

UNESCO - IFSW (Translation)

In May 1973, Teresita Silva sent me copy of a circular letter of UNESCO concerning the collaboration with NGOs in the matter of Education of Adults, and proposing to these organizations themes of work which possibly might be financially supported by UNESCO.

An answer of the NGOs interested in this matter was expected for end of April 73.

Just after receipt, I contacted Mr. Chairns, Director of the Division of Education of Adults, and then met his special assistant the 12th June, discussing with him general points of common interest and especially an eventual participation of IFSW.

General Remarks

Finances: Financial support is only partly (about 2.000 \$), but possibilities actually are reduced due to the international monetary crisis. Furthermore, there were a lot of demands for this project. Another help consists in the possibility of translation and edition provided by UNESCO.

Work has to be of a certain value, prepared very carefully and based on fundamental research.

Project

Demands of participation had to be made before end of April, inscriptions have been closed by now. In any case, financial difficulties made the selection more rigorous than usually.

However, IFSW's contribution seems to be interesting, because it could be realized on an international level (a great number of demands came from Asia). It also was suggested to aspire to a co-operation with the "International Federation of Parents and Educators" - the President of this organization is Mr. Berge, a Frenchman living in Paris - whose candidature was held back.

A decision should be taken before end of July 1973.

For the execution: two years of work, period 1973/74, eventually until Nov. 75.

The research has to be studied and worked out very carefully, however, not too ambitious; pointing out clearly the facts of the work in view of training of adults.

I wasn't able to meet with Mr. Berge before I left, but I did regret it only partly, due to the fact that I was not quite sure regarding several fundamental questions:

In fact, who at IFSW would have the financial and intellectual capacities to undertake such a labour?

- One or several Member Associations?
- An elected person? How?
- Which would be the advantages?

financially: sale of the work (edition and translation being guaranteed by UNESCO)

Intellectually: better knowledge of IFSW's and professional's activities.

It is recommended to think over the whole question very carefully before undertaking any steps which would engage IFSW.

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UNICEF- IFSW - Some points discussed with Mr. Charnow, UNICEF, New York,
and Mr. Marks, UNICEF, Geneva

Miss T. Silva met with Mr. Charnow in New York last July and I had the chance to see Mr. Charnow and Mr. Marks some weeks later in Geneva.

It was pointed out from them that UNICEF's main concern is to help children and youth in need. If IFSW wants collaboration, this has to be realized in a very concrete, practical way.

Looking at the situation in the different regions of the world, they suggested that the Federation of Social Workers, as the weakest group in the social field compared with IASSW and ICSW should

- work close together with the two above mentioned organizations (ev. Fusion)
- fight with its own arms, e.g.:

contacting National Committees of UNICEF, trying to bring Social workers on the board of such Committees.

(Mr. Charnow would be delighted to have Social Workers of the younger generation on several national boards)

studies on children and youth

ev. Statements to Governments

especially using their own experience with clients and therefore - on this realistic basis - talk to government and the National UNICEF Committees.

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