

## Virtual GA FIMEM 2020

### MOTIONS AND PROPOSALS FROM THE MOVEMENTS OF THE FRANCOPHONE GROUP

#### FOR THE AG3 FIMEM AGENDA

**1st day. Saturday, August 29, 2020**

#### **B. FINANCES REPORT 2018-19**

##### **Debts Haiti-Benin**

##### **ASEM: ASEM position on Haiti and Benin debts**

At the 2016 RIDEF in Benin, the government authorities had promised aid that the new government that emerged from the past elections did not honour.

ABEM-BENIN made an advance payment and a raffle was also organised in Sweden to help Benin which had promised to top up the remaining €294 to the RIDEF in Quebec but as we all know, it was cancelled due to Covid-19. The consequences of this pandemic have meant that Benin can no longer honour its commitment.

ASEM-SENEGAL is proposing that it send a request to FIMEM for the cancellation of the rest of its debt. For ASEM, the organisation of a RIDEF involves the responsibility of both FIMEM and the organising movement.

**The responsibility of each should be situated.**

**The IMF cancels debts, let alone a federative and cooperative structure, which educates in human solidarity like the FIMEM.**

**As for Haiti's debt, the movement must honour its commitment by contributing and no longer receives invitations for at least one RIDEF. This sanction will push the movements to choose their representatives at the RIDEF level.**

A federation such as FIMEM must have a permanent staff member who ensures the follow-up of files in close collaboration with the Board, especially the President.

**The case of the debts of Benin and Haiti should help to improve the texts.**

##### **Debts Haiti-Benin**

##### **ICEM: ICEM Position on Haiti and Benin Debts**

**Debt of the Benin movement** : the statutory texts concerning the responsibilities related to the debts of the RIDEFs (60% FIMEM and 40% CO) must be respected as far as possible. For Benin: in the absence of accounting documents justifying the appearance of this debt, we propose to ask Benin to evaluate its possibilities of continuing the repayment effort according to its means.

**Debts of the Haiti movement** : the Haitian movement must pay the contribution that was not paid when the problem arose with the solidarity member for RIDEF 2016. It is not obliged to pay the solidarity amount because it is not responsible for the actions of this member. We are asking the Board if any investigations or legal action has been taken against this member by the Haitian movement or by the Board.

#### **G. 2018 and 2020 BENAIGES scholarships**

## **Benaiges Scholarship**

### **AMIS DE FREINET : position**

The AdFs propose to read all the documents emanating from the MCEP that can be found on the FIMEM website. They consider that there is no need to turn the current organisation upside down before having all the elements.

## **Benaiges Scholarship**

### **AECEMO : position on the Motion MCE-MCEP-MEPA-REPEF**

#### **Motion 5 : Maestro Benaiges cholarship**

The creation of a training scholarship "Antoni Benaiges" was well received in our movement. The young researchers in our educational environment have committed themselves to their work and we have assured them of the imminent opening of the Benaiges Fellowship for a possibility of support in case the research is selected.

The case of Gisèle Dariscat Djuije Poka who worked on : "The improvement of the teaching/learning of written expression through new techniques: the case of Freinet Pedagogy" and carried out her work from 2018 to 2019.

She was made aware of the fact that she would submit her research work to the jury of the Benaiges Scholarship, and that there would be a possibility of support. Unfortunately, however, the call for participation has not been launched since the end of RIDEF 2018.

Apart from Dariscat, there are other members of our movement who would have liked to submit their work for support.

In order to do so, considering the emulating role that a research support grant plays for a researcher, the members of AECEMO are asking :

- 1- The unconditional call for the Benaiges Grant for 2000 ;
- 2- That an elected member of the FIMEM Board, in this case the President, be in charge of the Benaiges Grant:

- 3- That a space " Bourse Benaiges " be created on the FIMEM website;

- 4- That a deadline be set for its launch;

- 5- That the annual contribution set for the FIMEM be respected, and the amounts retained until now unpaid be recalled.

## **3. ELECTIONS CA CANDIDATES**

### **ASSEM: position in relation to applications to the Board of Directors**

#### **Board quotas**

First of all, make sure that the representatives of the movements are among the experienced and available members. The quota per continent is a guarantee of good representativeness (democracy) but not necessarily of effectiveness.

#### **Appointments to the Board of Directors: extension of 2 years**

The idea of being a member of the Board for a 4-year term of office renewable every 2 years should be sufficient. Three (3) 2-year terms should be exceptional. Only particularly dynamic and experienced people should remain on the Board for 6 years, on the proposal of the Board approved by the movement and with the consent of the person concerned.

The other good idea to be maintained is that the mandates do not end at the same time so that the new ones always find the old ones, thus ensuring good continuity.

### **3. ELECTIONS OF THE NEW MEMBERS OF FIMEM.**

#### **ICEM Proposal for Ghana's Affiliation**

The ICEM believes that there is something missing from the documents on Ghana's membership: Ghana is sponsored by the Swedish movement. In the documents we read that Ghanaians have come to visit schools in Sweden. But no members from Sweden have visited Ghana. The ICEM has the impression that the sponsorship has not been finalised.

Furthermore, the English text of the Swedish movement is not translated into Spanish and French, which contributes to the impression of an unfinished presentation according to the usual rules of the ICEM GA.

The ICEM therefore proposes, if the Swedish movement is not able to travel to Ghana, that MOUVEN, as a neighbouring country, could go and visit Ghanaian schools, familiarise itself with the Ghanaian movement and thus perfect the sponsorship action which seems too incomplete to date to be submitted to the GA for approval. This is in connection with the Swedish movement.

## **2nd day. Sunday 30th August 2020**

### **A. MORAL AND ACTIVITIES REPORT**

#### **MOTION**

#### **ICEM : motion on migration policies**

#### **Motion on actions to be taken in the face of migration policies**

#### **proposed to be voted by the ICEM at the FIMEM 2020 GA**

A motion denouncing migration policies was voted in AG FIMEM in 2018.

Two years later in Europe, we find that conditions for migrants have not improved. On the contrary.

While since 1989, the fact of expressing oneself, going to school or being cared for are recognized as fundamental rights for all children in the world, the reality is quite different for so many children (61 million children out of school).

In France and in rich, industrialised European countries, a number of children and young people are excluded from any form of schooling or training. Access to school today is not an effective right for many children, as evidenced by the refusal to enrol children of foreign origin or in very precarious social conditions. This undetermined number of children not listed by the municipalities puts them in a situation of invisibility. In addition, the school is no longer a protective place for children who are taken by law enforcement, imprisoned in detention camps, before being expelled from the territory.

More broadly, at the present time, Europe is locked behind its borders building walls, restricting the rights of foreign persons, men, women, children (rights to care, access to decent housing, recognition of their status and protection).

Beyond the more or less solemn positions we can take together, movements of the FIMEM ?

If the FIMEM can reaffirm solidarity with migrants, how to work in order to ally with

instances, to regroup, around existing observatories (see for example: AEDE, alternative report), to engage FIMEM members to get closer to associations, to interpret public authorities, to find ways of acting in such a way that they can hope to have a greater influence on political choices.

## **D. EVALUATION OF THE WORK OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

### **FIMEM Commissions**

#### **ICEM: Proposal on FIMEM Commissions**

##### **The place of the commissions within FIMEM**

The need to create commissions to serve FIMEM was decided at the FIMEM GA of 1018 in Ljungskile. Since this GA they have been set up by the Board.

Two years later, some of them are operational but most of them do not have enough members to really function and others have not even been able to undertake their work.

Now, these commissions seem to us to be indispensable for the FIMEM to give itself the means to achieve its goals.

We propose that the General Assembly clearly define their place and function within the FIMEM so that each activist of the movements can take ownership of them and participate without restraint.

##### **Proposed definition of commissions**

- 1) The creation of a working commission at the service of FIMEM may be decided by the FIMEM Board or by a vote of the FIMEM GA.
- 2) A commission is a group of members of FIMEM movements who volunteer to work on a common task or a common theme. Any member can participate.
- 3) A commission can be permanent or temporary depending on the purpose of its work.
- 4) Depending on their purpose, some commissions may operate independently of the FIMEM Board and the movements that make up FIMEM.
- 5) Other commissions may support one of the functions of the Board as defined by the FIMEM statutes.

In this case, a member of the Board shall be associated with this commission to ensure consistency between the work of the commission and the decisions of the Board.

6) The commissions are mentioned in the statutes (article 2 of the latest 2014 version) but their functions are not defined. They could be defined in the addition of an article in the rules of procedure.

7) With a view to drafting this article of the IR, the commissions could be granted the right to make proposals at the GA. Currently, only the Board and member movements are entitled to make proposals to the GA (Article 8 of the statutes).

8) The commissions report periodically on the state of their work and their results through the various means of communication available to FIMEM and at least at each RIDEF. through their participation in the moral report of FIMEM or in the assessment of the orientations.

## **E. ORIENTATIONS BALANCE SHEET 2018-2020**

## **ICEM: Proposal for Commission #4 "New categorisation of A,B,C countries".**

Regardless of the GA's decision on the proposed calculation of dues with the IHDI, the ICEM proposes to continue the work of seeking a more appropriate calculation with Committee #4.

The reasons for this are briefly outlined below:

### **Other proposal for the calculation of FIMEM contributions**

1) The new calculation proposed by Committee 4 is based on an interesting idea: taking into account average living standards in different parts of the world.

But it does not seem that the HDI or the IHDI are suitable for measuring the ability of members of Teacher Movements to pay a membership fee; they are indices for measuring a country's development. Indeed :

- They take into account criteria (health/longevity - knowledge or level of education) which, even if they are indirectly linked, are not determining factors in this capacity to pay a given amount of membership fees.

- Gross per capita income in purchasing power parity (giving the standard of living) is used, but in logarithmic terms, which may be counterproductive.

- They do not take into account the reality of teachers in relation to that of the average population on which the indices in each country are based.

For this reason, Andi was obliged to apply a factor to adjust contributions to the current level. As a result, the goal of moving towards greater equity does not seem to have been achieved. Especially since there is no logic in justifying the value of the factor (apart from finding the old contributions).

2) It is perhaps possible, on the basis of this same desire, to propose a slightly more logical calculation based on available data (to be checked for certain countries).

We could take into account :

A) Like Commission 4, GDP values measured in purchasing power parity between countries (but not its logarithm),

B) the ratio in a given country between the average income of an inhabitant and the income of a teacher (salary after 15 years of service). This ratio varies from 0.7 to 5 depending on the country!

C) the percentage share available after the purchase of basic necessities, which can be expressed as a coefficient.

The last point is a bit subjective, but if we think that the amount of contribution per member in the proposed grid is correct for the Movement that pays the most per member and for the Movement that pays the least per member, we can decide that between these two extremes the evolution of this percentage should be progressive. This avoids threshold effects (country A, country B, country C).

## **ICEM: Proposal for Commission #1 "Communication within the ICEM".**

*The ICEM requests that the FIMEM AG decide on the priorities of the communication tools.*

*Communication is currently dispersed and poorly controlled*

### **1. FIMEM site**

The ICEM proposes that the site be the preferred means of communication regarding content.

### **2. Communication lists**

The ICEM proposes:

- a list of exchanges between the movements of the FIMEM, the commissions, the board (managed by the commission #1 «communication between the movements of the FIMEM»);
- an administrative mailing list between the FIMEM CA and the movement managers configured so that each movement can respond to only the FIMEM CA.

The ICEM requests clarification as to who should be on the list of exchanges between movements:

- affiliated movements ;
- should non-affiliated movements be included ?
- should committee managers be included ?

### **3. Using a domain specific to FIMEM**

ICEM proposes that institutional addresses be identified "FIMEM" (with a FIMEM domain name).

### **4. Multiletter**

*The FIMEM Commission #1 «communication between movements» defines the editorial line of the multiletter, that is to say the choice of articles to be published in each issue and links to other content.*

*It explains its criteria to the FIMEM board of directors and on the “communication between movements” list and reports on them to the FIMEM AG, which can question them.*

## **ICEM : Proposal for the RIDEF.ONE website**

*CA FIMEM: "If kept for all future Ridef, Fimem will assume the cost of the Ridef.one website. (..)»*

The ICEM believes that the issue of the RIDEF.ONE website is an important issue for RIDEF and for FIMEM in general. This point goes beyond the question of its financing. Indeed, the BOD evokes the possibility of maintaining it or abandoning it.

The RIDEF.ONE website hosts many important RIDEF documents that deserve to be kept, such as for example :

- the presentations of all the workshops,
- the reports of the workshops,
- the RIDEF journals
- etc.

However, from one RIDEF to another the content of the RIDEF website. ONE disappears.

Furthermore, we do not know who is responsible for the maintenance and management of the RIDEF.ONE site.

We propose that FIMEM should commit itself to preserving the educational content produced by the participants in the RIDEF workshops.

We propose that it chooses the most suitable means for this preservation, which could be the current FIMEM site.

We propose that the work of preserving the educational documents of the RIDEF be entrusted to commission #1 "communication" which could create a sub-commission like the Multilingual Commission after a merger with commission #5 "site".

On the other hand, it seems more relevant and practical to us to make the registrations on a dedicated site. This could be the RIDEF.ONE site, provided that its remit and responsibility are well defined.

## F. PROSPECTIVES 2020-2022

### ICEM Proposes New Layout of Guidelines Table

**Orientations: prospective 2020-2022**

**New structure and content for language groups in 2018**

**ICEM Proposal: Based on the table proposed for the GA: addition of a column without change of content (on coloured background)**

This is in order to make it easier to understand the objectives (actions) and the material and human resources used.

Column marked "Means necessary for carrying out the actions".

In light grey in column 2, the original text in column 3.

**Orientations: prospective 2020-2022**  
**New structure and content for language groups in 2018**

Categories	Actions		
	Objectives - intentions	Means required to carry out the actions	
		Logistical means	Material means
<b>1-External relations</b>	a) Affirming the political-pedagogical role of FIMEM ;  b) Identifying areas of intervention in the educational and pedagogical fields ;  c) Take public positions according to trends and current events ;  d) Responding to problems of rights violations ;  f) Inform Fimem of the positions taken by member movements in order to disseminate them ;	b) I Identifying areas of intervention in the educational and pedagogical fields ;          f) Inform Fimem of the positions taken by member movements in order to disseminate them ;	g) Set up teams of translators

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<b>2-Relations between the Movements</b>	<p>a) Provide the movements with pedagogical tools by creating international research groups responsible for their production;</p> <p>b) To promote the creation of networks of correspondence between teachers of member movements and between children;</p> <p>c) To set up teams of translators;</p> <p>d) To be involved in one or more commissions.</p>	<p>a) Provide the movements with pedagogical tools by creating international research groups responsible for their production;</p> <p>b) To promote the creation of networks of correspondence between teachers of member movements and between children;</p> <p>d) To be involved in one or more commissions.</p>	<p>c) Set up teams of translators ;</p>
<b>3-Ridef</b>	<p>a) Contribute to a set of specifications for the sustainable organisation of the Ridef by gathering documentation and creating tools (committee #6)</p> <p>b) Recruit a team of translators ;</p>	<p>a) Contribute to a set of specifications for the sustainable organisation of the Ridef by gathering documentation and creating tools (committee #6)</p> <p>b) Recruit a team of translators ;</p>	
<b>4-Role of the Board of Directors</b>	<p>In collaboration with the Movements, Commissions and General Assemblies</p> <p>a) To validate the ultimate goal of Fimem and its Board of Directors;</p> <p>b) Ask what the Movements expect from Fimem and what Fimem expects from the Movements;</p>		



	<p>c) Clarify and validate the role of the Board: decision making on what? discretionary power on what? agent of change on what?</p> <p>d) To take all urgent decisions, subject to reporting to the GA.</p> <p>e) Regroup and categorize the work of the previous directors so that it can be made available to the "following": research, pruning, grouping, categorization, ...</p> <p>(f) Continue the work of "grooming" and "archiving" official documents: avoid repetition, improve wording and ensure that translations are accurate. Example: harmonisation of statutes and internal regulations</p> <p>g) Planning the different stages of the General Assemblies</p>	<p>e) Regroup and categorize the work of the previous directors so that it can be made available to the "following": research, pruning, grouping, categorization, ...</p> <p>(f) Continue the work of "grooming" and "archiving" official documents: avoid repetition, improve wording and ensure that translations are accurate. Example: harmonisation of statutes and internal regulations</p> <p>g) Planning the different stages of the General Assemblies</p>	
<p><b>5. Tell us yours</b></p>	<p>Prospects of the different groups</p>		