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***Report of the General Assembly of Euroclassica
(Dubrovnik, 2nd April 2005)***

Members present :

Committee : Francisco de Oliveira (P), Jadranka Bagaric (CR), Barbara Pokorna (CZ), Eva Schoug Tarandi (S), Alfred Reitermayer (A), Paul Ieven (B).

Representatives of the following countries : Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark (P. Rasmussen), Spain (R. Martinez), Germany, Great Britain (J. Neville), Greece, Netherlands , Republic of Macedonia, Romania, Switzerland.

1. Opening of the General Assembly

The president proposes a change to the agenda which is accepted.

14 : Europatria.

15 : European Programme.

16 : Structure of European Languages.

17 : lobbying at the European Parliament.

2. Approval of the report of the General Assembly at Genoa (17th April 2004)

3. Report on Activities 2004-2005.

The president reads his report on the activities 2004-2005. This is approved by the representatives; for a copy see appendix 1.

4. Financial Report 2003-2004.

a) 2003: report approved.

b) 2004: the treasurer distributes a copy of the accounts for 2004 which contain the most recent transfers. As the origin of two bank transfers cannot be identified, the report will not be put to the approval of the representatives until the next General Assembly. In the interim F. Oliveira will identify the two transfers in question and get the bank to reveal the precise identities of those who have made the transfer, and if this fails he will close the account and change bank.

c) In the future representatives are asked to make the payment of their subscription in cash at the General Assembly. If they still wish to pay by bank transfer

they are asked to inform the treasurer of their payment giving the date of the payment and sending him a copy of the transfer.

5. Budget 2006.

- a) The budget is approved. The treasurer ought to make contact with the countries that have not paid their contribution for two years.
- b) In the expenses column the amount of 2,000 euros for Academia Latina must be changed to two payments of 1,000 each, one for Academia Latina, and the other for Academia Homerica. Each of these amounts is advanced to the organisers of the summer schools. They will reimburse to Euroclassica this advance if their accounts which will be presented to the committee are balanced.
- c) Concerning the fiscal number: the president has an official translation of the letter from the Luxembourg embassy which states that Euroclassica has no need of a fiscal number. This translation is available to representatives who ask for it. A copy of the text will be sent to each representative (see annexe 3).

6. Specific Powers

The decision taken on this matter at the committee meeting in Brussels (13-14/11/04) is confirmed. In addition, the committee asks H-J Glücklich to provide a list coming from the University of Heidelberg, which contains all the books which form the documentation in Heidelberg reserved to Euroclassica. The committee also asks H-J Glücklich to locate the books sent by Portugal and francophone Belgium which do not at present appear on the list.

7. Euroclassica Newsletter

B. Pokorna requests each representative to verify the contact information which currently appears in the newsletter. A new list with corrections will be sent to each representative. (Annexe 4).

8. Academia Homerica.

M-E Giatrakou indicates to representatives that Euroclassica and Academia Homerica are supported by several Greek politicians. These two institutions have been mentioned in the Greek press. Furthermore, this year Academia Homerica will expand to include Turkey which proposes some thirty candidates and a theatre piece will be offered to the participants, not at Ephesus as originally intended but perhaps at Miletus. However, Academia Homerica had in 2005 more financial difficulties because it did not have the usual subsidies from the Homereion, which awarded them this year to a celebration of Theodorakis. M-E Giatrakou asks for a copy of the text concerning the fiscal number to help obtain subsidies.

9. Academia Latina.

E. Tarandi announces that Academia Latina will not take place in 2005 because of a lack of participants. The organisers will make sure that all the documents for 2006 will be ready and presented on the internet from autumn 2005. Publicity should be made by each representative. The committee suggests that each representative creates within the national association an award or prize which will pay the fees of one student, so that

Academia Latina will be assured of at least one student from each country. Extracts from a film made by the students participating last year were presented to the assembly.

10. Co-operation.

The president recalls a rule relating to the requests for collaboration with Euroclassica: if an association which wishes to collaborate with Euroclassica and to benefit from its support contacts the committee directly the local representative of Euroclassica will be informed.

- a) P. Ieven reminds the assembly of the outline of the project *Dons des Muses*, which was contained in a text sent out with the report of the committee meeting in Brussels. He distributes copies of a CD with documents written by the Greek Ministry for Culture and encourages each representative to construct a project on this theme.
- b) CIRCE, L. Wauman encourages representatives to visit the site which makes available for teachers material which can help in teaching and which allows for the exchange of material and experiences.
- c) Christine Sleeper draws attention to the good state of the American Classical League and the success of the National Latin Examination organized in the USA.
- d) The president reports on the meeting in Athens in October 2004, of several members of the committee and the representatives of ODEG, (the association for the international promotion of Greek). The report of the president of the Greek association has been sent to each representative. F. Oliveira gives support to three projects. The competition in Ancient Greek attracted several European countries encouraged by Euroclassica delegates. A theatre project is underway: an outline of this has been set out by J-L Navarro in a document which had just arrived to the committee on the day of the assembly and will be studied shortly. Finally a project concerning course books: the committee asks each representative to send to ODEG as soon as possible a list of publishers of course books or a copy of the books which will become after an exhibition organised by ODEG the property of Euroclassica. In general the committee assures ODEG of the support of Euroclassica on condition that it obtains on time precise information about these initiatives.

11. The congress of Euroclassica at Uppsala, in 2006.

E. Tarandi confirms the wish of the Swedish to organise the next congress of Euroclassica on the theme of "Renowned Thinkers". After consulting her colleagues in Sweden, there are two possible dates for the congress: either the first week of November which is a training week for Swedish teachers, or the beginning of August. The representatives are asked for their opinion and the majority preferred August, although they are willing to leave the choice of date to the Swedish (eleven of the representatives present say they could as well come in November).

12. The congresses after 2006.

In 2007, Russian colleagues agree to organise the congress at Saint Petersburg.

In 2008 and 2009, the Romanian and Macedonian colleagues are willing to take their turn.

13. Classics in Europe.

- a) Initiative for a Humanistic education in Europe.

In order to promote the teaching of ancient languages in Europe, H. Meissner, former president of the German association DAV, has produced a text. With the aid of several members of Euroclassica he has had it translated into many languages (fifteen in all) to broadcast it as widely as possible. Mr Meissner thanks all those who have collaborated on this project and explains the follow-up to it: to obtain by means of this text the support of many personalities in all European countries. To achieve this he proposes a draft of a letter to send to order to make contact with these people.

b) Situation of Classics in Europe.

Each representative is asked to give a brief explanation of the situation of Classical languages in their own country. The situations are diverse: some make their pessimism clear (Portugal, Denmark, Switzerland, Sweden, francophone Belgium); others reveal a relatively stable situation (Netherlands, Flemish Belgium, Germany); others point out the danger of using statistics which are not always trustworthy and are used for political ends (Austria); several eastern countries (Croatia, Romania) indicate that entry into the European Union could represent a danger for Classical Studies in their countries.

Each representative is invited to write a short summary of their presentation concerning the situation of Classical languages in their country and to send it with statistics if possible to Eva Tarandi who will gather together the information.

c) The video project.

P. Ieven distributes to the five countries who have contributed up till now (Austria, Portugal, Romania, Switzerland, francophone Belgium) a DVD containing their five contributions. These extracts are presented to the assembly. An appeal is made to continue the project with new contributions.

14. Europatria.

Each representative is invited to indicate the state of their participation in the project. Portugal has already given a view of its work last year.

L. Wauman (Flemish Belgium) presents the work done by one of her colleagues, Toon Van Houdt, University of Leuven: it consists of a collection of texts written in Flanders by humanists of the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. The Latin extracts are grouped by themes of current interest. This presentation arouses the enthusiasm of the assembly.

Other countries have already started their work (Austria, Switzerland and francophone Belgium) ; others have formed teams (Macedonia, Sweden) or are about to do so have already planned out their researches. General interest is shown.

F. Oliveira requests that all representatives are present for the next assembly.

15. European Programme.

A. Reitermayer asks representatives to send him their comments on the second stage of the programme for Latin and the first stage for Greek. Comments given centre upon the age of pupils for different stages of the learning process, which can be different for each country. Others indicate that they this should not merely be a grammar programme which is not the intention of A. Reitermayer.

After a lively exchange of views, the representatives ask A. Reitermayer to pursue his project, without indicating the ages of pupils but rather their level of achievement.

16. European Language Structure

Mr Reitermayer draws attention to the current project at the European level in the European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML, cf. <http://www.ecml.at/>). Work is being done here on the structure of modern European languages. He proposes to undertake a project to integrate classical languages into this centre. However, this can only be done from 2007 when the European programme for Latin and Greek (see above 15) is complete.

17. Lobbying at the European Parliament

A. Reitermayer explains the contact he has had with a European member, M. Karras, which have been fruitful. He has received a letter from him assuring him of his support in the European Parliament. A. Reitermayer encourages everyone to do the same in their own country in order that Euroclassica can have in the future support for its projects from a number of European MPs. He will pass on to representatives an example of a letter to send to appropriate MEPs in order to gain a written undertaking of support from each one. Some representatives indicate that they would have to consult their national associations before taking steps along this line.

18. Other Business.

P. Rasmussen invites members of the assembly to the international conference on Latin teaching in Europe to be held in Cambridge 22nd – 24th July 2005 (<http://www.egl.ku.dk/cambridge/>)

Future members: contact is envisaged with Turkey and Finland.

Finally F. Oliveira gives thanks to J. Bagaric and her team for the organisation of the congress.

J. Bagaric thanks J. Bulwer and C. Haller for their help in translating documents for the congress.

Paul IEVEN, secrétaire.

Original FR, translation John Bulwer