

## **GEECT REPORT OF ACTIVITIES November 2010 – April 2012**

After the Barcelona Congress, which was an important turning point in the statutes of CILECT, GEECT has focused on the official founding of the association in Paris, and the organisation of the first board meeting of the year with a view to plan the various activities of the biennium, date the conferences for 2011 and confirm the ones for 2012.

As approved by the members at the General Assembly in Barcelona, the founding of the association in Paris located at La Fémis was officially declared by the French authorities in April 2011 and a new bank account was created with a BNP Paribas branch close to La Fémis for the funds to be transferred from Amsterdam. The accounts have been cleared and they will be presented to the members at the General Assembly of GEECT in Cape Town.

GEECT has also resumed its activities on the pattern of two executive meetings per year, and two conferences per year, whenever possible depending on the dates of the CILECT ones.

### **Activities in 2011**

1. On the 1st and 2nd of March, the first GEECT conference of the year was hosted and organised by Thomas Schadt and Guido Lukoschek at the Filmakademie of Baden-Württemberg in Ludwigsburg, Germany. It started with a welcome dinner on the 28th of February and discussed over two days the specificities of Coproductions, Distribution and Rights Management of school films. Among the numerous speakers who shared their practice of the various subjects of the conference, a guest speaker from North America was invited to join the event, in accordance with the policy of GEECT, which ensures that members from the other continents are always welcome to attend. 37 participants from 27 film schools coming from 19 countries attended the conference. The final schedule and list of participants are available upon request.

2. On the 15th of February, the first meeting of the GEECT Executive took place in Berlin during the Berlinale with the members of the board including Bert Beyens, new member and new treasurer. At this meeting the following matters were discussed:

- the position of the new Executive Director
- the first yearly CILECT conference in Prague - the next Congress in Cape Town
- the MEDIA matters related to Initial Training
- the MEDIA supported conference at La Fémis - the future GEECT conferences

3. Later in March, on the 21st and 22nd, a conference organised by the European Commission and EACEA (Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency) took place in Brussels and discussed over two days the various supports available for Initial Training in Europe. Many GEECT members attended the conference and I attended it myself in the name of both Fémis and GEECT to meet a lot of our European members involved in initial training projects since its launch in 2007, and also to have conversation with Commission representatives to ensure that the next programme which will be launched in 2014 will maintain its support to film schools and develop it with Media Mundus to all countries outside Europe.

4. On the 6th and 7th of April, La Fémis hosted and organised its annual MEDIA seminar where 40 specialists from 24 European film schools, members of GEECT and CILECT, debated on the question of research in film schools. 16 European countries were represented at the seminar. A full report with the programme and the list of participants is available upon request.

5. The School of Sound which was held this year from the 27th to the 30th of April, received support from the GEECT, via the NFTS, to invite 10 students from member schools to attend their conference in London. A report of the event written by the participants is available upon request.

6. From the 2nd to the 6th of July, the CILECT Executive met in Paris for preparing the CILECT conference in Prague, organising an Extraordinary General Assembly for the election of the new CILECT president, and select-

ing the new Executive Director. A message with the decisions of the Executive was sent to all members by Henry Verhasselt.

7. From the 30th of November to the 2nd of December, the first yearly conference of CILECT in Prague, hosted by Pavel Jech at FAMU gave members the opportunity to recap GEECT activities since Barcelona and discuss current matters as well as future activities, without any official obligations to deal with until Cape Town.

### **Activities in 2012**

1. From the 2nd to the 5th of February the CILECT Executive met in Moscow with a view to prepare the Congress in Cape Town and confirm the future activities of the next biennium. The meeting was hosted by Vladimir Malyshev and Tatiana Tursunova at the VGIK.

2. On the 14th of February, a meeting of the GEECT Executive took place in Berlin during the Berlinale with all 5 members of the board. At this meeting the following matters were discussed:

- the second conference of 2012 in Sofia organised by NATFA on quality assessment criteria in film schools
- the first conference of 2013 in Paris organised by la Fémis with the cooperation of NAHEMI/Northern Film School on teaching cinematography
- the second conference of 2013 in Newport organised by the Newport Film School with the cooperation of Zelig on teaching documentary
- the student meeting organised by VSMU
- the student meeting organised by Marubi
- two future research papers, one on the financing of film schools, and a second one on the contracting and payment of teachers/tutors in film schools
- the CILECT Executive meeting in Moscow
- the up-coming CILECT Congress in Cape Town
- the GEECT General Assembly and elections

3. On the 1st and 2nd of March, the first GEECT conference of the year 2012 was hosted by Robin Mac Pherson at Napier in Edinburgh, organised in partnership with Donald Taylor Black of IADT. 50 participants from 35 film schools coming from 20 countries discussed over two days the specificities of Creative Producing in film schools. The final schedule, list of participants and complete report is available upon request.

### **GEECT Executive Council**

It currently consists of:

Marc Nicolas, President, La Fémis, November 2008, elected till 2012 (one half term, one full term)  
Zuzana Tatarova, Executive Member, VSMU, November 2008, elected till 2012 (second full term)  
Donald Taylor Black, Executive Member, IADT, November 2008, elected till 2012 (first full term)  
Nik Powell, Executive Member, NFTS, November 2010, elected till 2014 (second full term)  
Bert Beyens, Executive Member, RITS, November 2010, elected till 2014 (first full term)

Three positions will be up for election in Cape Town, one for President and two for Executive Members. One formal candidacy for Executive Member has been received at this point from Pavel Jech (FAMU), Donald Taylor Black has expressed his intention to present his candidacy for his current position of Executive Member, and I intend to present my candidacy for my current position of President for another (and last) half term of two years.

Marc Nicolas  
GEECT president  
Paris, 16 April 2012