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Proposed Programme for 1965-66

The programme proposed below is based on the Report of the Council (AG3/2) as well as on two working papers which had been submitted to it, the first on a general programme of activities, and the second the creation of a laboratory at the Centre. The Council proposes the following programme for the fiscal period 1965-66.

Introduction : Overall programme

Up to the present the Centre has never had more than a budget of approximately \$ 4.500 for its scientific activities for a 2 years period. The proposed budget for 1965-66 is markedly superior. This increase naturally permits an expansion of its programme.

Naturally these activities follow, the goals which one foreseen in its statutes : documentation, publications, research, training and missions. However, as shown in its proposed budget the accent should be placed on its last two fields : training and missions of experts.

In order to clarify to the Assembly the projects of the Centre and to serve as a guide to its Programme Committee, a special summary has been prepared on this subject, it being understood that a more detailed study will be one of the major preoccupations of the new Council.

The present project has been worked out to take into account, particularly, the creation of regional Centres to train museum technicians and specialists in conservation by Unesco. One is already in operation in Jos (Nigeria) and others are being set up at present in Honolulu (for the Asia and Pacific areas); Mexico City; and in New Delhi. It is Unesco's intention as well as that of the Centre that the latter shall have the fundamental role to coordinate, on a world wide scale, the activities leading to the formation of specialists in conservation.

I - Establishment of a laboratory in the Centre :

It seems that this extension, and the developments which are taking place so rapidly, requires that the Rome Centre should have a laboratory planned and equipped so as to respond to the requirements of training. The Council

has examined this project carefully from various angles and considers that :

(1) Legal basis : This appears to conform to article I, (d) of the Statutes, according to which the Centre has the task to contribute towards the training of specialists. This same article does not foresee the establishment of a research laboratory.

From the view point of the agreement between Italy and Unesco, it should be noted :

- that the Italian personnel contributed to the Centre shall be for the administrative staff. The staffing with Italian technical personnel would necessitate a revision of the agreement regarding number and description of personnel.

- That, because of the cooperation foreseen between the Centre and different Italian institutions the project to create it, can only be carried out in consultation with the Italian institutions which are involved.

(2) Space requirements : The space which is currently available to the Centre is not adequate for the installation of a laboratory. The Centre will need more and larger rooms, if possible, in an independant building.

(3) Equipment : Some equipment for a basic laboratory has already been furnished to the Centre by Unesco. There is reason to hope that request for further aid from Unesco will meet with the sympathetic consideration of its Director-General.

(4) Personnel : In addition to its international staff and to the administrative staff foreseen in its Statutes in the Agreement between Unesco and Italy, the recruitment of technical and laboratory personnel which would be required should be the object of a common study between the Government of Italy, Unesco and the Centre.

(5) Teaching material : Teaching material to be used in the laboratory should not consist of works of art - in general too precious to be used for training and always difficult to obtain - but rather ancient material without

artistic value. Some objects might be brought from their respective countries by the students.

II - Programme of activities for 1965-66

Preliminary remarks

The programme which follows has been worked out, to take into account that the activities of the Centre should be coordinated closely with that of Unesco, ICOM, and later ICOMOS and that these organisations are ready to unite their efforts financially for the best realisation of their common goals.

(1) Publications

- Plenderleith, La Conservation des antiquités et des oeuvres d'art (translated from the English)
- Stolow, Controller environment for works of art in transit
- J. Iniguez Herrero, L'altération des pierres calcaires (translated from the Spanish)
- P. Mora and P. Philippot, Technique et conservation des peintures murales
- Actes of the joint meetings of the Museum Laboratories Committee and of the Sub-Committee for Paintings of ICOM at Washington and New York.

Total ± \$ 14.000

The publications which are issued jointly with ICOM Museum Laboratories Committee also receive a financial contribution from ICOM.

(2) Training of Specialists : total available ± \$ 20.000

- a. Orientation courses for technicians in conservation and museography :

Each course will last for 10 days, one in French and the other in English. They will be held in 1966 for 10 to 15 students in each group

\$ 2.000

- b. Basic training of technical assistants to be sent to the Regional Centres of Unesco.

Period of study of 1 year during 1965-66
\$ 6.000

- c. Travel grants to four outstanding graduates from the regional Centres of Unesco \$ 2.000

- d. Specialized courses for architect restorers:

Subvention which will permit the internationalization, under the guidance of the Centre, of courses now under way at School of Architecture, University of Rome, to cover the expenses of the preparation of syllabuses in English and in French and to enable inviting foreign professors to give lectures \$ 4.000

- e. Purchase of teaching and experimental material \$ 2.000

Remarks

The present programme is based on the conviction that the Centre, cooperating with the regional Centres of Unesco, benefits in return the support of Unesco in carrying out its programme, notably through the grant of equipment.

(3) Missions of Experts and Research. Total available
+ \$ 20.000

The Centre will carry out its tasks in these two fields, taking into consideration on the one hand its widened facilities and on the other the Programme of Participation of Unesco (to which it had contributed) in response to the requests of Member States.

Missions shall be carried out by its staff or by experts engaged by it, under conditions to be defined.

(a) Missions

Foreseen at present

- To be carried out under contract to Unesco
Malta and Cyprus
 - Participation in the ICOM General Conference in
the United States; missions to Poland (ICOMOS)
and to Czechoslovakia \$ 1.500
 - Sum available for missions to be organised
at the request of member States \$ 8.500
- Total for Missions \$10.000

(b) Research

Organisation of meetings of small groups of experts
treating specialized problems with a view to encouraging
cooperative work among specialists and thus advance scien-
tific research \$ 5.000