pedagogia Freinet	ABDEPP	Brésil	<b>absent</b>
14)	Movimento de Escola Moderna - Norte/Nordeste	MREMNN	Brésil	<b>Waldilia Neiva de Moura</b>
15)	Movimiento Mexicano de Escuela Moderna	MMEM	Mexique	<b>Marco Esteban Mendoza Rodríguez.</b>
16)	Movimiento por una Educación Popular Alternativa	MEPA	Mexique	<b>Claudia Bolongaro Crevenna Recasens</b>
17)	Polskie Stowarzyszenie Animatorow Pedagogiki C. Freineta	PSAPF	Pologne	<b>Regina Chorn</b>
18)	Association Béninoise d'Ecole Moderne	ABEM	Bénin	<b>Jean Dayé</b>

19) Mouvement Ecole Moderne Bulgare	MEMB	Bulgarie	<b>Rep Lena Alexanderson</b>
20) Association des Enseignants Camerounais de l'Ecole Moderne	AECEMO	Cameroun	<b>Monique Mboui Abesso</b>
21) Asociacion de Movimientos Colombianos de la Escuela Moderna	AMCEM	Colombie	<b>Nancy Bolaños</b>
22) Association Géorgienne de la Pédagogie Freinet	la AGPF	Géorgie	<b>Marina Bediashvili</b>
23) Asociata Romana Pentru O Scoala Moderna	ARSM	Roumanie	<b>absent</b>
24) Association de l'Ecole Moderne de la Russie	AREM	Russie	<b>absent</b>
25) Association Sénégalaise d'Ecole Moderne	ASEM	Sénégal	<b>Badara Sall Bineta Sarr</b>
26) Mouvement des Enseignants Novateurs	MOUVEN	Togo	<b>absent</b>
27) Association Ivoirienne de l'Ecole Moderne	AIEM	Côte d'Ivoire	<b>Noureni Matandjou</b>
28) Association Marocaine de l'Ecole Moderne	AMEM	Maroc	<b>Samira Belli</b>
29) Cooperativa de Escuela Celestin Freinet	CECF	Chili	<b>Absent</b>
30) Amis de Freinet	ADF	International	<b>Hervé Moullé</b>
31) Collectif Québécois de l'Ecole Moderne	CQEM	Canada	<b>Mariel Ducharme</b>

31 movements, 26 countries, 28 delegates and 6 absent

They have 27 movements out of 31, 28 delegates have the right to vote (not counting Bulgaria).

Without being members of the FIMEM, teachers came from Uruguay, Argentina, Peru, Palestine, the Congo, Greece and Turkey. Canada returns again and Haiti and REPEF request registration. Burkina Faso also requests to enter but there are no representatives.

Furthermore, the Burkina Faso movement is requesting its affiliation to the FIMEM.

A question is raised to the General Assembly: the Bulgarian movement appointed Lena Alexanderson (Sweden) as representative. The procurement and the fee arrived on time at the CA. The internal regulations do not say anything on this point. The GA will rule on the authorization or not of Lena's vote on behalf of the Bulgarian movement. Sylviane Amiet says that we should change the internal rules to avoid this. Michel Mulat says it seems important that movements can be present. Money or visa issues should not prevent a move from participating.

**27 delegates are present.**

### **3.-Presentation of candidates to the CA**

There were 3 candidates for the CA: Walter from Germany, Edoaurd from Benin and Marie Duchamps from Canada

Three candidates have submitted: Walter Hövel du Freinet Kooperative (Germany), Edouard Dohou from the Beninese Association of the Modern School (Benin) and Mariel Ducharme from the Quebecois Collective of the Modern School (Canada)

- Walter Hövel: The German movement had a candidate but realized that RIDEF always speaks French and English and does not include other languages, so they withdrew their candidacy. The German language group will reflect on a substitution at the 2nd GA.

Ingrid points out that the French language predominates and no translations are made.

- Edouard Dohou talks about the relevance of being in the CA for the organization of RIDEF with the ADEM group. He intends to work with enthusiasm at FIMEM. It will work so that CONGO AND NIGER are integrated into FIMEM. He is a school principal. If the assembly agrees, he accepts the position.

It is noted that in the previous RIDEF the translation was extraordinary. We are making a contrary movement. It is proposed that they be organized by language groups.

- Mariel Ducharme from Quebec (the French-speaking part of Canada) proposes her candidacy. It is the first time that there has been a Quebec candidacy. His movement is a member of the FIMEM and presents it.

Pilar asks the candidates to write a paper to include them in the newspaper. This will allow them to be better known.

#### **4.- Presentation of candidate movements as members of the FIMEM.**

Three movements that have asked to enter the FIMEM. Everyone has submitted their activity report.

Burkina Faso. Presented by ASEM.

The Haitian Educators Movement, presented by MEPA

The network of educators and researchers of the Freinet Pedagogy - REPEF., Presented by the ICEM

- **Burkina Faso.**- He did not come because Youssouf Sawadogo did not obtain his visa, despite the money sent. It is unfortunate. For several years they tried to obtain a visa to come to RIDEF.

MBEM is part of CAMEM and has asked Sadikh to represent him.

- **Haiti.** It is a movement made up of teachers from a dozen schools, in a country facing enormous poverty. The MEPA sponsors him and is ready to encourage and support the development of the Haitian group of MEFA.

- **REPEF (Brazil) .-** The REPEF group that was created on September 7, 2011 is presented. It is a network of educators who practice the pedagogy of the modern school. It has 110 affiliates from seven different regions of Brazil. In Sao Paulo they have seven villas. Many teachers work in the public school. They have a website and a blog. REPEF comes from a split between 2 movements and has room for everyone. The REPEF group presents itself and presents a "power point" to the Assembly.

Non-affiliated movements and those present at RIDEF asked to intervene, the GA gives them the floor.

**Uruguay.-** Pablo presents himself for the **Uruguayan Popular School Movement (MEPU)**. He points out that there are other colleagues who have already participated and appreciate the support to be here. Other colleagues have been in the RIDEFS of France and Spain.

**Greece.-** Sofia Lahlou representing the group of Freinet teachers. They agree on Freinet pedagogy. A school with open doors to the community. Pedagogical group. "Ecole buissonnière". They develop the affective and socio-affective competences of their students and emancipation. They have met and spread this pedagogy to Greek colleagues. She is a teacher in teaching French in secondary schools. The Athens Cultural Institute has promoted a conference for the dissemination of Freinet pedagogy in Greece. He has made a school newspaper for six years with the Freinet school model. They publish and distribute 2000 copies of the newspaper. They have spread many

articles. They have been supported by French colleagues. They work at the preschool, elementary, high school, and art school. They prepare courses for teachers. She works in a poor neighborhood.

### **5.-Report of activities 2012-2014.**

The text sent to spring to the movements will be seen in GA n ° 3

#### **General comments.**

The FIMEM supports movements in the fight to defend the public school.

We received 26 activity reports from member movements and from movements that requested their entry into FIMEM, such as REPEF or MEPU. We also have reports on the activities of "Red America" and our delegates: Jean Le Gal, Claude Beaunis and Jorge Bellot. All these documents are visible on the FIMEM website.

We had contacts with Palestine and 4 Palestinians were able to come to RIDEF.

The children's rights book has been published.

The CA has supported the work of the MCE to organize the RIDEF.

The MCEP through Teresa Flores and Juan Fernández Platero presented the RIDEF 2012 dossier from León. It is located on a USB stick in pendrive format. A USB stick was given to all movements and to each participant in the meeting. It was the teamwork carried out by the RIDEF 2012 organizing group, for a year.

**Note.- The agenda is changed by the hour and numbers 10 and 11 are presented first.**

### **10.- RIDEF 2016 in Benin.**

It will take place in Dogbo. The representatives of Benin present photos of the place. The Beninese population is distributed as follows: 48% Christians, 24% Muslims and 12% animists.

Sylvane Amiet du FGS-GSEM (Swiss), Marta and Giancarlo (MCE) went to visit the places and meet people in Benin. His report is on the FIMEM website.

There are difficulties in getting around, but they had the support of Benin's colleagues. They have been accommodated in the hotel and in the house of Emile, Edouard's brother. They found the people who will be in charge of organizing the RIDEF. They met the people who will take over the RIDEF. They were in a RIDEF organizational assembly to learn how to assume responsibilities. They went to the Dogbo school a small town. At the University, classrooms are not the best option. In normal school they were better. There are cheap hotels in good condition. There is a bus for transportation in the morning to the normal school.

They saw the authorities such as the mayor, the Minister of Education and the vice-rector of the University and are interested and willing to collaborate.

The conditions for pedagogy in Benin are poorly developed.

## **11.- Proposals for RIDEF 2018 and following.**

**Sweden.-** They make a presentation of the country, the place where the RIDEF would be and the activities of the Freinet schools in Sweden.

**Canada.-** The 200 teachers who work in Freinet Pedagogy have decided to propose to carry out the RIDEF in Canada. They explain the reasons for doing it in 2018:

- Considering that the movement has had a major revival this year, it seems important to them to consolidate them with a RIDEF.
- They want to do it before the first generation that started Freinet Pedagogy in Quebec retires.
- They have experience in organizing large events and have infrastructure.
- There is a relationship with teachers in the rest of Canada and in the United States.
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## **6.- Financial report 2012-2014.**

Comparisons from 2014 to 2012

Liquidity and capital resources as of 9/07/2012 39,494.30 EUROS.

Liquidity and capital resources as of 06/30/2014 24,785.11 EUROS.

Difference: -14, 709.19

It must be considered that the Italians must return 10,000 euros that they lent to RIDEF.

Also missing is the Pays de la Loire grant of 3,000 euros that will arrive this fall.

### **7.- Evaluation of the management of the CA 2012-2014.**

It is done at the 3rd assembly.

### **8.- Orientations.**

They are voted on 3rd. General Assembly.

### **9.- 2014-2016 provisional budgets.**

3 budgets of 47,000 euros are presented.

The 1st with 3 non-European AC members and 2 AC meetings in addition to the RIDEF

The 2nd with 3 non-European AC members and 1 AC meeting in addition to RIDEF.

The 3rd with 2 non-European AC members and 2 AC meetings in addition to RIDEF.

### **12.- Debate on secularism, religion and Modern School Chart.**

The Belgian movement has sent a letter demanding this debate. The letter is on the FIMEM website.

The CA accepted makes the debate.

The debate will take place in 2 stages, on the 24th and on the 26th of July. (6:30 at school)

It was mentioned that all the analysis texts on the subject would be placed on the FIMEM site, in the philosophical space.

Domenico Canciani was asked to make a short introduction to start the discussion.

Yvette says that laicity and the place of women must be in the movements of the modern school.

### **13.- Financial management for CA expenses**

Considering that the expenses of the AC have exceeded the budget and that countries A have to make a double payment since they pay their contributions and also cover their proportion of 40% of the expenses of the AC meetings, it is proposed to modify article 7 of the regulation, which says that:

60% of expenses are paid by FIMEM.

40% of expenses are paid by movements.

Proposing that the FIMEM absorb all the expenses of the meetings and increase contributions up to 10% to all members.

### **14. FIMEM Registered Office**

The FIMEM Registered Office was in Châtellerault - Poitou-Charentes region (France) at the personal address of Bernard Monthubert, treasurer in 2000

Two reasons to make the change

1.- He was in a private house.

2.- The Pays de la Loire region could not pay a subsidy for the children's rights book to an association that had its head office outside the Region. Today the new registered office is located at the Jules Ferry de Mayenne public school, where the office of the Friends of Freinet is located. The officialization of the new office has appeared in the official bulletin n ° 26 of June 28, 2014.

### **15.-Elections at the 3rd General Assembly.**

-of candidates for the CA.

-of new members of the FIMEM.

-of auditors.

## **16.- Various issues**

**RIDEF 2014:** The discomfort of people staying in distant hotels is manifested by not having buses to travel to the places of activities and to return.

In Nantes we reviewed the old letter from the Modern School and a new letter has been approved. It is located on the FIMEM site.

The Freinet America Network will deliver the statutes and the letter of principles at the time of the 3rd assembly. (They have been delivered and visible on the site).

### **2nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY.- July 27, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**

For four language groups: French, Italian, Spanish, English and German.

#### **French language group**

The group accepts the text on Palestine.

After discussing it, the group says Lena Alexanderson can represent the Bulgarian movement and vote in the final assembly.

Most of the time given has been used to debate and explain the problem linked to the debate on secularism. Why this debate?

Then we quickly explained all the items on the agenda.

We talked a long time about RIDEF in Benin and Quebec.

No specific demand ...

#### **Italian language group**

G. Cavinato explains the FIMEM guidelines for the 2014-2016 biennium. We propose that the following points be added:

- Request the movements to commit themselves to promotion initiatives (not "defense", which seems a reactive attitude only) of the SCHOOL as a common good (rather than of "knowledge as a common good").

- Regarding the tools to support our pedagogy: the best defense is openness, contamination by other pedagogical proposals, not closure in a nostalgic defense of "techniques".

We need to be present with clear proposals that, on a series of aspects, differentiate us from OPERATIONAL PEDAGOGY (example: cooperative learning) but at the same time allow us to imply that we propose better solutions to accept today's educational challenges.

Among the propositions:

- instruments for distance communication are required, clearly identifiable references in each movement that can respond, and a network of translators.

- On secularism: the FIMEM does not have a sacred text, except the option for secularism, which integrates in itself doubt and questioning.

- on war situations we can only underline the importance of peace education and reject and denounce all situations of violence, exploitation, and suffering.

- With the Italian RIDEF, the MCE wanted to offer an example of open dialogue on the outside, the search world, local communities, voluntary associations. FIMEM can accept the challenge and continue on this path.

- It is important for us to have time for reflection and exchange and it is not only an empty discourse that is replaced by concrete activities, both aspects are not contrary to each other.

- We propose to the FIMEM to deal with the problem of the children of immigrants in European countries, intervening with governments with collected signatures, taking public positions, for appropriate legislation.

In several countries an immigrant who wants to enroll their children in school or register them in the municipality where they live, must have a residence permit, if they do not have it they may have problems with schools or health structures. In Italy, if the parents do not have a residence permit, the institutions can create difficulties for them to enroll in school, or to access health care.

We want to intervene in situations that occur, particularly in Africa, but also in other countries, where children are not registered at birth, so we do not know their age (they do not know it either). It is intolerable.

Reflecting on a tool that can bring together and represent the activities of the different movements, we cannot hide the fact that the exhibition on houses and the book on rights had little response from the German-speaking movements in the Scandinavian countries. , from Northern Europe. It is a strong element of concern at the time when the FIMEM dedicated resources and energy to obtain tools that can be used by all its movements. If we want to build an operational work tool together, that makes us known and identifies us, all movements must work together.

Movimento di cooperazione educativa.

### **Spanish and Portuguese language group**

- The AC proposal on the Palestine communiqué is accepted.
- The group shows their satisfaction for the tribute to the teacher Benaiges. If there is enough money to help a teacher so that he can attend a RIDEF or other more practical training.
- Lena Alexanderson can represent the Bulgarian movement and vote in the assembly. If accepted at the final Assembly, ask that there be an orientation to regulate this case and that it go from being an exceptional case and creating a precedent.

### **Add to the guidelines:**

- The AC will meet odd years, the pairs will meet only on the occasion of RIDEF.
- Vote four years in advance which movement RIDEF is going to organize.
- Every year, in the month of June, all the members of the CA are obliged to take stock of their activities. The CA secretariat will send them in a joint document to all movements
- Consider the Spanish language as official in all RIDEFs.
- We do not agree with the current categories of countries A, B and C and we ask each movement to make a study of its economic situation and propose to FIMEM the fee that it could pay.

### **English language group**

Resolution on Palestine: the group is satisfied with the text as it stands, reflecting the situation of children in the Gaza Strip city, where the situation is unbalanced.

I. Vote for Bulgaria:

A person can vote but only for one country, no more than one "extra" vote for each country.

2 Elections for the CA: Number of members, six.

3 New members of the FIMEM

How many movements can be from the same country? Are there limits? We welcome new members.

4 Activity report: We want the AC to add a report regarding the visits to Italy and Sweden on the forecasts for RIDEF

5 Financial report: No group comment for CA.

6 Orientations: No comments from the group for the CA.

Notes taken by Mia Vävare

(The group had a lively discussion, but the participants agree to say that the notes should be very short and only give the conclusions).

### **Plenary Presentation of the book "We must not be silent"**

It took place on Wednesday, July 23, at 5:00 pm in the auditorium of the Malaguzzi Center:

Introduction: Singing on the Rights of the Child by girls and boys.

- Coordination of the round table by Jean Le Gal.

- introduction by Pilar Fontevedra Carreira: FIMEM and the Rights of the Child.

- Intervention by François Perdrial: reasons why the CA of FIMEM financed the book.

- Intermediate: Children's songs.
- Intervention by María Marchegiani (how the commission made up of Giancarlo Cavinato, Maria Marchegiani, Anna Mazzucco and Giuliana Manfredi worked to select and collate the texts and drawings, translate them and edit this book).
- Reading texts from the book with projection of children's drawings about rights; (a text in French read by Leonardo De Léo, a text in Spanish read by Pilar Fontevedra, a text in English read by Marta Fontana, and a text in Italian read by Nerina Vretenar).
- Leonardo Leonetti's intervention, the possible and didactic uses of the book.
- Children's song to close this plenary.
- 2000 copies of the book have been thrown away. It has been delivered to all the congressmen and to the different partners who helped or participated.

**Statutory final general assembly and has the power to decide, 07/29/2014 at 3 pm.**

#### **Appointment of the President and Secretary of AG.**

President: Nicoleta Lanciano

Secretary: Ophélie Gautier

Responsible for time: Jean-Marc Henry

#### **Discussion of the text of the motion on Palestine**

German group proposal: take the text accepted by the language groups. Proposal by the Italian group: replace "condemns the Israeli military intervention on the Gaza strip" with "condemns all kinds of violence". I vote on both proposals: proposal of the Italian movement, rejected. Proposal of the German movement, adopted by the majority.

**Motion approved by the AG The General Assembly of the International Federation of Modern School Movements, Freinet Pedagogy (FIMEM), meeting in Reggio nell Emilia, during the 30th International Meeting of Freinet Educators (RIDEF), on July 23, 2014, condemns the Israeli military intervention on Gaza Strip, which has already caused the death of people, including children and adolescents, numerous injured people and enormous damage to houses and infrastructure in the country. The Assembly calls for international laws, UN recommendations, and peace to be respected. We call for the immediate recovery of the peace negotiations between the two countries.**

## Proposition of the AC of the text on Antonio Benaiges

*Teacher Antonio Benaiges*

*The FIMEM wishes:*

- *To honor the memory of the teacher Antonio Benaiges, assassinated in July 1936, placing a memorial in his school in Bañuelos de Bureba.*

- *To join, as a Federation, the Association "Escuela Benaiges de Bañuelos de Bureba" in (Burgos), Spain.*

- *To create a training scholarship "Antonio Benaiges" for young teachers from around the world. To draft the concession rules, a commission will be formed within the Spanish MCEP movement. The terms and conditions will be sent to FIMEM for approval.*

Approved by 26 votes in favor.

CA request: On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the publication of Freinet's invariants (1954): the CA asks to place Freinet's invariant 1 wherever possible: "the child is of the same nature as the adult". Proposal not put to the vote.

### 0. The invited people speak:

- **Benin:** Message from the Minister of Maternal and Primary Education in Benin: Eric Kouagou N'Da. Ibrahim who reads Pocoun Damascus Kombienou, deputy minister of maternal and primary education in Benin. Objective to reduce inequalities. Boost the training system in Africa. Contribute to the promotion of scientific education based on teaching by competences. I remember the presence of Eustaquio Prudencio in the creation of the first RIDEF.

- **Congo-Kinshasa:** intervention by Christian Bushiri, representative of the CEMEA association of CONGO: demand for membership as a movement to FIMEM. Delivery of an inter-African training document (visible on the FIMEM website).

- **Korea:** representatives of the Korean movement; Kim Jeonghyo, Injeong Kang, Sujin Noh, KimYeojin, Myunghee Hong. The president of their movement is Kim Hyun Soo. The group presented us with the project to develop the cooperation of their movement. Making the students and their teachers happy, sharing experiences in Freinet pedagogy and promoting international exchanges between students, students and teachers are the main objectives of the movement. The Korean Freinet movement has 48 members and is located in 20 to 30 schools spread across the country, its power point presentation is visible on the site.

### 1. Presentation of the delegates and people who count the votes. Case of Bulgaria.

Decision: I vote for Lena Alexanderson (Sweden) to be the representative of the Bulgarian movement, absent. It has been approved by majority (16 votes). Lena did not have the right to participate in the vote. After this vote, 29 delegates have the right to vote.

### 2. Presentation of the three candidates for the CA.

- Walter, after having decided to keep his candidacy, said that he knows and works in the Freinet movement since 1982. □

- Mariel explained the reasons for her request; to organize the next RIDEF in Quebec and to revitalize the movement. □
- Edouard gives reasons about the need for the presence in the AC of a member of the RIDEF 2016 organizing team.

### **3. Presentation of movement candidates as members of the FIMEM.**

- The Rede de Educação y Pesquisadores de Educação Freinet (REPEF) - Brazil, Glaucia presents the REPEF.

- The Freinet Ayisyen Educators Movement (AFME) Haiti Jean Marc Henry presents AFME.

- The Burkina Faso Movement of the Modern School (MBEM) Sadikh Diaw de l'ASEM presents the MBEM, since the representative of the MBEM did not obtain his visa .

### **4. Activity report 2012-2014 Activities of the FIMEM AC from July 2012 to June 2014**

The CA, following the guidelines of the GA, supported the actions of its movements that oppose the destruction of the public school, especially the fight carried out by the Mexican movements, the MEPA and the MMEM, and which is continuing today. Since the last RIDEFs (Nantes, León and Reggio Emilia) the solidarity actions have increased a lot, as well as the amounts of money to make people come.

The CA requested the RIDEF organizing group to invite Palestinian teachers to Reggio Emilia. With the help of Georges Bellot, Lucia Biondelli and Daniele Bianchi, 4 Palestinians were able to come.

For the Children's Rights Book; the CA appealed to all movements, classified and preserved the documents in Dropbox, and collaborated in the edition of this book. We had the help of the Effrenetic association (Gaspar and Leticia's trip to Africa). The RIDEF organizing group in Italy continued contacts with UNESCO, initiated by the RIDEF in Nantes by the organizers of IDEM 44 and by those of the MCEP who obtained official sponsorship from UNESCO.

Throughout the two years, the CA communicated the information, meetings, congresses and training sessions to the movements by email, on the site and on Facebook, but many times it did not receive any responses, we hope that in the future movements respond and there is a stronger commitment to share activities on the internet, by the most modern means.

For the RIDEF organization, the CA followed closely and supported the work of the organizing group, helping to overcome the difficulties encountered.

The CA supported the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the creation of the Cameroonian movement AECEMO, Joël Potin represented the FIMEM in the first Freinet Pedagogy Hall. François Perdrial, Giancarlo Cavinato and Pilar Fontevedra, members of the CA, have attended the ICEM congress in Caen.

Giancarlo has held meetings with the Portuguese movement and departmental groups in France, has been at the congress of the Spanish movement, MCEP, has gone to Benin and has attended the sessions of his movement, of which he has been elected Secretary.

Pilar has attended the congress of the Spanish movement, MCEP. Mia Vare has attended the Swedish Movement Congress and is a member of the CA of her movement. Renate has participated in the conferences of the two German movements. Sadikh has attended the formation meetings of his movement.

**FIMEM website:** François Perdrial and Claude Beaunis managed the site. The site works satisfactorily and the activity documents of the movements we receive have been uploaded. From the RIDEF in León the page was enriched and we can find about 400 documents. The information concerning the movements are continuously updated. There are three levels of reading: for the entire population, for members of the FIMEM and only for the CA.

Information on the FIMEM and the life of our movements can also be found on facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/fimemfreinet>

The information is updated every day.

Interpellation to the CA by the Belgian movement, Éducation Populaire, regarding Laity in the RIDEF. Texts on secularism are found in the philosophical space of the site

<http://www.fimem-freinet.org/fr/recherche/results/taxonomy%3A380>

Discussion on AC expenditures that are largely sustained by country A movements that have a member in the AC, The AC proposes to correct Article 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

The AC sent a three-person mission to visit possible places and learn about the needs of the RIDEF organization in Benin in early 2014.

The FIMEM AC visited a Swedish school in April where RIDEF 2018 could take place.

Teresita's intervention for the Spanish language group: request for information on the activities of each member of the CA.

## 5. Financial report 2012-2014

recettes		2012-2014		Difference
		Budger	Compte actuel	
Mouvement cotisations	201	10 500 €	15 046,26 €	4 546,26 €
Remboursement mouvements rencontres CA	202	4 000 €	3 059,14 €	-940,86 €
RIDEF 2012: 10% of registration fees	205	9 000 €	14 183,00 €	5 183,00 €
RIDEF 2012: 60% of benefit	206	600 €	3 782,82 €	3 182,82 €
Movement solidarity	207	3 000 €	3 833,50 €	833,50 €
Financial income (interets)	208	800 €	1 412,44 €	612,44 €
Diverse income (+cash+Pret RIDEF 2012)	209	10 000 €	14 757,80 €	4 757,80 €
<b>Total income</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>37 900 €</b>	<b>56 074,96 €</b>	<b>18 174,96 €</b>
<b>Dépenses</b>				
External communication	101	3 000 €	2 143,31 €	856,69 €
Office / Equipment	102	300 €	435,07 €	-135,07 €
BD displacements	103	12 000 €	15 089,56 €	-3 089,56 €
Publications	104	300 €	200,00 €	100,00 €
Projects ( livre)	105	3 000 €	6 430,13 €	-3 430,13 €
RIDEF solidarity (5% reg. Fees France)	106	4 500 €	17 248,55 €	-12 748,55 €
solidarity and aid RIDEF	107	4 000 €	13 635,00 €	-9 635,00 €
Financial costs	108	400 €	434,23 €	-34,23 €
Diverse expenses + pret RIDEF 2014	109	10 400 €	15 168,30 €	-4 768,30 €
<b>Total dépenses</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>37 900 €</b>	<b>70 784,15 €</b>	<b>-32 884,15 €</b>
<b>Résultat net</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>- €</b>	<b>-14 709,19 €</b>	<b>-14 709 €</b>
				<b>-14 709 €</b>
		out MCE	10 000,00 €	
		out ABEM	199,42 €	subv PDLL 3000
<b>Répartition de s avoirs</b>				
Compte Crédit Mutuel, France				24 782,44 €
Cash				2,67 €
<b>Total assets</b>				<b>24 785,11 €</b>

## 6. Voting on both reports.

-Activity report has been approved by majority with 19 votes.

-Financial report: approved by 25 votes. 7. Orientations.

## 7- Guidelines

Here are the guidelines proposed by the outgoing AC:

### - Orientations 2014 - 2016

- **Reflections of the outgoing AC 2012-2014: the distribution between movements of country A, country B and C seems out of date today, taking into account the evolution of the standard of living on the planet, both for the annual fee to the FIMEM and for the expenses of registrations in the RIDEF.**
- The movements of the Modern School and the CA will cooperate with ABEM to organize the RIDEF. As well as with the Swedish and Québec movements.
- Vote 4 years before the place of the RIDEF
- The FIMEM proposes to establish and maintain relationships with national and international organizations for the defense of children's rights and to defend our pedagogy, collaborating with other public school defense associations.
- Improve the philosophical space.
- Save the documents, the memory of the FIMEM, with the Friends of Freinet and the researchers.
- Request movements to commit to knowledge defense initiatives, such as the common good.
- Strengthen relationships with movements. And continue asking them to send their activity reports to the CA or to put them on the site to share them.
- Ask the movements what instruments they use to improve and defend our pedagogy, in the assembly of language groups. Also ask them what materials would be useful to them, after the book on rights, that FIMEM produces and disseminates.
- Work so that the new generations of teachers enter our movements. Create a foundation that provides scholarships to young pedagogues to participate in our RIDEFs.
- Ask the Benin movement to establish contacts with other African educational associations to get a good presence at RIDEF 2016 in Benin.
- Make a newspaper, which will be a reflection of our diversity, and distribute it at the next RIDEF 2016. This newspaper would consist of 32 pages; that is, one page per movement of the FIMEM.

Italian group request to add a mention: Request for particular attention to the situation of children born to immigration and to Roma children.

Request from the Spanish language group to add a mention: that the Spanish language be an official language in all RIDEFs.

Request to add the mention: accompaniment to Swedish or Québec movements for RIDEF 2018.

Gitta: proposition not to vote on the guidelines but to consider them as an aid. Request for a better translation at RIDEF.

Teresita: remember that the regulations foresee replacing a member of the CA if he cannot carry out the planned work.

Proposal to reduce CA meetings by favoring exchanges over the Internet and Skype.

Accuracy: the orientation does not have to be voted, the statutes must be modified.

## **8. Elections:**

### **- Candidates for the CA (vote with secret bulletin)**

Edouard Dohou (ABEM): 20 votes

Mariel Ducharme: (CQEM) 23 votes

Walter Hövel: (FK) 24 votes

### **- New members of the FIMEM (vote by show of hands)**

MBEM (Burkina Faso): 20 votes

MEFA (Haiti): 26 votes

REPEF (Brazil): 28 votes

### **- Accounts Commissioners.**

Andi Honneger: chosen unanimously

Birgit Gubo: chosen unanimously

- The auditors are confirmed in their role.

## **9. RIDEF 2016 in Benin.**

By 27 votes, RIDEF 2016 will take place in Benin. The AG entrusts ABEM with the organization of RIDEF. RIDEF 2018 Proposal by the Spanish language group to vote the RIDEF places four years earlier. Intervention of the Swedish movement that specifies that the place would be: a school 60 km from Göteborg, where everything is in the same place (activities, plenaries, catering and accommodation). Mariel, delegate for the Québec group, also asks for a vote so that CQEM organizes RIDEF 2018 in Quebec, there are therefore two proposals.

Vote to choose the place of the RIDEF 2018 For Sweden 20 votes.

For Canada: 2

This vote is an indicative vote that has a commitment value. Sweden and Quebec will officially present their candidacy in Benin in 2016.

## **10. Provisional budgets 2014-2016.**

) Three budgets are presented.

Three proposals:

- Budget n ° 1: 3 members of the AC outside Europe and 2 meetings of the AC and Ridef (€ 15,000 at the expense of the AC).
- Budget n ° 2: 3 members of the AC outside Europe and 1 meeting of the AC and Ridef (€ 10,000 at the expense of the AC).
- Budget n ° 3: 2 members of the AC outside Europe and 2 meetings of the AC and Ridef (€ 12,000 at the expense of the AC).

Budget n° 1, 16 votes

Budget n° 2, 8 votes

Budget 3: (abandoned) because there are 3 members of the AC, recently elected from outside of Europe.

The provisional budget chosen is:

<b>BP n°1 2014-2016</b>	<b>2 membres pays C et 2 CA annuels</b>		
	<b>recettes</b>	<b>dépenses</b>	
cotisations	14000	1000	communication
aide pour le CA	2000	400	matériel
10% ridef Reggio	16000	15000	frais du CA
Bénéfice RIDEF	0	500	publicité
solidarité Ridef Bénin	4000	3000	projet
intérêts	1000	7000	aide à la Ridef
prêt	10000	9600	solidarité RIDEF
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47000</b>	500	frais bancaires
		10000	Prêt
		<b>47000</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

## 12. Debate: secularism, religion and Charter of the Modern School

) This debate has been organized in two stages: July 24 and 26 at the Galileo Galilei school.

› On July 24, after a presentation by D Canciani on the subject, the participants grouped by language and debated (see some reports on the FIMEM site, in the philosophical space).

› On July 26, gathered in a circle in the schoolyard, the group of participants in the debate listened to each representative of the language groups and contributed the reflections of the classmates. There were questions and answers.

Visible A visible film allows to realize the quality of the exchanges.

### **13. Financial matters for AC expenses (Article 7 of the RI)**

› François Perdrial's proposal: change to point 7 of the internal regulations. Are there other proposals? Demand if there is a change in the methods of reimbursement to the members of the CA

› Proposal of the German language group: each group pays what it can.

Text proposed for vote:

#### **ARTICLE 7 a) of the current regulation**

The disbursement of the expenses caused by the meetings of the CA of the FIMEM is calculated according to the following rules:

Distribution among the movements that have a representative present at the AC meeting. Each movement participates in the same amount, called the "National Party" according to the expenses of its representative. The national part is equal to 40% of the average expenditure. To calculate the "Total Spending" part: "National Part", the following formula applies: Total personal and collective expenses of all the participants, Average spending part: Total Expense divided by the number of participants, The FIMEM takes its I charge 60% of the average expense complement of the expenses. The members of the CA then receive full reimbursement of their expenses.

If countries B and C fail to pay their entire national share, they pay what they can. The rest will be paid by the FIMEM solidarity fund.

## **ARTICLE 7 b)**

The reimbursement of the expenses of the financial controllers is calculated according to article 7

a). A meeting with the treasurer to control the accounting, to the maximum, between two RIDEF.

### **Change proposal**

Article 7 a) The reimbursement of the expenses caused by the meetings of the CA of the FIMEM is calculated according to the following rules: The FIMEM reimburses all the expenses of the members of the CA and asks the movements to pay a supplement called: "contribution to the expenses of the CA", at the time of payment of the annual fee, that is to say 10% of the fee annual.

Article 7 b) The compensation of expenses of the financial controllers is the responsibility of the FIMEM: namely, a meeting at most with the treasurer to control the accounts between two RIDEFs.

Votes in favor: 23

## **14. Proposals:**

Information: Editorial Odilon decided to give the proceeds from the sales of the forum day at RIDEF. Proposition to attribute this sum to someone who needs solidarity to finance their return trip.

## **End of the General Assembly on July 29**

### **CA Meetings:**

We have met with participants in the RIDEF; from Benin, Korea, Chile, Colombia, people from

Greece and the Congo. We had a meeting with the Deputy Director of the Cabinet of the Ministry of Maternal and Primary Education in Benin to discuss the organization of RIDEF 2016.

### **Meeting of the two CAs:**

The old CA, chosen in 2012, and the new CA, chosen in 2014, we have met to explain our tasks. 3 people from the old CA stay in the new CA: Giancarlo, Sadikh and Mia, 3 people enter the CA: Eduardo, Mariel and Walter, 3 people from the old CA are present. Pilar and François. They shared their views on the final Assembly. It was difficult to make the report without the presence of Secretary Renate.

### **New CA elected on July 31, 2014 in Reggio:**

At the Reggio Emilia General Assembly in Italy, three new members have been elected to the AC:

Walter Hövel (FK / Germany),

Mariel Ducharme (Collectif québécois de L'Ecole Moderne / Canada) and

Edouard Dohou (ABEM / Benin)

- They replace Pilar Fontevedra, François Perdrial and Renate Niklausen The new CA has decided to distribute the tasks as follows:

President: Mia Vävare (Kap / Suède) - RIDEF 2018 Vice-President: Sadikh Diaw (ASEM /

Senegal) Secretary: Edouard Dohou (ABEM / Benin) -RIDEF 2016

Treasurer: Mariel Ducharme (Collectif québécois de l'Ecole Moderne / Canada)

Contact with movements: Walter Hövel (FK / Germany)

Giancarlo Cavinato (MCE / Italy) - RIDEF 2014

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