



MORAL REPORT AND ACCOUNT OF ACTIVITIES 2018-2020

CA FIMEM

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A-Moral Report 2018-2020

Presentation

During these 2 years, several documents related to the CA's activities, have been published on Fimem's website: letter from the President and Infor #71 and #72, quarterly reports, Fimem's website, submission to the Movements and documents for the virtual AG 2020.

This document therefore completes in a non-exhaustive way, the essential part of what has been achieved.

Introduction

The years 2018 and 2019 were characterised by the prolongation of the regular activities of the CA and the implementation of the mandates entrusted to us by AG 2018.

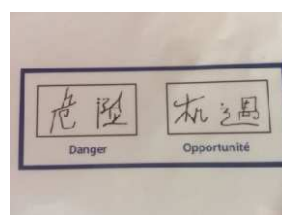
Then, at dawn 2020, there was an unexpected and unprecedented event: the Covid pandemic19.

We all had to quickly reorganize the different dimensions of our personal, professional, civil and associative life.

The impacts of this global health crisis have been numerous and we will continue to suffer its effects for a long time to come, despite the recent deconcentration.

Will we have learned, will we be more aware and better prepared to prevent or counteract the next turbulence? This depends on the choices that each of us will make.

In Mandarin, the word "crisis" is a compound word meaning both "danger" and "opportunity".



The "danger" aspect usually appears first: the discomfort, the urgent reorganization, the fear of being a victim of this tsunami ... and a sense of helplessness, emptiness and imbalance in many of us. Perhaps for

the first and last time, a development of personal time is assigned to everyone, this time without any imposition or constraint from outside.

Anguish and anxiety almost assured for many people.

Then, very slowly, according to the pace of each one, the gains and opportunities appear under the radar: less time lost in travel, less pollution, less consumption of objects and services, more time at home, as a couple, in family with children, more virtual contact with friends and relatives, ...

Also moments of reflection, learning and observation that encourage action and innovation in our way of being and doing ... TOGETHER.

In education, the digital shift and distance learning have been the preferred solutions of most governments around the world. These rules imposed on teachers have raised fundamental issues for many of them that still remain unresolved today:

-Is practicable education at a distance?

-Are teachers adequately trained?

-Do all children have equal access to technological tools?

-What about children with difficulties ?

-Is authentic learning possible, without regular reports and direct contact ?

We hope that all of us, as professional-researchers, will be able to meet the challenge!

Our core values of expression, communication, cooperation, commitment and experimentation will surely inspire some of our answers to these questions.

The General Assembly (virtual in 2020) gives us the opportunity to do so.

This biannual "new way" meeting will be a privileged moment to take stock of the last two years, to greet successes, analyse difficulties and learn lessons to better project ourselves into the future.

All the preparatory documents for the virtual AG will be on Fimem's website, in the "virtual AG" area. These new documents cancel and replace those previously published.

CA members will be available on the dates set for AG1 and AG2. They will present information and answer questions about national movements and language groups, if necessary.

Here are all the documents that will be submitted:

1-Convocation/ **2**-Order of Day/ **3**-Proxy/ **4**-Applications to the CA/ **5**-Application for membership/ **6**-Moral report and activity report 2018-2020/ **7a**)-Orientation-budget/ **7b**)-Orientations-forecasts /

8a)- Balance sheet / **8b**)- Budget estimates / **9**-President's letter # 72 (re-edition) *.

*In the virtual AG window, you will also find the documents we have already received from the Movements.

Read them, discuss them with colleagues from the Movement and then in language groups to enrich the proposals and facilitate the decisions that will be taken in the virtual AG (AG3).

B-Activities report for CA 2018-2020

Our main results :

a) Meetings

The new Board met for 4 days after the Ridef in Ljungskile (Sweden), then for 7 days in Neuchâtel (Switzerland) during the annual meeting. We thank Sylviane Amiet for her generous welcome!

For face-to-face meetings, the work plan is always made up of the same large blocks*.

The reception and integration of new members and the warm return to Ridef are only dealt with during the post-Ridef meeting, while the preparation of the different steps and documents for the AG is only added to the agenda of the annual meeting. *

**If a new member has been co-opted into the AC, the information relating to reception and integration during the Annuale .*

Block 1 - Start :

Reception, installation, organization, work plan validation and planning of activities over time.

Block 2 - balance

- CA budget to date (satisfactory, to be improved, suggestions);
- Presentation and updating of organizational tools (permanent calendar, roles and tasks, guidelines for solidarity and projects, archiving, etc.);
- Presentation and updating of communication tools (site-Depliant- received correspondence , sent one, ...);
- Treasurer - presentation of Fimem's finances (budget, membership fees, solidarity, ...);
- New distribution of tasks

Block 3- Relationship with movements

Updating the various lists; try again with the movements that have left us and contacts with new working groups;

Block 4-Ridef

-Back on the previous Ridef, information on the current Ridef, and follow-up to be provided for the next one;

Block 5-Fimem

-List of points to discuss, decisions to make and follow-up;

Block 6-Pages free to work in subgroups or individually.

Block 7- Follow-up to be carried out on site or before the first virtual meeting

-Presentation and validation of the first individual and group drafts (Presidency letter, Infor, correspondence received and to be sent,...);

-An evaluation period takes place at the end of each day and a final evaluation of all our work at the end of the meeting.

-From 8pm onwards, a privileged time to welcome members of the local Movement, other visitors or excursions.

b) Fimem Commissions

We supported the creation and launch of 12 international commissions, proposing a working document, launching a call for participation and calling for possible coordinators. We have offered our support where necessary;

This is one of our greatest collective achievements. We thank all those who have already committed themselves to one or more of them.

We hope that many of them will take advantage of the virtual GA to share with us all the work already done and to inform us about future prospects.

c) International meetings

We have produced a guide sheet to facilitate the work of our representatives;
Participation of the CA members or representatives appointed by Fimem in various events.
We have participated in the following events;

- **RAEF5** - Burkina Faso, Africa: Antonietta - CA representative and voluntary participation of Lanfranco. We are still waiting for the report of the event organizers;

- **REMFA** - Mexico: Flor - CA Representative and voluntary participation of Lanfranco. We are still waiting for the report of the organizers of the event and the declaration voted by the participants;

- **2° BIENNALE OF EDUCATION NOUVELLE**, 2019- France, Poitiers: Lanfranco - CA representative and 17 Fimem participants from different countries attended this meeting. Many of them benefited from the financial support of ERASMUS;

Thanks to the initiative of François Perdrial, Fimem is now an official partner of the organisation of the Biennials. It participates in the Steering Committee as a member of Fimem.

A heartfelt thanks to François (and to Sylvain Dufour who acts as a substitute, if necessary) for having made Fimem known and spread it.

- **ICEM Congress** - Angers-Mariel was invited by the organizing committee and Lanfranco's voluntary participation.

- **Colloquium of Bordeaux-2019**-Olivier Francomme represented Fimem as the "training and research" mission officer for Fimem (no expenses to be reimbursed).

d) Relations with different Movements, working groups and associations

-Movements are much more active and committed (answers to emails, publication of their initiatives, sending articles to the Multi-Letter, ...). What a relief to know that you are more and more present... to continue or rather to intensify!

-We have published several stand points on immigration, children's rights, climate, Covid, racism, ... and we've supported several motions of the Movements.

-We have sent a message of support to our Chilean colleagues, to the Chinese team at the school La Petite Fourmi:

-We posted on Fimem's website the MCE appeal for financial support for the purchase of the national headquarters...

-We wrote a text "the Freinet name is not for sale" to prevent the merchandising of the Freinet name.

e) Benaiges Grant :

We continue our support and involvement in the Benaiges dossier. In collaboration with the Benaiges Association and the MECEP (Spain), we are adapting the approach and documents so that the whole process can be validated for the second edition of the Benaiges Grant, which was supposed to take place in 2020 but had to be postponed to 2022 due to lack of time.

f) Ridef

-We've taken note of the "heartbreaking" cancellation of Ridef 2020. We support the CO in its disappointment and deconstruction.

-We're trying to save our AG. We have sent a letter on this subject and ask you to join us in reflecting on and managing this unlikely situation.

-We have received and published the global report from Sweden.

-We learn with regret that Bulgaria has not gathered the logistical means to take over the Ridef 2024 and that an appeal must be made to all movements.

g) Communication tools

-Because the address *to.cafimem* is no longer functional, we have a new address *cafimem@gmail.com* that we have integrated in the new official Fimem flyer.

-We also refreshed the look of Fimem's flyer.

-We have filled in a first list of international organizations and associations working mainly in the field of education or pedagogy.

h) Solidarity 2020

The form was sent to all affiliated Movements on 1st October 2019 and was to be returned to us on 30th November 2019.

In January 2020 we determined the beneficiaries and the amounts allocated to them were announced in February 2020.

Several Movements and individuals contributed to reconstitute Fimem's mandatory initial contribution, both with full coverage and direct transfers to Fimem.

Our total solidarity possibilities were therefore €15,000.

Thanks to these generous donations, we were able to invite one person for each requesting Movement (sometimes two if the sum assigned was shared), one key person for each affiliation and the organizers of the next Ridef. Our gratitude to the donors!

Our challenges

We regret that we have not been able to develop all the desired actions. Unfortunately, we do not have enough strength in the AC to act on all fronts.

Like many CA members before us, it has been difficult to maintain an efficient activity, a fair distribution of tasks and a climate of cooperation during these two years. The numerous dossiers to be monitored, launched and coordinated require an availability that, for very legitimate reasons, we no longer have.

This recurring situation may explain, in part, the difficulty of recruiting new candidates for the CA.

This will be our main challenge in 2020. Solutions certainly exist... but we have not found them. The help of Fimem members is essential in this case.

The second challenge is the harmonization and regular updating of the different lists of our Federation.

Not knowing the intended recipients under the grouped addresses (google mvts, framalist, Ridéfiens, ...), it is impossible to correct obsolete addresses, add new ones, avoid duplicates and ensure that communications reach the right recipients. FIMEM and Ridef's "regular customers" can help us with these searches and updates.

This moral relationship cannot be concluded without expressing outrage at the gratuitous murder of George Floyd. Always, everywhere, at all times, we must stay alert and denounce the multiple injustices. This will be our third challenge. Many have already begun... it is up to us, today and together, to swell the ranks with our presence or with our posters, sent "ad nauseam" to the decision makers of the various bodies.

Conclusion

Taking all this into account, we hope to see you in large numbers at the Virtual General Assembly (proposal accepted at 88%) ...and in person in Morocco in 2022.

Let's get up... together!



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